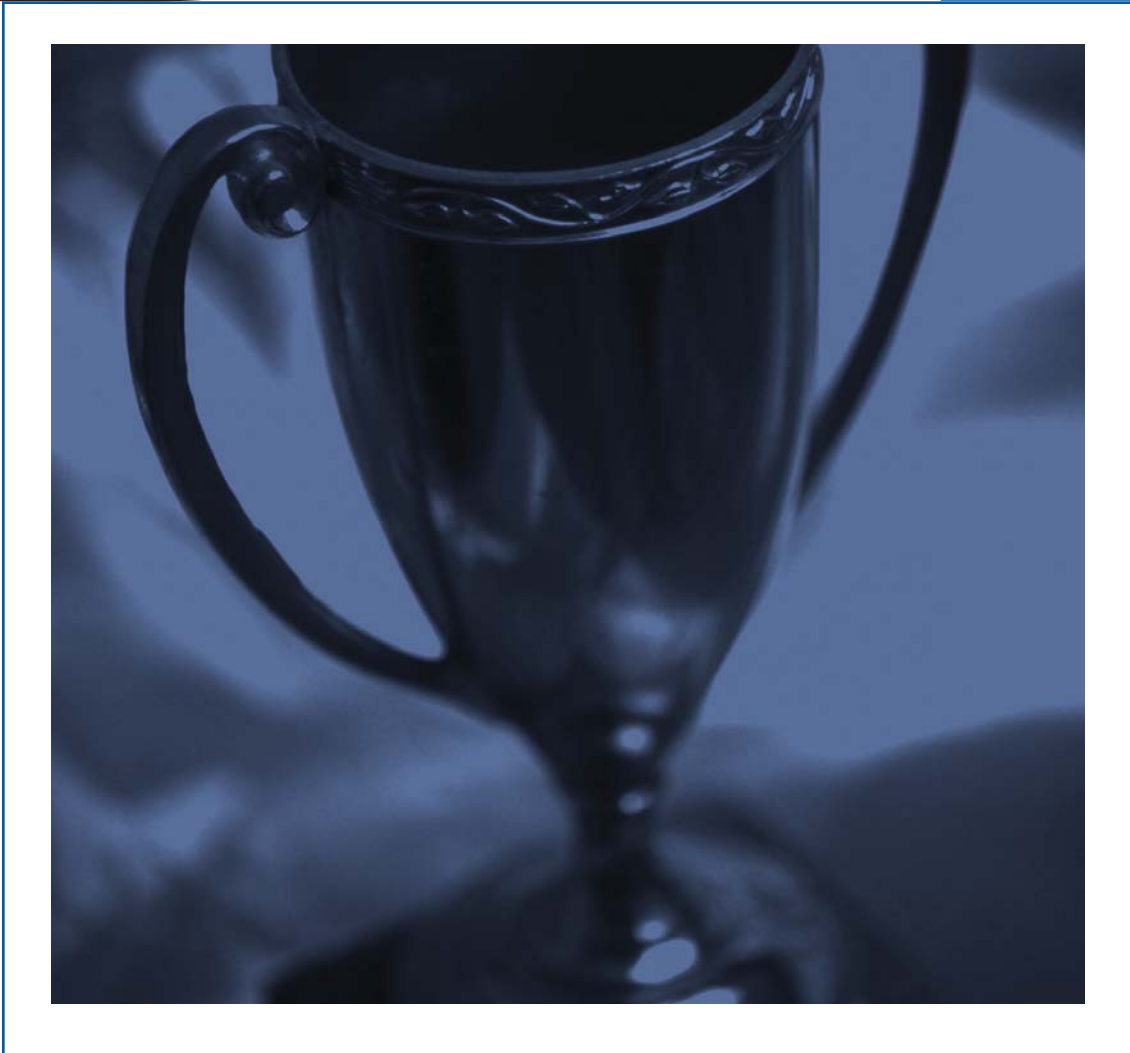


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Fall is Upon Us

by H. William Reising, President

September begins as what can only be categorized as “the best time of the year.” Summer is over, everyone is getting back in the “traces,” the college football season is in full swing, and your Bar Association is likewise back in full swing.

Normally, there are no meetings of the Board of Directors during the summer months. To jumpstart the process this year, the first meeting took place in August. Plans were set forth to begin the process of developing both a mission statement and a strategic plan for the Association so that it may fulfill its role to the legal community and the community at large.

The development of both a strategic plan and a mission statement is hard work. Make no bones about that. I have been through the process on a couple of different occasions, and it can be both lengthy and tedious. I am certain that the committee in charge of the development of the strategic plan and mission statement will be prepared to do the work. However, they must have as much input as possible, so the results will be embraced by the members. I encourage any member of this Association to submit ideas regarding the plan and mission statement to me, Ramona Sain, or any member of the Bar Association Board of Directors. We are looking for your contributions. You may submit ideas to me at wreising@plunkettcooney.com.

The financial crisis that the Association faced earlier this year is behind us, thanks to membership approval of the dues increase. You may be assured that the organization’s finances will be monitored very carefully to make certain that there are no shortfalls in the future. To that end, a new Finance Committee of the Board of Directors will be created. That committee will meet on a periodic basis, and review

financial operations to make certain the GCBA is meeting its financial goals in a manner to carry out its function.

The various committees that are the heart and soul of the Bar Association will be in place shortly after publication of this *Bar Beat*. The initial meetings of those committees will take place in September so that programming can begin to enhance the education of member attorneys. The programs developed by the substantive committees of this organization serve the members well, and allow for continuing legal education at a minimal cost.

The 2005 Crim is now behind us, and our own Brian Barkey has had another remarkable year in the Crim Training Program. Literally hundreds of people are now training for the Crim events. The scope of the program is unprecedented, and is an example of what can be done by dedicated people who believe in a “cause.” Brian is as fervent about the Crim Training Program as he



H. William Reising

is about the Holiday Dinner put on by the Bar Association. Kudos to Brian!

The Centennial Inn of Court will be holding its first meeting of the 2005/2006 year in September. The Inn meets the third Tuesday of each month at Kruse & Muer in Grand Blanc. I would encourage anyone who has an interest to contact the membership chair of the Inn, Ridley Nimmo, or myself, regarding attendance as a guest. Once you attend the meeting, I believe you will see the value of the organization, and how it dovetails with Genesee County Bar Association membership. It is a “hand and glove” experience.

In parting, I take no sides, nor offer any prognostication, with respect to who will be the Big Ten champ in football this year. I will leave that to the likes of Cliff Hart and Jerry Winegarden.

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Recognition and Appreciation

by Ramona Sain, Executive Director



Ramona Sain

2005 Awards

In each *Bar Beat* issue, there never seems to be enough space to cover all the Association's activities and events, so oftentimes I find myself playing catch up. This issue is no different, as I give special recognition to our members who received awards at the Annual Meeting in June. The list of honorees is a Who's Who of the GCBA.

Starting in alphabetical order, Max Dean received the Jerome O'Rourke Advocacy Award bestowed by the American Chapter of the Centennial Inn of Court. This award is named in honor of Jerry O'Rourke, who set high standards for himself and others for client advocacy, civility and professionalism. It seemed a fitting tribute that Max Dean was the first award recipient, in light of the "war stories" told by Bill Reising and Bob Segar about Max's incredible life, professionally and personally.

Ric McNally received the Distinguished Case Evaluator of the Year Award chosen by Circuit Court in honor of evaluators who are always fair, well-prepared and highly regarded in the legal community. During his remarks, in his humble manner, Ric mentioned all the past recipients, sincerely surprised that he would now be among the august honorees. It came as no surprise to the rest of us.

Donna Ullrich was honored with Legal Services of Eastern Michigan's *Pro Bono* Attorney of the Year Award. Donna, ever unassuming, said that as the new kid on the block, she was just getting started in her volunteer involvement for the legal community. Well, anyone who knows Donna knows that when she does something, she goes all out. Donna chaired the Association's 2005 Law Day Committee and did a phenomenal job.

Pam Wistrand was the recipient of the Herbert Milliken, Jr. Civility of the Year Award. I feel compelled to ask Pam's forgiveness right away in case she objects to her informal photo on the inside cover. That picture captured Pam. She had a smile on her face when she arrived, throughout dinner, and during Linda Pohly's introduction. It was beautiful. The only somber moment was when Pam mentioned that her mother had passed away a few weeks prior to receiving the letter that she would re-

ceive the award. Pam said until that time her feelings were bottled and she could not cry. After reading the congratulatory letter from Susan Philpott Preketes, she said tears started flowing. After Pam relayed the story, there was not a dry eye in the room, but I suspect Pam's mother was the one grinning down on us from ear to ear.

Congratulations to all the recipients!

Sustaining Members

Once again, it's that time of year for membership dues. Arrangements can be made for quarterly payment of dues. The Association started Sustaining Memberships in 1999 as an additional way for our members to support the Association. Last year we had a total of 42 Sustaining Members and are working to surpass that number. It is not too late to become a Sustaining Member. Sustaining Members receive free monthly membership meetings and plans are also in progress to host a special event. As of August 31, 2005, Sustaining Members are:

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Appreciation goes to the seven members with a perfect record of Sustaining Membership! Thank you!

- ♦ Sustaining Member, since inception in 1999
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So You Want to be the Next John Grisham?

by John Streby

Many a lawyer has harbored aspirations of following the well-trod path of such legendary figures as John Grisham and Scott Turow. Visions of appearances on *Oprah* and *The Tonight Show*, consorting with the glitterati, and chucking the drudgery of practicing law can be powerful motivators.

But writing a novel is akin to losing 100 pounds—easy to start, hard to complete. It takes a fanatical level of dedication and perseverance, and those only get you to the threshold.

The successful creation of a work of fiction requires a constellation of talents: patience and motivation, because the process takes many months, sometimes years; keen observation of how people talk—the clichés, metaphors, similes,

and other markers that give each character a distinctive voice; and an incredible attention to detail, to avoid timeline anomalies, continuity errors, and similar glitches.

Intriguing plots, incisive dialogue, and memorable characters do not flow magically from the pen or the keyboard, as if by divine inspiration. The creation of a compelling story takes prodigious hours. Entire chapters may be scrapped. Completing a novel in record time almost invariably produces stereotypical characters, hackneyed dialog, and a formulaic plot. Ironically, the easier a book is to read, the more the author probably toiled to achieve that result. There will be times when you'll sit down at your desk, and nothing. Nada, zip, zero.

Writer's block afflicts all authors from time to time.

On the other hand, writing has its unique rewards. When a true craftsman of the written word finds his or her muse, amazing things can happen. On a good day, new ideas seem to flow like wine at a wake. Out of nothing comes something—a new challenge for the characters as they struggle through a crisis, a clever denouement, an exquisite way of bringing the story to a satisfactory ending. When an elusive inspiration leads to a satisfactory resolution, it is magical.

That leads to an important point that every literary wannabe needs to answer: how do *you*, in your own subjective way, *define* the finish line? Second, what are you prepared to do to get there?

I was willing to go the distance and now consider the successful completion of *Rabbit Stew* to be my greatest professional accomplishment. Of course, I never won a million dollar verdict, or secured an acquittal in a sensational mur-

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der case, so the competition was not that stiff, but you get the point. Still, the desired end result of my literary experiment has yet to materialize.

If your appetite is whetted to become Flint's own John Grisham, consider this: the odds of an unknown writer getting a book published by a traditional publisher are incredibly steep. Even if your "great American novel" finds a home with Simon & Shuster, the probability that it will quickly achieve the sales needed to stay in print and generate significant royalties is exceedingly poor.

Despite lip service to the effect that book companies are hungry for new talent, the fact remains that publishing today is more bottom-line driven than ever before. Consequently, an unknown must compete with "brand name" authors such as Grisham, Danielle Steele, James Patterson, Scott Turow, Patricia

Cornwell, Jonathan Kellerman and other proven commodities. Even if your friends think that your manuscript is better than that of the genre titans, do not be surprised if you still encounter repeated rejection.

If you'll be crushed by a stack of rejection letters, you should view self-publication as a legitimate and respectable end in itself. Print-on-demand (POD) technology makes it possible to get a book into print for less than \$500. No longer do authors have to choose between exploitation by vanity presses and the waste of untold hours with serial submissions to agents and publishers. As a practical matter, the POD option is the only sure-fire way for an unknown to publish. Engage a skilled local artist or photographer to do a cover, pay iUniverse their modest set-up fee, and you're off to the races. Fast forward

two months; you've paid for 100 books at the author's 45% discount. By selling each for \$22.95, you can make roughly \$10 per copy.

Summing up, I urge every budding Grisham to make an honest assessment: Will I be crushed if my labor of love proves to be a dud? Am I so thin-skinned that I'll be devastated by faint praise? On the other hand, if my novel becomes the talk of the town, but still fails to stir the passions of the jaded publishing industry, will I view my effort as an ignominious failure? If you've answered "yes" to any of these questions, give up right now. The deck is stacked against newcomers to the field. Those who break through are the rare exception. As for me, would I do it again? Absolutely! The sincere praise of readers has made it all worthwhile.



Nick Pappadakis

My dear, smart, funny friend, Nicky (the "Golden Greek") Pappadakis is on his way back. Nick has been a very sick guy for some time now, but if all reports are correct, he is improving.

When I was a senior at Flint Central High School, back before World War I, Nicky was the big, big star athlete. He was probably the smallest football and basketball teams member, but he fought like hell and never gave up. He put the big players to shame.

After two outstanding basketball

seasons at Flint Junior College, he received his teaching degree at Eastern, where he was a football player under Coach Fred Trosko, and a star basketball player. He was named All-Conference and was the second leading scorer at 16 points per game. He captained a team that graduated two members into the Harlem Globetrotters. After Eastern Nick went on to a teaching and coaching career.

When I started practicing law, Nicky was at the courthouse, and again, the smallest worker had the biggest job – boss of the judges and the courthouse (at least that is what he always told me). Nick bossed us around as Court Administrator for 23 years, and still had time to chair the Flint Olympian and Canusa Games, preside over the MCC Bruins Club, win its service award, and work with the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

He watched Bob Ransom, Rick Yuille, Duke Parker and me make fools

of ourselves at hundreds of roasts and dinners, honoring various big shots, and he wanted to join the cast.

In over 50 years of trying to make audiences laugh or cry, only Nicky literally had people rolling in the aisle laughing.

My sister Sue was at one of our dinner parties and Nick's famous "Sheets on the Bed" routine actually caused Sue to laugh so hard, she fell off her chair and was rolling on the floor. (Of course, the 13 shots of whiskey she drank may have had something to do with it, that's true.)

Nicky has so enriched my life with his friendship and wit. How many hours has he had us all in almost uncontrollable laughter!

Nicky has had a life filled with overcoming the odds, never quitting, never giving in or up, and now that "Golden Greek" is coming back again. We're all behind you, Nick!

In Honor of Nick Pappadakis

by Reese Stipes



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Valuation Hurdles in Structuring Shareholder Buy-Sell Agreements

By David W. Schaeffer, CPA, ABV



David W. Schaeffer

“We have a buy-sell agreement that addresses that issue . . .”

Many shareholders think they have everything covered in their buy-sell agreement (Agreement), but upon further investigation, they do not know the answers to a few simple questions. How much money will your heirs receive if you pass away? When will they receive it? Where will the money come from? What happens if you become fully disabled? Partially disabled? What about poor performance by a shareholder?

These questions, and others, are often overlooked in shareholder/buy-sell agreements. Further, as the business changes over time, items that may have been critical many years ago could have been replaced by unanticipated items. All businesses should review, update, and ratify buy-sell agreements on an annual basis.

From a business valuation standpoint, several key areas should be examined to determine if the parties fully understand them, and if the Agreement meets the current needs and desires of shareholders.

Triggering Event

Most Agreements cover death and retirement, but other events such as partial disability, complete disability, early retirement, poor performance, and voluntary separation should be covered in the Agreement. In addition, the value used for one triggering event may be calculated differently than the value for another event, and the formulas should be clearly stated in the Agreement.

Standard of Value

In valuation terminology, the standard of value stated in the Agreement

could have a substantial effect on the overall value of the particular block of stock. The term “fair market value” to a business valuation expert generally means something completely different than “fair value,” “book value,” or some other formula approach. Stating and defining the standard of value in the Agreement will avoid future confusion and greatly assist an independent valuation expert in determining the appropriate value.

Valuation Approach

The three main approaches to valuation are asset-based, income-based, and market-based. Under each approach are many different methods. Depending upon a variety of factors (industry, profitability, management desires, availability of comparable market data, etc.), you may prefer to use one—or a combination of several—available methods. In many instances, listing a specific formula or calculation example in the Agreement may be appropriate to avoid confusion in the future.

Discounts / Premiums

It may be appropriate to discount a block of stock lower than its pro-rata share of the total company value. The discounts can be either for lack of marketability, lack of control, or other discounts. Combined discounts for these purposes can range up to 50 percent of the pro-rata value of the stock. The Agreement should clearly state if discounts are to be used in the calculation. Conversely, in many instances the company will purchase insurance on the lives of its shareholders. The Agreement should clearly state what happens if the insurance proceeds exceed the value of the stock held by the deceased or disabled shareholder.

Method of Payment

The Agreement should clearly state the terms and conditions under which the company would purchase the shares of an owner. Management should review the Agreement annually and consider the company’s ability to purchase the stock, if necessary.

Annual Update and Ratification

To help avoid future debate and to provide outside third parties with clear guidance regarding company value, in many instances a valuation should be prepared on an annual basis immediately following the preparation of the year-end financial statements and tax returns. The determined value would then be ratified by all parties to the Agreement at the company annual meeting. The value would remain in place for the next twelve months.

Too often we have found that a vague or ambiguous Buy-Sell or Shareholder Agreement has led to wasted time, undue financial hardships, and shattered relationships. By taking the time, making the effort, and spending some money now and on an annual basis, you can alleviate and avoid the tragedies that have hurt families and ruined companies.

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Where is He Now? S. Olof Karlstrom

by Francine Cullari

With a son in Brazil, another in Seattle, a third in New Orleans, a daughter in Minneapolis, and another on the Leelanau Peninsula, plus 13 grandchildren, it is a wonder that Olle Karlstrom and his spouse, Libby Maynard, have any time to spend at home.

Yet they are very much in Michigan, active in many community activities, and leaders on many fronts. So much so that Olle does not miss the practice of law. Granted, he planned in 1998 to retire in 2000, but lasted until 2002, although for the last two of those years he only continued to complete cases and wind down an active office. Unlike some attorneys who “keep wandering back to the office after retirement,” Olle says he is truly finished, except for occasional *pro bono* work and special assistance for old clients.

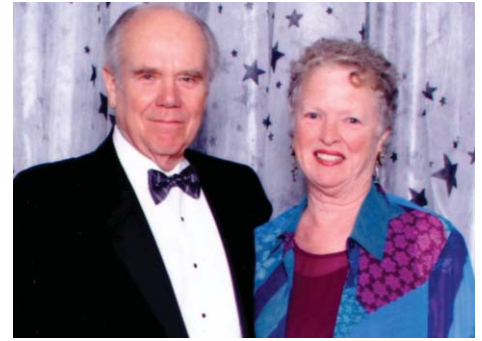
The term “retirement,” however, is certainly a misnomer for Olle’s state of existence. From the Flint River Watershed Coalition to the Community Foundation to the Woodrow Stanley Youth Foundation to the Michigan Prospect, Olle has his Michigan days full from dawn until dusk. He particularly enjoys the Youth Foundation, which provides scholarships to Flint students and summer activities such as trips to the nation’s capitol. The think tank Michigan Prospect maintains his mental acuity, as members grapple with social issues facing the state legislature and promotes citizen involvement in government.

Olle and Libby have always been interested and involved in Flint, even after their move to Goodrich eleven years ago, to one of the most delightful, artistic homes in Genesee County. His Flint involvement included serving as Flint City Attorney, and legal counsel to the Bishop Airport Authority, Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission, and Hurley Medical Center. He served on the Board of Managers for

Hurley for four years, as well as on the Board of Directors of the Urban League.

Libby Maynard has been an elected member of the Board of Regents for the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor since 1996. Her position, and the fact that she has a master’s degree in social work and Olle has three degrees from the university, prompted the couple to donate \$2.25 million to the School of Social Work in 2003. The donation funds a professorship in social justice, and research in social justice in cooperation with the campus in Flint.

By way of history, Olle is a native of Detroit and began his fine academic career at Cranbrook High School. He received his undergraduate degree from Michigan, then a teaching certificate from the university, and his law degree from its law school. In the late 1960s, he was the vice President of Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, then came to Flint as Vice President for Instruction and Administration in 1969



S. Olof Karlstrom and Libby Maynard

at what was then Flint Community College. Involved in union negotiations for the college, he met Charlie White from White, Newblatt & Grossman. In 1974, he left the college and began practicing with the firm.

Shortly after arriving in Flint in 1969, Olle joined a baseball team coached by Joe Conroy, with teammates Ward Chapman and Carl Bekofske, among others. At that time, Carl and Ward were working on a law brief related to a public election and wanted Libby Maynard to read the brief. Olle went along for the ride and met Libby. In 1981, Libby and Olle reconnected and married in 1982.

Although Olle does not miss his law practice, he does have some fond and funny memories from his career. His favorite war story is the time he

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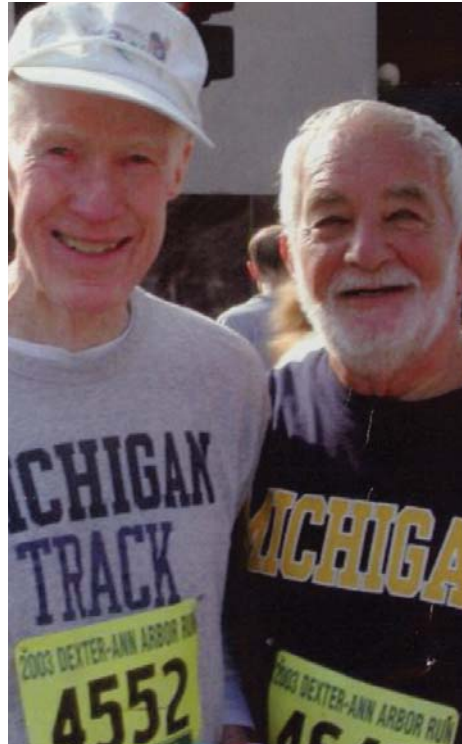
represented a young woman who had been arrested for prostitution. He was trying to arrange a plea bargain, arguing that the woman was really a decent person, caught in a trap. While the assistant prosecutor took a few days to think about the bargain, the “young innocent” appeared pictorially on the pages of Hustler magazine. So much for that deal.

He will always remember his first employer’s business meetings, held after dinner at the PX Barbecue. Charlie White, Stewart Newblatt, Howard Grossman, Artie Lancaster, Jeff Chimo-vitz, Aaron Weston, and Olle attended. A partner would call the meeting to order, then the group talked about nothing but the restaurants owned by Stewart’s parents. The stories were primarily about his mother Fanny, the exploits of the family, the boys, and their friends.

Olle later shared office space with Charlie White, his close friend. They

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Letter to the Editor



Norm Gottlieb, right, with his University of Michigan law school mentor, Edmond Devine, 84, participate in the annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run, in 2003.

I heard somewhere that you are planning a *Bar Beat* issue on “jock” lawyers, and want you to know that I am not just a “brain,” but also a body. Not that you haven’t already given me more “ink” in *Bar Beat* than Eaton and Waterman combined, but I have been doing 5 and 10K road races for some 30 years, and even got the first place prize in the “75 and over” age group in the 2003 annual St. Mary’s, Fenton run! (Of course, I was the only one running in that class.)

Incidentally, I’d flown in from California especially to run that race, as I had been doing for decades, so they also honored me as the “oldest finishing runner” and “runner who traveled the furthest.” When younger runners ask me if I’m still running in races, I have to say: “No, but I am staggering in them!”

Norm Gottlieb

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GCBA Sports Achievers

Why feature old sports achievements? Few lawyers have time to play sports, with the exception of continued excellence by such stars as Larry Day and John Lindholm, but most lawyers love one sport or another. *Bar Beat* likes to promote conversations among attorneys, especially young lawyers with seasoned attorneys. We hope coverage of GCBA sports luminaries sparks more social connections among attorneys, which usually lead to increased civility.

Tim Bograkos, several high school awards in football, baseball, and basketball. Michigan State University, two varsity letters each in basketball and baseball; baseball captain; Co-Most Valuable Player; signed with the NY Mets and played one season with the Pompano Beach Mets in the Florida State League; continued for years in the Flint City Basketball League and the Flint City Baseball League; inducted into the National Hellenic Invitational Basketball Tournament Hall of Fame.

Richard Cooley, Albion College captain of track and cross-country teams; member of seven MIAA championship track and cross-country teams; eight varsity letters; set the college record for the 880 yard run (1:58); MIAA mile champion for two years; MIAA half-mile champion for three years.



Larry Day

Larry Day, University of Michigan, four-year swimming scholarship; four year varsity letters; all-American swimmer; swim team captain; Olympic Trials Qualifier - 200 meter butterfly; finalist, Big Ten Championships - 100 yard butterfly (thrice) and 200 yard butterfly (thrice); State of Michigan Outstand-

ing Swimmer Award, Michigan Athletic Association; 1st place - 100 meter butterfly, Middle Atlantic States, Amateur Athletic Union Championships; finalist - 200 meter Butterfly, Santa Clara International Invitational, ABC Wide World of Sports; finalist - 400 meter medley relay, National Amateur Athletic Union Championships; finalist, NCAA Championships -200 yard butterfly; All American Collegiate Swimming Team, selected by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America - 200 yard butterfly; inducted into the Saginaw Swimming Hall of Fame; Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Association "Coach Of The Year" for Boys' Class B Swimming, and in later years twice for Class A Swimming; Michigan High School Coaches Association "Coach Of The Year" for Boys' Swimming; Tri-County News, Fenton Michigan, "All-Area Swimming Coach of the Year"; All-American United States Masters Swimming Award - fastest time in the 40-44 age group, gold medal - 100 meter butterfly, bronze medal - 50 meter butterfly, top time in the nation, in the 50-54 age group, in six events; National Masters Swimming Championships gold medals, 100 meter and 50 meter Butterfly events, 45-49 year age group; National Masters Short Course Swimming Championships gold medals - 50 yard, 100 yard and 200 yard butterfly events, 50-54 year age group; world records - 100 and 200 meter butterfly races.

Michael Kowalko, Northern Michigan University, full scholarship in football; NCAA-II semifinalist team in Knute Rockne Bowl; NCAA-II quarterfinalist team; Player of the Week and Offensive Player of the Week.



Michael Kowalko



John Lindholm

John Lindholm, winner, Michigan Amateur Championship, Michigan Medal Play, Horton Smith Championship, Michigan Pro-Am, Michigan Senior Amateur; medalist, U.S. Amateur Qualifier, U.S. Senior Amateur Qualifier, GAM Championship; winner, Genesee County All-Star (six years), Flint City Amateur (three years), Flint City Senior Amateur (two years); runner-up, Michigan Medal Play, GAM Championship, Genesee County All-Star (several), Flint City Amateur (several); match play qualifier, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Mid Amateur, U.S. Senior Amateur (three years) and quarter finalist; participant, U.S. Senior Open, 2nd low amateur, U.S. Mid-

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rented expensive space in the Citizens Bank Building. Every month when they reviewed expenses, Charlie invariably asked: "Remind me, why are we in this office downtown?" Olle had many wonderful experiences with Charlie and misses him dearly.

One memory not so fond was his longest case, civil rights litigation that lasted 15 years. He learned painfully how federal courts can truly delay litigation. Nevertheless, he loved being engrossed in the center of litigation. He found it to be, "the toughest, most demanding, yet most exciting part of being a lawyer."

What does the future hold for Olle and Libby? Says Olle: "We'll both continue with community service many hours of the week, but we will also spend a lot of time on our favorite activity – visiting our children and grandchildren scattered around the world."

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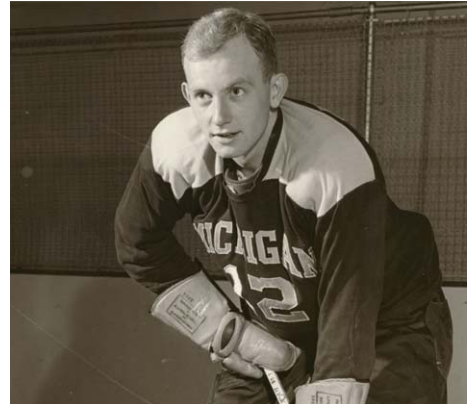
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Amateur (three years); sweet sixteen, Michigan Amateur (seven years); played in twenty-two (22) Michigan Amateurs, British Senior Amateur (made 36 hole cut); Sunnehanna Amateur, represented Michigan in the State Team Championship; represented GAM in 15 Atlas Cup matches; represented amateurs in 6 Fuller Cup matches; Golf Association of Michigan - Player of the Year, Senior Player of the Year, member Honor Roll (5 years), member Senior Honor Roll (four years); Boyne/Michigan-Player of the Year.

Mike Manley, Aquinas College, NAIA All-American in baseball; played two games for Flint Generals.

Gregory M. Meihn, Eastern Michigan University, full athletic scholarship, four varsity letters in gymnastics; NCAA Regional Qualifier.

Doug Philpott, University of Michigan, All-American Hockey Player right wing; NCAA championships; Toronto Maple Leafs farm team. For some reason, the U of M team did not get their championship rings in 1953; in 2003 (50 years



Doug Philpott

later) the hockey team members were assembled at a U of M football game and entered the field for their rings.

Steve Rohr, high school All-American hockey; Miami of Ohio, hockey; drafted by the Montreal Canadiens.



Tim Simon

Tim Simon, Notre Dame University, scholarship in football, National Championship team coached by Ara Paraseghian.



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Tony Vance, following in the footsteps of Jim Zimmer, and David Nickola, plays rugby with the Flint Rogues as outside center; the Flint Rogues hold several state championships and consistently qualify for the Midwest Playoffs; “Man of the Match” on several occasions; chosen to represent the State of Michigan on the Michigan Select Side, traveling to Chicago to play against other Midwest States.



Val Washington

Val Washington, Michigan State University, lacrosse midfielder; All-Midwest Lacrosse Conference first team (two years) and second team (one year); co-captain; MVP (two years); MSU Patsy Ross Award; nominated for Rhodes Scholarship by MSU, based upon athletic achievements and academic grade point. Sports talent might be genetic – son Val at Johns Hopkins was a member of its National Championship lacrosse team for 2005.



Jack Wright with Rocky Colavito

Jack Wright, Mott Foundation summer baseball leagues started at age 9; at age 14, played for Western Union;

hit a home run over the centerfield fence at Atwood that clinched the city championship for his team; received an athletic scholarship to Kalamazoo College, but attended Michigan State as a walk-on for the baseball team; after college, played with the Brooklyn Dodgers as a pitcher and center fielder; in 1942, enlisted in the Infantry where he boxed as a heavyweight from 1942 to 1944; in 1944, seriously injured in WWII and not able to return to the Dodgers; recovering gradually from war injuries, began to play baseball for several city league teams in Flint until about 45 years old; switched to softball for the next 15 years with CFI and other teams, winning two league MVP awards as an outfielder; at age 60, came out of sports retirement to play hardball again for five years with the White Horse Tavern team; then served as commissioner, manager and pitcher/outfielder in a newly formed baseball league (30 and older) for nearly 15 years; attended 18 Tigers Fantasy Camps playing both against and for the Tigers, with Al Kaline; traveled on the Tiger bus with the Fantasy Team and played the old Boston Red Sox, the Baltimore Orioles, and others; in 2005, invited by Al Kaline to camp as an observer, however, ended up playing firstbase and receiving the MVP award; plans to play on local teams again soon. This year, Jack Wright threw the first pitch at Comerica Park on Labor Day.

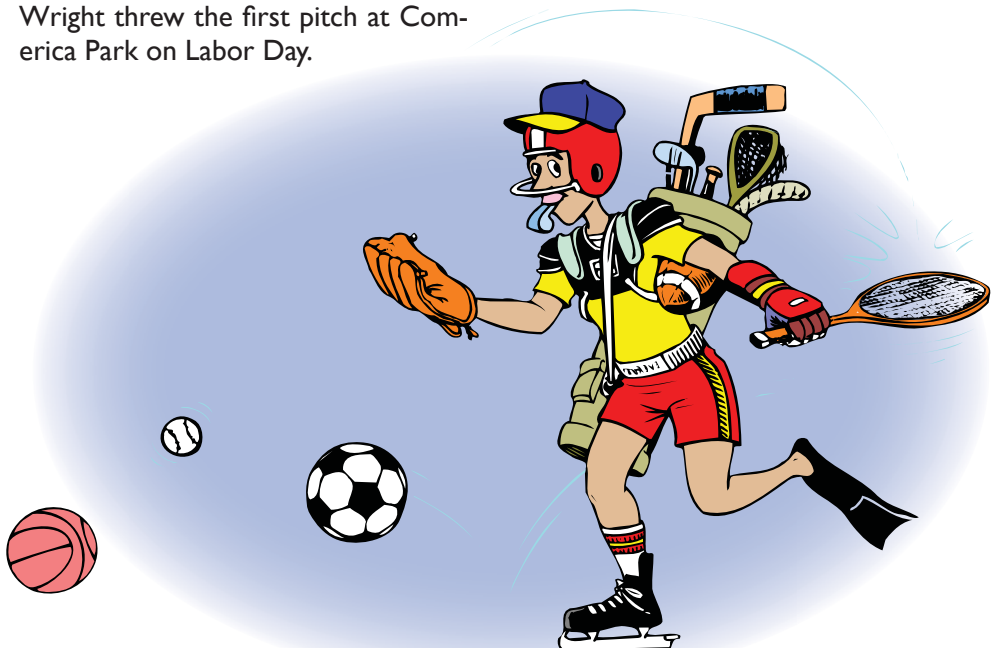
No coverage of sports luminaries would be complete without including Judges Thomas Yeotis and Duncan Beagle. Tom is a founding member of the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, and a founder and former president of the MCC Bruin Club. His interest in sports has continued for 60 years as he participated and coached numerous championship church and city league basketball and softball teams. Tom plays to this day in various softball games. To read about Duncan, see the Michigan Bar Journal, January 2005, pp. 52-53, <http://www.michbar.org/journal/pdf/pdf4article825.pdf>.

Also mentions:

Dennis Lazar started in football at Michigan State, until he tried to block Bubba Smith in practice. At 6’9”, 260 pounds, Smith was taller in his stance than Dennis. Dennis switched to baseball shortly thereafter.

John Siler reportedly was a college swimmer for Yale, but refused to provide details unless Bar Beat committed the entire centerfold for his photo in a Yale team Speedo.

Larry Stecco was first in the GCBA Motion Day 5K Walk/Run (in his age group, which shall remain unidentified).



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