



# GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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October Notes N' News

2025

## Welcome

Welcome new members: **Brian J. Gibbons.**

## Barristers' Ball

Thank you to **Victoria Cooper, Kim Peterson, Elliot Parke, Edmond Riza, Alexandra Wilson, and Michael VanGildner** for volunteering and ensuring an successful Barristers Ball. We would also like to thank our sponsors. A full list is included in the mailing. Click here to view pictures from the event

<https://www.flickr.com/gp/203577342@N04/2L22m11voB>

## Condolences

Our condolences to **Hon. Geoffrey and Constance Neithercut** on the death of her mother, Anna Lisa Rice, who passed away August 7th at the age of 91. The full obituary can be found at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/flushing-mi/anna-rice-12478411>.

Our condolences to **Denise Ketchmark** on the death of her mother, Marie Agnes Ketchmark, who passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. The full obituary can be found at <https://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/marie-ketchmark>.



## GCBA Senior Attorneys

The GCBA Senior luncheon will be Thursday, November 13 2025, 12 noon, at Redwood Lodge, located at 5304 Gateway Centre Blvd., off Hill Rd., close to US 23 and I-75. Lunch will be selected from the menu and may be ordered and paid for individually. All attorneys and their guests are welcome, regardless of age. Let us know if you are coming. RSVP to [gcbalaw.org](mailto:gcbalaw.org).

## SVSU Great Lakes Moot Court Regional Judging Invitation

The Saginaw Valley State University Moot Court team and the American Moot Court Association invite you to judge the Great Lakes Regional Undergraduate Moot Court Tournament. The tournament will be held on SVSU's campus (University Center, MI) on November 7-8, 2025. As part of the tournament, we are inviting regional attorneys, judges, advanced law school students, and other legal professionals to help judge three qualifying rounds on November 7 (approximately 2:30-6:30pm) and elimination rounds on November 8 (approximately 8:30-4:00pm).

If you are interested in judging, please feel free to sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/MRdzL2FsL2>

Should you have any questions about the Great Lakes Regional tournament or would like more information about SVSU's award-winning undergraduate moot court team, please feel free to contact Dr. Kevin Lorentz, Moot Court Director, at [kglorent@svsu.edu](mailto:kglorent@svsu.edu) or (989) 964-4378.





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like Next Day Payments allow you access funds 24 hours sooner than the standard payout speed. 8am LawPay also uses military-grade encryption and the highest level of precautions for PCI DSS compliance, giving both your firm and clients peace of mind. [Get Started>>](#)

## Genesee County Bar Foundation Scholarship Opportunity

### Neithercut Legal Education Fund

The Neithercut Fund of the Genesee County Bar Foundation is committed to the continuing legal education of our members who are either sole practitioners or members of law firms. This year the Foundation has increased the scholarship benefits for our members. The Board of the Foundation policy is to encourage seminar participation.

Beginning December 1, 2020 and until further notice, the Neithercut Fund of the Genesee County Bar Foundation will now pay for 60% of the cost of tuition per attorney per year, not to exceed \$500 per Attorney per year, to any

- Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) Seminar of the State Bar of Michigan (SBM);
- American Bankruptcy Institute;
- Federal Bar Association Bankruptcy Section;
- Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan; and
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel.

This is not a need-based scholarship but a benefit available to every member whether they pay for their CLE or it is paid by their firm or partnership.

Details on the grant can be found [here](#). To take advantage of this opportunity please contact GCBA/GCBF Executive Director Tatilia “Tina” Burroughs at 810-232-6000 or by email at [tyb@gcbalaw.org](mailto:tyb@gcbalaw.org). This grant program can be discontinued at such time as the Foundation Board determines.

*The Neithercut Legal Education Fund was founded with gifts from Edward J. Neithercut, long-time Flint lawyer.*





# October Membership Meeting

featuring

**Edwin Servil**

Director of Development  
Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

Topic:

**Community Programming**



**October 20, 2025 • 12 noon**  
**Flint Farmers' Market**  
Ramsdell Room  
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

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**Registration Fees:**

- Sustaining Member - Free
- GCBA Member - \$15
- Non-member - \$20
- Walk-ins - \$20
- Unpaid no-shows - \$20

**Event Registration:**

- October 20, 2025

**Cancellation Policy:**

No refunds for cancellations the day of the luncheon.

**RSVP Deadline:**  
**October 13th**



Mail: 315 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48502. Fax: to (810) 232-8310. On-line: register at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org).  
Telephone reservations are not accepted.



# Sponsorship Opportunities

## Membership Meetings 2025-2026

### Meeting Sponsor - \$350

- 6 ft. table at luncheon
- Introduction at luncheon
- Complimentary registration for two attendees
- Corporate logo on registration materials
- Recognition in Notes N' News



Dates are available on a first-come first-serve base. Please indicate your meeting date choice:

- ~~September 15, 2025~~   
  October 20, 2025   
  November 17, 2025   
  January 26, 2026  
 February 23, 2026   
  March 16, 2026   
  April 21, 2026   
  May 18, 2026

### Beverage Sponsor - \$150

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- ~~September 15, 2025~~   
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  April 21, 2026   
  May 18, 2026

### Dessert Sponsor - \$150

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# NTAC

NATIONAL TRIAL  
ADVOCACY COMPETITION

## Volunteers Needed

## 24th Annual National Trial Advocacy Competition

October 24-26, 2025

Round 1: Friday, October 24, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Round 2: Saturday, October 25, 9 AM – 12 PM  
Round 3: Saturday, October 25, 2 PM – 5 PM  
Semi-Final: Sunday, October 26, 9 AM – 12 PM  
Final: Sunday, October 26, 2 PM – 5 PM

Awards Reception hosted by SBM Litigation  
Section at the Detroit Athletic Club for Teams  
and Judges: October 25, 6 PM – 9 PM

Coleman A Young  
Municipal Center,  
Detroit, MI



Register Here

As you may know, the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan will host the 24th Annual National Trial Advocacy Competition (NTAC) this Fall and we need your help judging the competition. Drawing some of the best mock trial teams from around the country, Michigan's YLS is excited about another wonderful competition.

The competition will be held October 24-26, 2025 in Detroit, Michigan at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. The Competition consists of three preliminary rounds:

Friday, October 24th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, October 25th, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 25th, from 2 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Semifinal round for the top four teams will be held on Sunday, October 26th, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the Championship round will follow from 2 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We will send out a packet with the competition problem and other resources as we get closer to the competition.

To sign up please use this link - <https://forms.gle/dKRvsWQHR1nDQ8Qc8>

Additionally, there will be an Awards Reception held at the Detroit Athletic Club and Sponsored by the State Bar of Michigan Litigation Section on Saturday, October 25th from 6 to 9 p.m. that all volunteer judges are invited to attend.

## Call for Articles – Bar Beat December 2025 Issue

Dear Genesee County Bar Association Members,

Autumn has arrived, and while the days are still pleasantly warm, the Bar Beat Committee is accepting and reviewing editorial content for the upcoming **December 2025 issue of Bar Beat**.



Please submit your articles **by October 31, 2025**.

**Your content matters.** The Committee is here to assist, ensuring that your valuable insight and expertise reaches GCBA members.

### Submission Guidelines

#### We are seeking articles in the following categories:

- **Personal Interest Articles:** Maximum 750 words. This includes topics such as:
  - Your travel adventures, complete with photos.
  - Volunteer or charitable activities, including pro bono work.
  - Educational activities, such as speaking engagements or programs that interact with students to enhance their knowledge of the law and the justice system.
  - Health and wellness topics of interest to the legal community.
  - **Pro & Con Articles:** Collaborate with another attorney to explore opposing views on a legal issue. These pieces provide a balanced discussion on important topics. Maximum is 1,500 words for both perspectives, “pro” and “con.”
- **Legal Topic Articles:** Maximum 1,500 words.
  - Review updates in court rules, legislative changes, or topics specific to a particular area of law.

### Additional Notes

- **Intern Contributions:** Articles may be submitted by law students or interns, provided they are sponsored or co-authored by a member in good standing with the Genesee County Bar Association.
- **Citations and Endnotes:** Any research or references used in your article should be properly cited with endnotes.

### How to Submit

Please send all article submissions to the Genesee County Bar Association at [gcba@gcblaw.org](mailto:gcba@gcblaw.org). If you need assistance with your article—whether structuring it or brainstorming ideas—our committee is here to help!

We look forward to your contributions. Your insights are what make this publication a true reflection of our legal community and help us connect with one another.

With much appreciation,

**Julie A. Winkfield, Bar Beat Editor**



# AMY K. HARRIS

## CRIMINAL LAW SEMINAR

Sponsored by the Genesee County Bar Association  
& Genesee County Bar Foundation



Amy K. Harris  
June 25, 1980 to May 11, 2015

### Join us for our Annual Seminar!

#### Thursday, October 23, 2025

8:30 to 9:00 am  
Registration

9:00 to 10:00 am  
Genesee County Prosecutor Office Updates  
*David S. Leyton, Prosecutor*  
*Genesee County Prosecutor's Office*

Genesee County Defender Office Updates  
*Nathaniel Perry, Chief Defender*  
*Michelle Bolthouse, Admin & Compliance*  
*Supervisor*  
*Genesee County Public Defender's Office*

10:00 to 10:45 am  
Importance of Accurate PSI  
*Mark Kalandyk, Mitigation Specialist*  
*Genesee County Public Defender's Office*

10:45 to 11:30 am  
Specialty Courts Updates  
*Breana Benham*  
*7th Judicial Circuit Court*

12:15 to 1:30 pm  
Lunch

1:30 to 2:30 pm  
Interlocutory Appeals  
*Steven Helton, Research & Training Attorney,*  
*Michigan State Appellate Defender Office and*  
*Criminal Defense Resource Center*

2:30—3:30 pm  
Gun Law Updates  
*Jessica R. Mainprize-Hajek*

3:30 to 3:45 pm  
Break

3:45 to 5:00 pm  
Intoxilyzer 9000  
*Michael J. Nichols, Co-Founder and Trial Lawyer*  
*The Nichols Lawyers, PLLC*

#### Friday, October 24, 2025

8:30 to 9:00 am  
Check-In

9:00 to 11:30 am  
Evidence Bootcamp

11:30 to 11:45 am  
Break

11:30 to 1:00 pm  
Sentencing Updates  
*Anne Yantus*  
*Michigan Sentencing PLLC*

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#### Location: Genesee County Friend of the Court Conference Room

(located on the 2nd Floor of 67th District Court)  
630 S. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48503

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Please fill out registration form on back of this flyer or register by emailing [gcbalaw.org](mailto:gcbalaw.org)



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**Amy K. Harris**  
**Criminal Law Seminar**

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**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations made within three days of the seminar will be assessed a \$10 handling fee. No refunds for cancellations the day of the seminar or thereafter.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

- \$ 0.00 Genesee County Public Defender List
- \$ 50.00 GCBA Affiliate Members
- \$ 50.00 GCBA New Admittee/Young Lawyer (5 or fewer years of practice or those under the age of 35)
- \$ 75.00 GCBA member
- \$150.00 Non-member (payment must accompany registration)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed

**GCBA Members:** The reduced rate for this seminar courtesy of the Genesee County Bar Foundation Neithercut Trust Fund. For

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## Evidence Seminar

Facilitator: Hon. Joseph J. Farah, Retired

Thursday, November 13, 2025  
Mott Community College

**PLEASE REGISTER BY November 3, 2025**

**FRIDAY, November 13, 2025**

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast  
9:00 - 4:00 p.m. Mott Community College RTC1301

### REGISTRATION FEE

- \$50 GCBA member
- \$50 GCBA member staff (per person)
- \$100 Non-member (fee must accompany registration)
- \$15 Added for walk-ins

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed.

**Fee includes: Materials, breakfast, and lunch. Seating and material not guaranteed for late registrations**

*Genesee County Bar Association Members: The reduced rate for this seminar is brought to you by the Genesee County Bar Foundation Neithercut Fund. For more information, or to join the GCBA, call (810) 232-6000. Please RSVP by 11/3/2025*

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

I have enclosed check # \_\_\_\_\_ payable to the GCBA.

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**Mail** registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **Fax** registration and credit card information to the GCBA at 810-232-8310. **Online** registration may be made at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org)

**Cancellations** made within three days of the seminar will be assessed a \$10.00 handling fee. No refunds for cancellations the day of seminar or thereafter.

### Seminar Overview

The Evidence Seminar will be a comprehensive review of the Michigan Rules of Evidence with particular focus on the most common and difficult rules. This will be a hands-on training session that includes:

- Making and responding to objections
- Motions in Limine
- Refreshing Recollection and Impeachment
- Expert Testimony
- Hearsay
- Authentication
- Electronic Evidence

The session will include participant interaction and time for questions and answers on particular case issues.

This seminar is open to all practice areas.

### CUSTOMER INFORMATION

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### LOCATION



**MOTT** COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

Regional Technology Center - 1301  
1401 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48503

This event is not sponsored or endorsed by Mott Community College.

# Lawyer Referral & Information Service



## Join the Genesee County Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS)

Are you looking to grow your practice and connect with clients who need your expertise? The Genesee County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) is the perfect opportunity to expand your reach and make a difference in your community.

### Why Join LRIS?

- **Tailored Referrals:** Choose the areas of law for which you want to be contacted. You decide where you want to focus. Practice areas include Bankruptcy, Criminal, Employment, Family, Real Estate, Probate, Social Security and many more.
- **Pre-Screened Clients:** The LRIS team carefully screens all potential clients to ensure they match your chosen practice areas before referring them to you.
- **Community Impact:** Help individuals in need of legal assistance by providing them with professional and reliable guidance.

### How It Works:

1. **Panel Membership:** Sign up to become a panel member and select your preferred practice areas.
2. **Client Screening:** When someone contacts the GCBA for legal advice, the LRIS staff assesses their needs and determines the appropriate area of law.
3. **Attorney Referral:** Once matched, the client is referred to you for consultation and potential representation.

### Benefits of Membership:

- Increased visibility for your practice.
- Access to a steady stream of potential clients.
- A simple and effective way to grow your client base.

### Get Started Today!

Join the LRIS panel and become part of a trusted network of legal professionals dedicated to serving the community. For more information or to sign up, contact the Genesee County Bar Association at 810-232-6000 ext. 101 or email [tyb@gcbalaw.org](mailto:tyb@gcbalaw.org).

Your next client could be a LRIS Referral!



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