

September/October 2017

BARBEAT

Genesee County Bar Association



Donald G. Rockwell, President, State Bar of Michigan, 2017-2018

Everything to Gain and Nothing to Lose

Meet Your New Board Members

Mental Health and Veterans Court Update

Community Action Committee Update

Senior Attorney Group

American Civil Liberties Union Offering
Welcoming Schools Project Training

Et tu, Siri? Recent Court Opinion Says Government
Can Use Your Smartphone to Track You

New Exhibit Unveiled at
Genesee County Courthouse

Piper Family Establishes Scholarship Fund
through Bar Foundation

Two GCBA Stars Honored by
SBM Negligence Law Section

An Evening to Honor 100 Years of Neithercut
Lawyers

Protecting your health. Today.



You plan every detail of your practice to ensure its success. Nothing is left to chance.

Don't take chances with your health insurance. You and your staff deserve a quality Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Michigan health plan.

- Group plans
- Individual plans
- Recognized worldwide
- Solutions tailored to your needs

To learn more about the affordable BCBSM plans, contact Member Insurance Solutions.

Call **800.878.6765** or visit memberinsurancesolutions.com today.

Protecting tomorrows. Today.



**Blue Cross
Blue Shield**
of Michigan

A nonprofit corporation and independent licensee
of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association



Member Insurance Solutions is a marketing name of MDA Insurance & Financial Group.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is a nonprofit corporation and independent licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.

Genesee County Bar Association

2017-2018 Board of Directors

PRESIDENT – Hon. Mark W. Latchana
 VICE PRESIDENT – Jessica J. Hammon
 TREASURER – Sherri L. Belknap
 SECRETARY – Michael A. Tesner
 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Michael A. Kowalko

Specialty Bar Board Members

Young Lawyers Delegate – Paul J. White
 Women Lawyers Delegate – Samantha J. Orvis
 Mallory Van Dyne Scott Bar – I'Lanta Robbins
 Flint Trial Lawyers Representative – Cristine Wasserman

Board Members

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Tedd E. Bean '18 | William J. Brickley '18 |
| Nancy Chinois '18 | Michael A. Tesner '18 |
| Craig R. Fiederlein '19 | Chadd O'Brien '19 |
| Patrick J. O'Callaghan '19 | Angela Wheeler '19 |
| Anthony K. Chubb '20 | Roxane M. Kaye '20 |
| Eric J. Mead '20 | |
| Hon. Geoffrey L. Neithercut '20 | |

Staff

Tatilia Y. Burroughs, Executive Director
 Eileen M. Harris, Office Manager
 Starlynn J. Estep, LRIS Specialist

Bar Beat Editor

LindaLee Massoud
 BarBeat@gcbalaw.org

Bar Beat Assistant Editors:

Roberta J.F. Wray
 Shelley R. Spivack

Genesee County Bar Association

315 E. Court St., Flint, Michigan 48502-1611
 (810) 232-6012
 For editorial information, call (810) 232-6000.

Published bimonthly by the State Bar of Michigan,
 306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933, for the
 Genesee County Bar Association. For advertising,
 call (517) 346-6315.

No material in *Bar Beat* reflects the opinion or endorsement of the
 Genesee County Bar Association, unless otherwise stated.

Table of Contents

- 4 **Everything to Gain and Nothing to Lose** by Hon. Mark W. Latchana
- 5 **Meet Your New Board Members**
- 6 **Mental Health and Veterans Court Update** by Hon. Jennie Barkey
- 6 **Community Action Committee Update** by Jessica Hammon
- 7 **Senior Attorney Group** by Richard "Dick" Ruhala
- 8 **American Civil Liberties Union Offering Welcoming Schools Project Training** by Gregory Gibbs
- 9 **Et tu, Siri? Recent Court Opinion Says Government Can Use Your Smartphone to Track You** by Dustyn K. Coontz
- 10 **New Exhibit Unveiled at Genesee County Courthouse** by Barbara A. Menear
- 10 **Piper Family Establishes Scholarship Fund through Bar Foundation** by Roberta J.F. Wray
- 11 **Two GCBA Stars Honored by SBM Negligence Law Section**
- 11 **An Evening to Honor 100 Years of Neithercut Lawyers**
- 12 **Welcome New Members**

Advertisers

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
 inside cover

Larry Day
 Mediation, Arbitration & Umpire Services 3

Jakeway Injury Law 7

Robert M. Ransom, Private Judging 9



Larry Day

ATTORNEY & MEDIATOR

(810) 853-1159

www.mediationday.com

e-mail: larry@mediationday.com

MEDIATION, ARBITRATION & UMPIRE SERVICES

- **Mediation Training** – Harvard, Nova, State Bar and ICLE
- **Experience** – Practicing lawyer more than 30 years; practicing mediator 18 years. Chair Genesee County ADR Committee 2004 and 2012. Selected Mediator/ Arbitrator/Umpire on hundreds of disputes involving:

| | | | |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Employment | No-Fault First Party | Medical Malpractice | Business Break-ups |
| Elliott Larsen | No-Fault Third Party | Intellectual Property | Internet |
| Whistle Blower | Wrongful Death | Real Property | Inheritance |
| Consumer Law | Personal Injuries | Insurance | Will Contests |
| Lemon Law | Premises Liability | Water Damage | Many Others |
| Patents | Airplane Crash | Fire Losses | |
| Nuisance | Defamation/Slander | Hail Damage | |

- **All Inclusive Flat Rate Mediation Fee** - includes hearings up to 5 hours; reading and preparation time; phone calls; driving up to 65 miles each way and filing Status Report with Court.



Everything to Gain and Nothing to Lose

By Hon Mark W. Latchana, President



Hon. Mark W. Latchana

As I was driving home from another relaxing weekend at our up north retreat, I began to ponder a topic for this month's article. As always, I was bouncing ideas back and forth with my wife. In a rare moment of shared consciousness, we both had the idea to use this column to discuss volunteerism and membership involvement.

As President of your Bar, I believe it is my duty to encourage all of our members to participate in Bar association functions and do what they can to improve the Genesee County Bar as a whole. Some who know me personally may be shocked by that last sentence. In high school, college and law school, I was not necessarily known as someone who jumped up to become involved and volunteer. In fact, I was quite the opposite. Many people with whom I went to law school may not have even known I was in the same class. So, why am I asking our membership to step up?

As the saying goes, better late than never. I have finally learned the lesson many others learned earlier in life. Your personal and professional lives can be enhanced in many ways by becoming involved in organizations you choose to belong to. Even as a young lawyer this lesson was lost on me. I didn't realize the relationships and experiences I missed out on that could have enhanced me both as a person and as a lawyer. My practice certainly could have benefitted from getting to know my fellow lawyers as well as their friends and families. Those types of relationships more often than not lead to referral business as well as the chance to send business to your colleagues.

As we all know, there is a select group of attorneys within the GCBA who do a majority of the work associated with our programming. These hardworking volunteers deserve accolades and awards for all they do. But that doesn't mean there is not room for all of us to participate in some way. As noted above, this isn't all about some altruistic notion of volunteering for the sake of the organization or because "it's the right thing to do." The bottom line is that through involvement you too can grow your business and your base of contacts.

There seems to be a perennial call for volunteers to participate in the functions the Bar puts on, be it the monthly luncheon, educational programs, community functions, or writing something for *Bar Beat*. This is no different. However I hope that I have made clear that even if volunteering doesn't warm your soul, there are valid and valued business reasons for doing so.

For myself, I am glad to have finally learned some of these lessons. Work and family keep me very busy, but volunteering and being involved with GCBA and several other organizations keeps me fulfilled and engaged. I make new friends and contacts on a weekly basis, and I am certainly richer for having decided to get involved. I thank all those who do volunteer, and I encourage those that have not to give it a chance. You really have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Meet Your New Board Members

Hon. Geoffrey L. Neithercut

Family: Spouse, Constance; 6 children

Undergraduate school, degree and grad year: Albion College, BA, Political Science, 1970

Law school and grad year: University of Detroit Mercy, 1975

GCBA Member Since: October, 1975

Area(s) of practice: As a circuit court judge, I am one of the few remaining general practitioners.



Hon. Geoffrey L. Neithercut

Contact info: Genesee County Circuit Court, 900 S. Saginaw Street, Room 300, Flint, MI 48502; (810) 257-3238; gneithercut@co.genesee.mi.us

Past GCBA committees and activities: Law Day, Seminar Lecturer
SBM involvement, if any: N/A

Reasons you believe in service to the GCBA: I am proud to be a lawyer. I hold my colleagues to a higher standard than most citizens. The GCBA is a good example of attorney services to the community and also of attorney improvement. We know the Genesee County Bar has high quality, ethical attorneys. I want to continue to uphold the standard through the GCBA.

Eric J. Mead

Family: Spouse, Theresa Mead; 2 children, ages 7 and 2

Undergraduate school, degree and grad year: University of Michigan-Flint, BA, 2005

Law school and grade year: Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 2008

GCBA Member Since: 2008

Area(s) of practice: Probate and Estate Planning including Guardianship, Conservatorship, Special Needs Planning, Medicare and Medicaid

Contact info: 624 S. Grand Traverse St., Flint, MI 48502; (810) 232-5164; emead@tds.net

Past GCBA committees and activities: Probate Committee, Law Day

SBM involvement, if any: N/A

Reasons you believe in service to the GCBA: I first encountered the GCBA as a high school student attending Law Day. I remember being very impressed by the lawyers hosting us and the GCBA program. I am certain that experience was pivotal in my decision to attend law school. I continue to believe that service is an important part of the legal profession. I look forward to using my term on the GCBA board as a springboard to becoming more involved in service within the local legal community.



Eric J. Mead

Anthony Chubb

Family: Spouse, Jeffrey Calhoun

Undergraduate school, degree and grad year: University of Michigan, BA, Political Science, 2003

Law School and grad year: Wayne State Law School, 2008

GCBA Member Since: 2009

Area(s) of practice: Municipal Defense, Labor and Employment

Contact info: McGraw Morris PC, 2075 West Big Beaver Rd, Suite 750, Troy, MI 48084; (248) 502-4000; chubb@mcgrawmorris.com

Past GCBA committees and activities: N/A

SBM involvement, if any: Litigation Section

Reasons you believe in service to the GCBA: The professional, collegial, and respectful nature by which law is practiced in Genesee County makes it unlike anywhere else in the state. It is a tradition that should be respected and passed on to future generations of lawyers within our community,



Anthony Chubb

and the GCBA is the best organization through which to do so.

Roxane M. Kaye

Family: Spouse, John Kaye; 2 children

Undergraduate school, degree and grad year: University of Michigan, BA, Criminology & Sociology, 1995

Law School and grad year: Thomas M. Cooley, Cum Laude 2001

GCBA Member Since: 2014

Area(s) of practice: Bankruptcy, Probate & Trust Administration, Estate Planning, Real Estate, & Civil Litigation

Contact info: Kaye Law Office, PLLC, 8161 S. Saginaw Street, Grand Blanc, MI 48439; (810) 694-1211 ext. 13; roxane.kaye.law@gmail.com

Past GCBA committees and activities: Bankruptcy Committee, Law Day Committee, Probate sub-committee, Ask a Lawyer, and pro bono referrals

SBM involvement, if any: Free legal answers

Reasons you believe in service to the GCBA: By getting to know attorneys in other practice areas and the legal issues they are dealing with the Bar Association will be able to plan and provide knowledge to help address the concerns in the legal community. The Bar Association also helps to foster positive reinforcement of the law and attorneys within the community. I hope that I am able to both learn and contribute to assisting the Bar Association to reach its goals.



Roxane M. Kaye

Connect with the GCBA

Our Website: www.gcbalaw.org

On Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Genesee-County-Bar-Association/142757561178>

Mental Health and Veterans Court Update

By Hon. Jennie Barkey



Hon. Jennie Barkey

I had been a judge for what seemed like half an hour when I was on the bench putting a mother under oath to take her testimony on the last thing in the world she ever thought she would be asking for – to have her son picked up by the police and involuntarily taken to the hospital because he was mentally ill and out of control. I then had to explain to this mother that this was not the beginning of her son getting “fixed,” but only the beginning of a long road with no end to her journey down the mental health system. I felt obligated to tell her that even if her son was kept and agreed or was ordered for treatment at the hospital, as soon as he was stable on medications and released the court order could only direct him to take his medications for 90 days. Eventually, the whole mess would start over again.

On this particular day Steven Mays, the court liaison for Genesee Health System, asked to talk to me. He wondered if I had ever heard of a mental health court program and whether I was aware such a court was operating in Ohio. I said no, but I would be willing to try anything that was better than our system at the time.

Steven and I went to Ohio and we were sold on what the program has to offer. This was over ten years ago on what became the start of our journey to create the first mental health court in Michigan.

The Genesee County Mental Health Court is a true collaborative effort between the courts, Genesee Health System, the Sheriff’s Department and the jail, the prosecu-

tor’s office, and the folks who need us. It is truly fitting that Steven has gone on to work on these types of projects for the state in Lansing.

So far, there have been 255 graduates in adult mental health court and 89 in the juvenile program. In addition to mental health court, I preside over the Genesee County Veterans Treatment Court. The veterans court was created in 2013 to serve Genesee County veterans in the criminal justice system who suffer from substance abuse and/or mental illness resulting from their service in the military. To date, there have been 40 graduates from the veterans court program.

The court coordinators – Amber Gillean with mental health court and Cassie Swartwood with veterans court – are integral to the operation and success of the specialty courts. Both are working diligently in preparation for the statewide problem-solving court certification process, which begins in April 2018.

The specialty courts are created by Local Administrative Orders, which can be obtained by contacting our coordinators – Amber at 810-762-7742 or agillean@co.genesee.mi.us and Cassie at 810-762-7741 or cswartwood@co.genesee.mi.us. The specialty court teams will make every effort to accept eligible individuals into the programs to help improve the lives of the people of Genesee County.

Community Action Committee Update

By Jessica Hammon



Jessica Hammon

Another year is another opportunity to help our Genesee County community! The Community Action Committee will be working hard to continue our charitable events and add new ones to the mix this year.

Our main event, the Barristers’ Ball, will be held in February - theme and charitable organization yet to be determined. This event has proven to be a success, giving us as attorneys a venue to network and get to know each other, raise money for the GCBA, as well as make a financial contribution to a worthy cause. In years past the YWCA Safehouse and The Crim Community Education Program were chosen to receive our donation.

In addition to the Barrister’s Ball, three dates have been chosen for our members to volunteer at the Center for Hope Soup Kitchen. Please contact GCBA staff for details. We will continue to host “clean out your closet” days as well – these donations go straight to the Catholic Charities Community Closet to help people interviewing for jobs look their best. Keep an eye out for the next donation date.

As always, we would love to have new members on the committee. Come join us and help the GCBA make a positive community impact in Genesee County!!

Senior Attorney Group

By Richard "Dick" Ruhala



Richard Ruhala

Richard "Dick" Ruhala continues to serve as Coordinator of the Senior Attorney Luncheon group and will be assisted by Co-chair, John Mandelaris, along with an Executive Committee of Edward Henneke, Judge Robert Ransom, Sally Joseph and Douglas Buck. The luncheon group meets on the second Thursday of each month except for July and August.

Attorneys joining for lunch need not be retired as most are over age 65 and are still maintaining a law practice. Meetings are usually held at the Valley Family Restaurant (corner of Miller and Linden Roads) with each attendee paying for his or her own meal.

Fellowship is the main emphasis and during vacation or travel time, visits are encouraged to see fellow member attorneys. This past July Dick and Arlene Ruhala stopped by to visit Ed and Suzanne Jakeway at their summer home on Lake Charlevoix.

The Genesee County Senior Attorney Luncheon group encourages and welcomes newcomers. This fall's meetings are October 12, and November 9 at Logan's




Roadhouse at Genesee Valley in an area reserved for the group. The luncheons begin at noon and conclude prior to 1:30 pm.



Dick and Ed Jakeway on a tour of a small church erected by Ottawa Tribe members in the 1800's and currently used by the Charlevoix residents for worship.



G-8161 S. Saginaw Street, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
(810) 694-1211  www.JakewayInjuryLaw.com

-  Your Genesee County Personal Injury Referral Connection
-  Accepting Referrals in All Injury Matters
-  Millions Paid Out to Referring Attorneys

Auto-Negligence  Premises Liability  Medical Malpractice  General Negligence

American Civil Liberties Union Offering Welcoming Schools Project Training

By Gregory Gibbs, Chair, Greater Flint ACLU Legal Committee



Gregory Gibbs

I have been a member of the American Civil Liberties Union since the early 1970's, and I have seen interest in volunteering ebb and flow many times over the years. However, the volunteer flow has reached tsunami proportions since the November presidential election. In February of 2017, over 400 lawyers and law students, seeking to volunteer to defend constitutional rights they saw threatened by a new POTUS, attended a "Lawyers Summit" sponsored by the ACLU of Michigan. Among the constitutional rights discussed at the Lawyers Summit were the rights of undocumented persons and non-citizens. The seminar was so popular it sold out and many would-be volunteers could not attend.

The Greater Flint ACLU is offering another volunteer training opportunity on one aspect of those rights to members of the Genesee County Bar Association and other attorneys in our region. This training is under the "Welcoming Schools Project" which was created to protect the rights of school children recognized in *Plyer v Doe*, 457 US 202 (1981).

The *Plyer* plaintiffs challenged a Texas law allowing public school districts to refuse admission to children who were undocumented or non-citizens as a denial of equal protection under the fourteenth amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Texas argued aliens were not persons within the meaning of the fourteenth amendment and, therefore, not protected by the Constitution. Texas also asserted even if aliens were protected, Texas had a rational basis for keeping these children from attending public schools because it saved money. The Court disagreed with both arguments.

The Court found aliens were persons protected by the Constitution holding:

The Fourteenth Amendment provides that "[n]o State shall . . . deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." Appellants argue... that undocumented aliens, because of their immigration status, are not 'persons within the jurisdiction' of the State of Texas, and that they therefore have no right to the equal protection of Texas law. We reject this argument. Whatever his status under the immigration laws, an alien is surely a "person" in any ordinary sense of that term. *Plyer v Doe*, *supra*, 457 US at 211.

The Court also found Texas had no substantial basis for discriminating against innocent alien children, holding:

It is difficult to understand precisely what the State

hopes to achieve by promoting the creation and perpetuation of a subclass of illiterates within our boundaries, surely adding to the problems and costs of unemployment, welfare, and crime. It is thus clear that whatever savings might be achieved by denying these children an education, they are wholly insubstantial in light of the costs involved to these children, the State, and the Nation. *Plyer v Doe*, *supra*, 457 US at 231.

Since 1981 *Plyer* has stood for the proposition that no public school district may deny innocent children access to education based on their undocumented or non-citizen status. Thirty-six years after *Plyer*, a new administration has placed *Plyer* rights at risk by using U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and local law enforcement agencies to enter schools to search for undocumented school children.

The intent of the Welcoming Schools Project is to train lawyers on how to educate representatives of school districts on the rights of these children and how to address practices by school districts, ICE, and law enforcement that place the constitutional rights of immigrant, refugee, and Muslim students at risk. Staff attorneys from the ACLU and the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC) will conduct the training.

Topics will include:

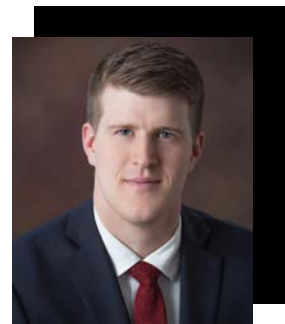
- Educating school districts on the constitutional rights of undocumented and non-citizen students.
- Educating school districts on laws compelling the necessity of producing warrants before providing access to children or their records.
- Educating school districts on the need for admission policies and practices that do not chill or discourage the participation, or lead to the exclusion, of students based on their or their parents' or guardians' actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status.
- Assisting school districts in preparing welcoming school letters and resolutions.

Training Information:

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 ■ 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Insight Institute of Neurosurgery &
Neuroscience (IINN) Auditorium
4800 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48507
Contact Greg Gibbs (810) 239-9470

Et tu, Siri? Recent Court Opinion Says Government Can Use Your Smartphone to Track You

By Dustyn K. Coontz



Dustyn K. Coontz

The thought of technology turning on its creators has captivated—and terrified—sci-fi lovers for years. Think Skynet’s becoming self-aware in the *Terminator* franchise or HAL’s increasingly strange behavior in *2001: A Space Odyssey*. The idea of the government co-opting omnipresent technology for menacing purposes has also inspired a good deal of fiction, like George Orwell’s classic *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.

While the apocalyptic terror of these works has not exactly played out in the way that decades’ worth of conspiracy theorists have feared, it is clear that the marvels of modern technology have some drawbacks. For instance, in 2015, Samsung Smart TVs were found to be listening to every word their soon-to-be underlings owners were saying. And if you are a Facebook user, you surely know that your viewing history and location data are being sold to advertisers.

A recent Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals decision further outlines how your technology can betray you, even if it’s not betraying you on purpose (yet). On June 5, 2017 the Court issued its opinion in *United States v. Riley*.

Here’s what happened: Riley robbed a Check ‘n Go. The police had all the evidence they needed, but they didn’t have Riley. A few days later, Riley got a new cell phone through AT&T, and a family member gave Riley’s girlfriend the new number so she could get hold of him while he was running from the law. She turned the phone number over to the U.S. Marshals.

There was already an arrest warrant, but the police sought a further order: to have AT&T turn over some cell data, including Riley’s real-time location. The court entered the order. To be clear: at this point, the government was able to track a fugitive by GPS using the phone in his pocket.

The government tracked him to a hotel in Tennessee, arrested him, and sent him back to Kent County.

The Sixth Circuit ultimately held that this was just fine because: (1) the data was being gathered by a third party, not the government; (2) Riley volunteered to have that data collected by buying the phone, keeping it on, and not turning off the location-tracking; and (3) the government only tracked his movements outside the home (or hotel, in this case), so he had no reasonable expectation of privacy in his movements.

If you are a prosecutor or a defense attorney, the legal implications of this case are pretty straightforward: if the police have an arrest warrant and need to find a suspect, a court can order AT&T (or Verizon, Sprint, Cricket, etc.) to track that person’s whereabouts. Good policy, bad policy, or somewhere in between, that’s the state of Fourth Amendment law in the Sixth Circuit.

Even if this case was correctly decided (and I think it was, based on the available precedent), the practical outcome is chilling. We almost all have smartphones, and if we want them to do all the amazing things they can do, it helps to have location-tracking on. If you don’t take the affirmative step to turn off GPS—rendering your phone much less useful—or to turn off the phone altogether—rendering your phone not at all useful—then the government can track your every move outside your home. All an officer has to do is meet a low burden of proof to secure two court orders: one for your arrest, one for your cell data.

This goes to show that technology and real life often outpace the law’s ability to accommodate them. Society needs good, competent, informed, and innovative lawyers to ensure that the law doesn’t fall too far behind. I’m not typically one for slippery-slope arguments, and I’m not entirely mistrustful of the government. That said, it’s not crazy to think there is real danger that without significant updates in the law, our own technology and the government could start working together towards more sinister ends. Kinda like in *1984*. That would be doubleplusungood.



Judge Robert M. Ransom

- Private Judging
- Facilitation
- Mediation
- Arbitration

P: 810-659-6221 • C: 810-813-8090

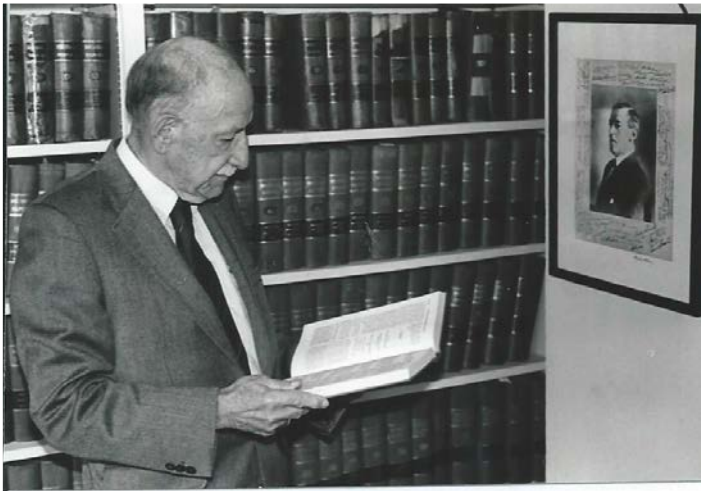
e-mail: Ransom05@comcast.net

40 Years Judicial Experience

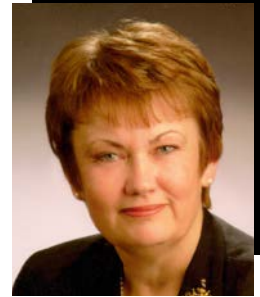
New Exhibit Unveiled at Genesee County Courthouse

By Barbara A. Menear

Every lawyer remembers the “Morissette” case from law school. It is in criminal law textbooks on the issue of criminal intent. Did you know that the defense counsel, Andrew Jackson Transue, was a Genesee County Attorney?



Andrew Jackson Transue



Barbara A. Menear

Morissette was a Genesee County resident. Attorney Transue felt so strongly that his client was being wrongly pursued that he paid appellate filing fees and fought the case all the way to the United States Supreme Court. He won.

The Genesee County Circuit Court has come into possession of the original photograph used at oral argument in the United States Supreme Court. It depicts spent shell casings, the subject of the alleged larceny. A vintage newspaper article also provides context.

Multiple local attorneys are in the chain of knowledge and possession that led the photograph to the Court and its new resting place in the historic photographic gallery in the Genesee County Courthouse.

Piper Family Establishes Scholarship Fund through Bar Foundation

By Roberta J.F. Wray

Love and respect for the law and a belief in the tradition of giving have motivated a significant contribution to the Genesee County Bar Foundation from the extended family of GCBA member and past President (2001-2002), Randolph Piper. It will serve law students, the Genesee County legal profession, and the community. In his letter to the Foundation confirming Piper Family Scholarship Fund, Piper says his personal gift creating the family fund was given in memory of his cousin, the late M. Harry Piper.

Harry Piper, the first of four lawyers in the family, was a long-time member of the GCBA and a strong and generous supporter of the community through gifts to his church, the University of Michigan, and the Community Foundation. The letter continues,

We believe the legal profession is an important part of our life. We think continuing education and scholarship about the law and legal issues

is necessary. Education for individual students, the profession or the public can be expensive and hopefully this fund will, in a small way help allay some of that expense to make it more attainable for law students, attorneys and our community.

In acknowledging the Piper family gift, foundation president Judge Duncan Beagle said, “All of the members of the Piper family have long been contributors to our community in so many different ways. The Bar Foundation appreciates their generosity in establishing the Piper Family Scholarship within the Bar Foundation.”

The gift brings the Bar Foundation principal to nearly a million dollars, long a goal of the GCBA membership.



Roberta J.F. Wray

Two GCBA Stars Honored by SBM Negligence Law Section

At a reception held at Blackstone's on August 24th, presentation of the Outstanding Judge Award was presented to Honorable Joseph J. Farah:

It reads: In appreciation of his continued commitment to amicable resolution of civil disputes and for recognizing the benefit of allowing skilled litigators to exercise their craft in the courtroom, the Negligence Section of the State Bar of Michigan hereby presents this award to *The Honorable Joseph J. Farah* Presented the 24th day of August, 2017.

In addition, the Negligence Law Section presented its Outstanding Achievement Award to incoming SBM President and GCBA member Donald G. Rockwell. That award cites Rockwell for his distinguished service to the legal community.



Hon. Joseph J. Farah, Donald G. Rockwell, and Jennifer M. Grieco

An Evening to Honor 100 Years of Neithercut Lawyers

The Genesee County Bar Foundation is pleased to announce An Evening to Honor 100 years of Neithercut Lawyers. Charles S. Neithercut, William A. Neithercut, John G. Neithercut, Edward J. Neithercut and Hon. Geoffrey L. Neithercut have a long history of contributions to the Genesee County legal community and their dedication to the city of Flint has spanned over 100 years and three generations.

A tribute to the family will be held Thursday, October 5, 2017, at the Flint Golf Club. The tribute begins at 5 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, the ceremony starting promptly at 6 p.m. and concluding no later than 7 p.m. Advanced registration is recommended. This tribute supports the work of the Foundation and gives recognition to the family for their tireless work in our community and support of our local bar.

For ticket information please contact Tatilia Y. Burroughs at (810) 232-6000. Proceeds from this tribute will go to the Genesee County Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization.



Bar Beat Advertising Rates

| Interior Position | 1x | 6x |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Full page | \$425 | \$395 |
| 1/2 page (Horizontal only) | \$240 | \$220 |
| 1/3 page | \$195 | \$165 |
| 1/4 page | \$165 | \$135 |
| Business Card | \$90 | \$80 |

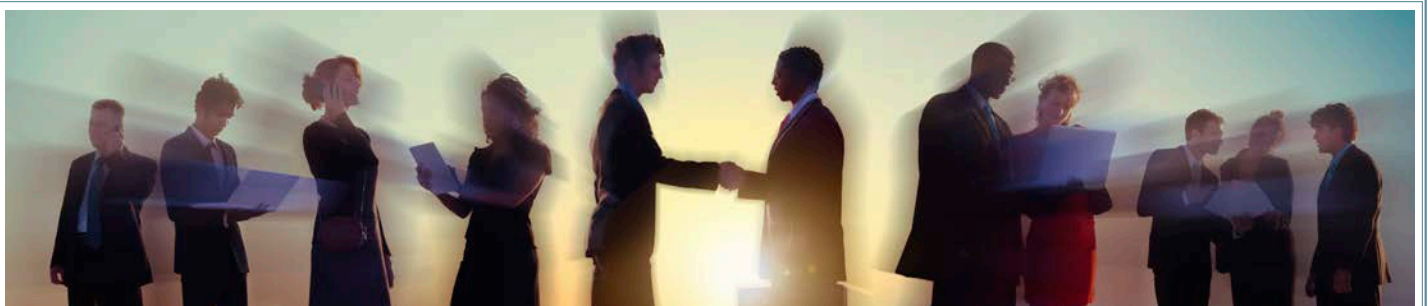
| Premium Position | 1x | 6x |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Back cover 4-color | \$395 | \$365 |
| Inside front cover 4-color | \$520 | \$495 |
| Inside back cover 4-color | \$520 | \$495 |

Classified Advertising The flat rate is \$50 per insertion for a classified ad less than 100 words. If you elect to advertise in six issues you are entitled to a 20% discount.

Genesee County Bar Association
315 East Court Street
Flint, Michigan 48502-1611

PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Flint, MI
Permit No. 125

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Welcome New Members

Attorney: Zena Fares

Employer: Valdemar L. Washington, PLLC
Undergrad School: University of Michigan
Law School: Wayne State Law School

Attorney: Ariana E. Heath

Employer: Genesee County Circuit Court
Undergrad School: University of Florida
Law School: University of Michigan

Attorney: R. Michael John

Employer: Garan Lucow Muller, PC
Undergrad School: Wayne State University
Law School: Wayne State Law School

Attorney: Sean D. Newlin

Employer: Allstate, Esurance & Encompass Insurance
Agencies
Undergrad School: Albion College
Law School: Western Michigan University Thomas M.
Cooley Law School

Attorney: LeAnne M. Dao

Employer: Genesee County Prosecutor's Office
Undergrad School: University of Michigan
Law School: Case Western Reserve University