

### New Members

Welcome to our newest members: **Benjamin Allyn**, **Samuel Terry** and **Bobbi Morrow**.

### Baby Barristers Born

... to **Craig** and **Heidi McAra** on the birth of their son **Bernard James McAra**, born September 4, 2008, weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. and 20 inches long. Also, congratulations to proud grandparents **Bernard** and **Louise McAra**, great-grandmother **Monna McAra**, widow of Judge **Harry McAra** and great-uncle, retired Judge **Michael McAra**.

... to **Rita Lauer** and **Michael Guss** on the birth of their son **Damien Michael Guss**, born on October 7, 2008, 7:30 p.m., weighing in at 6lbs. 11 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long.

### Co-Receivers Appointed for Whalen Law Office

An Ex-Parte Motion has been signed by **Judge Archie L. Hayman** appointing Attorneys **Ricky A. Carlson** and **William J. Cavanaugh** as Co-Receivers over files, records, and business and client bank accounts associated with the law office of deceased attorney **James Whalen**. This will include, amongst other things: an inventory of client files, communication with clients (past and present), and referring cases to other attorneys. Additionally, Attorneys **Carlson** and **Cavanaugh** are empowered to attend to client matters that need immediate attention, including but not limited to, informally requesting and securing adjournments of scheduled court hearings. This is a huge undertaking that Attorneys **Carlson** and **Cavanaugh** have agreed to perform for their friend **Jim Whalen**. All the members of the Bar Association appreciate this undertaking. If you have a case needing immediate attention, contact Attorney **Carlson** at 810-424-0900 or Attorney **Cavanaugh** at 810-767-9040. For those matters not needing immediate attention, its advisable to give Attorneys **Carlson** and **Cavanaugh** the opportunity to get familiar with their duties before making contact.

### Powers Debate Coach Needed

The Tri-County Area League of Debate Clubs, Inc is starting a high school debate league. **Powers Catholic High School** is interested in joining this league and is in need of a coach for their team. Those interested should contact **K.C. Baran** at (810) 750-4009.

### Check Your Address

The GCBA member list for the pictorial directory will be sent to the printer on November 1, 2008. Please take a moment to confirm that your address is correct on this *Notes N' News* mailing label and on the upcoming issue of *Bar Beat*.

### Thanks

... to **Hon. Thomas Yeotis** and **Roger Isaac** for making a donation to the GCBF in memory of **James Whalen**.

... to **Hon. Duncan Beagle** for making a donation to the GCBF in memory of **Melvin Bragman** and **James Whalen**.

### MM Speaker Change

Lt. Governor **John D. Cherry, Jr.**, has to reschedule his appearance for our October Membership Meeting due to a conflict. Special thanks goes to **Tim Hermann**, CEO of the Genesee County Regional Chamber of Commerce, who has agreed to speak in his place.

### Calendar of Events

**October 17, 2008:** GCBA Young Lawyers Meet & Greet; 12 Noon; GCBA Office. Lunch is \$5 per person. See enclosed flyer.

**October 20, 2008:** October Membership Meeting featuring **Tim Herman**; 12 Noon, Masonic Temple, Downtown Flint. See enclosed flyer.

**October 24, 2008:** Criminal Law Symposium of Michigan Indigent defense. 1:30-4:00 p.m. Masonic Temple, downtown Flint. Free of charge due to a grant from the Genesee County Bar Foundation. See enclosed flyer.

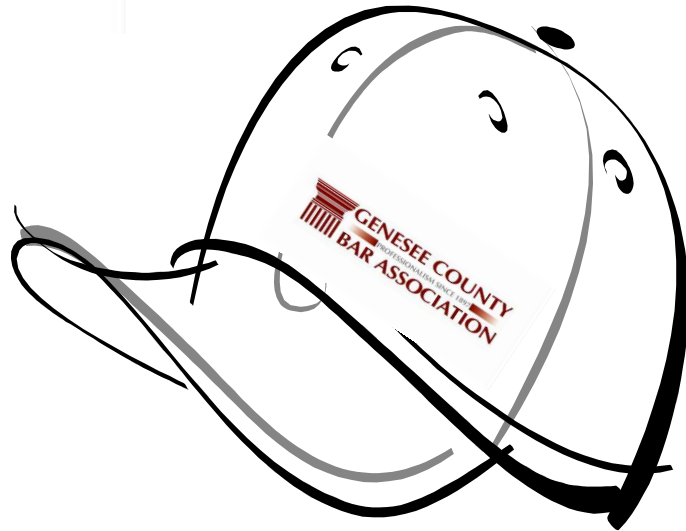
**November 17, 2008:** November Membership Meeting featuring **Inside Michigan Politics' Bill Ballenger**; 12 Noon, Masonic Temple, downtown Flint. See enclosed flyer.

**November 19, 2008:** 3rd Annual GCBA Art Show; 5 - 7 p.m., Greater Flint Arts Council. Listen to **Shelly Spivack's** son who will perform bass with the jazz group "Sleep Patterns." See enclosed flyer.

**January 12, 2009:** January Membership Meeting featuring **Dr. David Hall**, Psychologist; 12 Noon, Masonic Temple, Downtown Flint. **Dr Hall** will discuss the "Stresses in a Law Practice." See enclosed flyer.

# *Ball Cap Order Form*

*White cap  
with burgundy  
GCBA Logo*



- \$15 for 1 cap
- \$24 for 2 caps
- \$22 for a personalized cap (check one)  Attorney      or       Judge

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(Please print clearly. Personalized information will appear on the back of the cap)

- \$3.50 shipping (If no shipping is required, you will be required to pick up your merchandise at the GCBA.)

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MAIL order form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. FAX order form with credit card information to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. ON-LINE purchases at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org).

# October 20, 2008 Membership Meeting

Featuring

**Tim Herman, CEO**

*Genesee County Regional Chamber of Commerce*

*Masonic Temple — Noon*

# November 17, 2008 Membership Meeting

Featuring

**Inside Michigan Politics' Bill Ballenger**

*"State and Federal Post-election Analysis"*

*Masonic Temple — Noon*

*Luncheon Sponsors: David Leyton, Tim Knecht, Chris Christenson and Kurtis Brown*

# January 12, 2009 Membership Meeting

Featuring

**Dr. David Hall, Psychologist**

*"Stresses in a Law Practice"*

An early R.S.V.P. would be appreciated. Luncheon free to Sustaining Members; \$10 members; \$15 non-members; \$15 walk-ins. Unpaid no-shows will be billed \$15.

**October 20, 2008**     **November 17, 2008**     **January 12, 2009**

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# GCBA Young Lawyers Meet & Greet



*Meet with other young lawyers and help plan  
activities for the 2008 - 2009 year!*

*Friday, October 17, 2008*

*12 Noon ♦ GCBA Office*

*\$5 per person includes pizza & salad*

*~ RSVP ~*

*Open to attorneys with five or fewer years of practice, or those under the age of 35.*

Reservations are absolutely required. Luncheon cost is \$5. Unpaid no-shows will be billed \$10.

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# BY LEGISLATION OR BY LAWSUIT ...

## Public Defense in Michigan *Will* Change

### “Michigan’s Public Defense Symposium”

Hosted by the GCBA Criminal Law Committee

Friday, October 24, 2008 ♦ 1:30-3:30 p.m. ♦ Masonic Temple, downtown Flint

Free of charge ♦ Refreshments will be served

Funded by a grant from the Genesee County Bar Foundation

*The National Legal Aid & Defender Association was commissioned by the state legislature to evaluate Michigan’s trial level indigent defense systems. Their report, “Speed and Savings over Due Process: A Constitutional Crisis” details serious problems with Michigan’s system. Momentum is building for reform which could happen by legislation or by lawsuit in Duncan vs. State of Michigan.*

**The outcome of reform could have vast impact on YOU,  
and public defense systems across the state**

Featuring Criminal Law Committee Member Glenn M. Simmington, and Stephanie Chang from the Campaign for Justice.

This is your opportunity to:

- ♦ Get an update on the status of Duncan vs. State of Michigan
- ♦ Hear first hand about the NLADA report
- ♦ Learn about the Campaign for Justice and the legislative reform effort regarding Michigan's public defense system.
- ♦ Offer your opinion and insight *before* reform measures are negotiated
- ♦ Learn about ways you can be involved and help develop an action plan for change.

For more information visit <http://michbar.org/publicpolicy/indigentdefense.cfm>

### REGISTRATION FORM

(please print legibly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax the GCBA at (810) 232-8310; or email [gcbalaw.org](mailto:gcbalaw.org); or online at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org)

**Open to all who are interested in Michigan’s public defense system.**

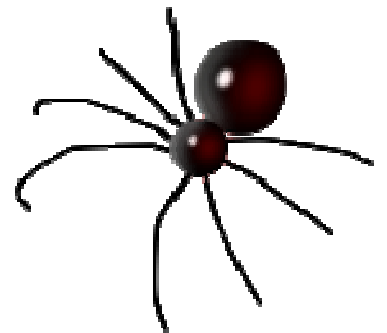


**GENESEE COUNTY  
BAR ASSOCIATION  
HALLOWEEN PARTY  
2008**

**MAXIE'S FOOD AND SPIRITS  
OCTOBER 31, 2008  
9:00 P.M. - CLOSE**

**\*SCARY DRINKS SPECIALS ALL NIGHT\*  
\*BEST COSTUME CONTEST\*  
\*CRAZY TUNES PLAYING AND MORE\***

**COME PARTY AT THE HOTTEST CLUB AROUND  
ON THE SPOOKIEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!!**



**THE CENTENNIAL AMERICAN INN OF COURT**

invites you to a

**PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR**

**Welcome to Genesee County!**  
**Starting and Building Your Solo or Small Firm Practice**

November 7, 2008

*Lawyers and staff welcome*

A Panel Discussion Presented By  
Veteran Genesee County Solo and Small Firm Practitioners:

*Ron Haldy*

*Lynn Taft*

*Jim Trembley*

*Don Rockwell*

*Linda Pohly*

*Brian Barkey*

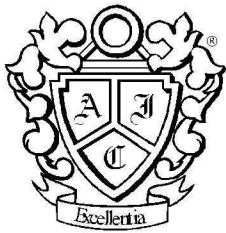
*with special guest S. K. Winston, CPA, CFE*

*If you have started a solo or small firm practice within the last few years,  
or if you are thinking about it  
Then this Seminar is for You!*

**Topics will include the following:**

- How and when to bill your clients
- How to set, and collect, your fees
- File and Paper Management
- Cash flow management
- Business management, including tax compliance, banking, and insurance
- How to build strong relationships with your clients
- Client intake and other interview techniques
- Tips on equipment and technology
- Defensive practice (or, the letters you need to write or be sorry you didn't)
- Marketing your skills and your practice
- Working the appointment lists
- Free or low cost sources of information for the small firm practitioner
- Retainer and trust account issues

**Please come prepared to learn  
and to share your own experience**



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## **PLEASE RESERVE YOUR PLACE IN ADVANCE LIMITED SEATING**

<b>Date:</b>	November 7, 2008
<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast:</b>	8:30 a.m.
<b>Seminar:</b>	9:00 a.m. - noon
<b>Place:</b>	The Flint Golf Club 3100 Lakewood Flint, Michigan.
<b>Cost:</b>	
<b>Lawyers admitted after July 1, 2003</b>	<b>\$15.00 per person</b>
<b>All others</b>	<b>\$25.00 per person</b>

**INCLUDING A HOT BREAKFAST!**

### **Please RSVP**

with your check payable to "Centennial Chapter"  
to the address below

**no later than November 1, 2008.**

You may direct any questions to: Linda A. Pohly  
810 733 7480  
lindapohly@iavbbs.com

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**We will attend the Practice Management Seminar.**

Number in party: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

*P. O. Box 320133  
Flint, Michigan 48532*



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# SPECIAL INVITATION

hosted by the Sustaining Members of the GCBA

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to Genesee County Bar Association members, spouses, family and staff,  
for a night to socialize with friends and colleagues

## 3rd Annual GCBA Art Show

Premier of Original Artwork from  
GCBA Members and their Family  
at the

## Greater Flint Arts Council

816 S. Saginaw Street ♦ downtown Flint

Wednesday, November 19, 2008 ♦ 5 – 7 p.m.  
Cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres  
Jazz entertainment by Sleep Patterns

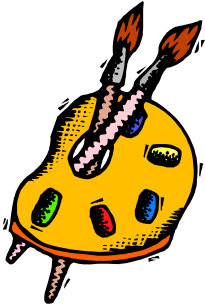
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*If you are an artist and wish to display your artwork, please contact the  
GCBA at (810) 232-6012.*

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### SUSTAINING MEMBERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Brian Barkey ♦ Carl Bekofske ♦ Shayla Blankenship ♦ George Brueck ♦ Orene Bryant ♦ Robert Chimovitz  
♦ Bernhardt Christenson ♦ James Dillard ♦ Craig Fiederlein ♦ Paul Goyette ♦ Ronald Halby ♦ Clifford  
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♦ Kenneth Tucker ♦ James Wascha ♦ Kendall Williams ♦ J.D. Winegarden Jr. ♦ Hon. Thomas Yeotis ♦  
Trachelle Young ♦





# GCBA & GCBF



## 2008 COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNER

Wednesday, December 17, 2008 from 4:00 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Masonic Temple, Downtown Flint

### DONOR FORM:

Donations are needed to support this program, which are used exclusively to purchase items for the dinner. Categories of giving:

- Santa's Helper**      \$250 pays for 50 toys for 50 children
- Santa's Elf**         \$150 pays for 150 children's pictures with Santa
- Santa's Chef**        \$100 pays for a meal for 25 guests
- Santa's Reindeer**   \$1-50 every \$5 pays for a child's toy

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_made payable and sent to:

Genesee County Bar Foundation, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. As required by relevant Federal Statute we hereby confirm that we did not provide any goods or services in exchange for your gift.

### GIFT WRAPPING PARTY:

The GALSP will be hosting a gift wrapping party on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the GCBA/GCBF office. Pizza will be served. Please join us! \_\_\_\_\_

### VOLUNTEER FORM:

**Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your shift**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2008**

1:30-3:30 p.m.	Decorations/Set up	_____	
3:30-5:30 p.m.	First Shift	_____	Assignments will be made upon arrival
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Second Shift	_____	Assignments will be made upon arrival
6:00-7:00	Sing/Entertainment	_____	
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Clean Up & Delivery	_____	Volunteers with vans are also needed to help deliver items back to the GCBA.

Please note special consideration for job duties: \_\_\_\_\_

If you want to volunteer a few hours of your time to this worthwhile cause, please fill out the form and return by fax to the GCBF/GCBA at (810) 232-8310.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMUBER: \_\_\_\_\_



# OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

Attorneys Richard Harris, Paul Goyette, Michael Winterfield and Alan Penskar are looking for another attorney to associate with them and to pay his or her share of overhead and rent. Some overflow work is available. The firm handles civil litigation, family law, collections, drunk driving defense, estate planning, business law and tax law. Interested persons should call Richard Harris or Paul Goyette at 810-230-1400. G-5111 W. Bristol Road, Suite A, Flint, MI 48507. Confidentiality will be maintained.

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## **FLYER MAILING RATES FOR GCBA MEMBER ACTIVITIES**

(Committees, Specialty Bars, Foundation, etc.)

- \$65 460 copies - 2 sided for GCBA to copy.  
Black & white print on color paper.
- \$50 460 copies - 1sided for GCBA to copy.  
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- \$0 For copies provided and delivered to the GCBA. The GCBA reserves the right to use the reverse side of any 1-sided flyer.
- \$0.25 each For full color copies on 8 ½ x 11 page.

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- GCBA will sell space only as available within the mail limits.
- GCBA may refuse to sell space for any reason.
- GCBA will have editorial control over the advertising.
- Advertising should not be in conflict with the goals or services of the Association.
- \$50 for a ½ page, with the GCBA maintaining the right to fill the remaining ½ space with text.
- \$75 for a full page, with the GCBA maintaining the right to use the reverse side of any 1-sided flyer.
- 460 copies must be provided and delivered to the GCBA. If the GCBA is requested to copy the flyer, additional charges detailed in rates for GCBA affiliates will be added.
- \$0.35 for full color copies one 8 ½ x 11 page.

### NOTE:

Ad copy must be delivered to the GCBA office by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month or the Monday proceeding that date.

For more information please contact the Genesee County Bar Association at (810) 232-6012.

# *Notes N' News*

*A Little of What's Inside This Issue!*



- ♦ Membership Meetings
- ♦ 3rd Annual Art Show
- ♦ The Centennial American Inn of Court
- ♦ Michigan Public Defense Symposium

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