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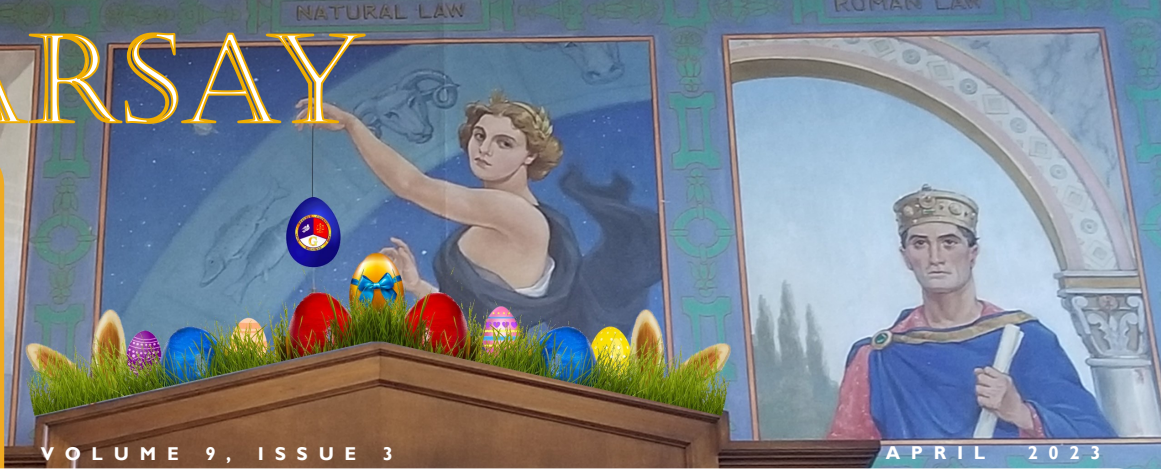
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GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (GCBA) *BAR BEAT. A GEM IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY*

A variety of Bar Beat editions were found on a back shelf in the Courthouse Law Library. This event gave rise to a retrospective on the beginning and contribution of Bar Beat over the years.

The feature article was written by Attorney LindaLee Massoud, former editor of Bar Beat.

In the pre-Internet age, which was actually only about 25 years ago (except for a few computer geeks like your author), paper communications were a major method of disseminating information.

It was in September of 1972 that the Board of Directors authorized the Genesee County Bar Newsletter, the predecessor to today's Bar Beat magazine. (While the GCBA is celebrating our 125th anniversary this year, Bar Beat has just celebrated its 50th year.)



It was future-judge Bruce Newman, as well as other young attorneys, who spearheaded the concept of the newsletter. Un-

fortunately, there was no funding for it at that time. A funding budget was allotted in 1974, and the first issue was published in June of 1975 at a cost of \$70 per month.

Barb Menear, who was an editor in the 1982-83 range, remembers that once an edition was put together, she would have to drive it out to a gentleman's house for him to print it in his garage. It was delivered as hard copy "paste-up" -- articles were cut out and then pasted or taped on proposed pages of the edition. The printer completed the set-up for the entire edition.

There were several active editors during those early years, and some moved in and out of the position.

A 1992 Board minutes reports that the Bar Beat had not been published for several months, and complaints had been received. Patrick Kirby, Wendy Maxwell, and Richard Barron volunteered to resurrect the newsletter. Numerous members contributed time and effort as editors and authors during those years.

Randy Piper was serving as editor when Ramona Sain

started as Executive Director of GCBA. Apparently, he had also been an editor prior to 1977, resigned, and then got involved again some years later. She recalls that he had very specific requirements for photo-

graphs: (1) If you think it is close enough, get closer. (2) Make sure sticky name badges are removed, but make sure the names are listed

below. (3) Make sure that no one is holding a beverage (to avoid a possible less-than-professional inference).

Francine Cullari took over for Randy in 2003. In addition to producing the serious Bar Beat issues, Francine is fondly remembered for creating 2 "spoof" issues, even raising the funds herself to print them. The name of name one was "Barb Brief." Francine mentions a special thank you to Nancy Brown at the State Bar of Michigan. "When I first became editor, BB was black-and-white. Thanks to the State Bar, GCBA saved money even while adding color once the SBM started printing for us."

Francine and Ramona Sain actively solicited participation as well as articles. Both were

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THE CHIEF SPEAKS

In our courthouse community, we are all teammates serving the mission of justice through the decisions we make and the problems we solve. My job as chief judge is to promote our effectiveness and efficiency in a safe and enjoyable work environment.

I have done a lot of soul searching lately to settle on a helpful metaphor for how best to do this. Much to my surprise, Disney's Toy Story set up camp in my head and wouldn't leave.

I know it may sound strange, but hear me out. The toys have the mission of producing fun for Andy. Their leader is Woody, a sheriff doll who believes that Andy will always have fun if the toys just do things the way they always have. But the toys are on edge because they sense that Andy's growing up will mean change for them and they don't know what to do about it.

Just then, Andy gets a new cool new toy: a flashy modern space toy with a cool name—Buzz Lightyear. Buzz exhorts the toys to go, "To infinity and beyond!" Woody's jealousy of Buzz causes them to go on a harrowing adventure where they are ultimately forced to work together as a team. They bond through this experience and pledge to work together to continue to provide fun for a maturing Andy.

The more I thought about it, the more relevant the lessons of Toy Story seemed. Woody represents the core mission of judging as

envisioned in the days of yore, when decisions were made by crusty gavel-banging judges in their musty spittoon-laden courtrooms.

Time moved more slowly then, with trials being conducted only on half days due to the summer heat. Woody's theory of courthouse management would consist of the exhortation, "Let's get this wagon train a-movin'!"

Ah, how times have changed! Even Woody senses it when he says, "I can't stop Andy from growing up, but I wouldn't miss it for the world."

Well, here we are: our community continues to struggle with poverty and crime while it tries to get beyond the water crisis. Our criminal and dependency dockets have exploded, while the water crisis demands more from our civil and probate dockets.

Politically, our national polarization presents new challenges for courts. Meanwhile, there are new requirements imposed upon all courts for reform through reorganization, streamlining, utilization of technology, accountability and transparency. All of these dynamics became turbo charged with the pandemic. In other words,

our courthouse has more cases, harder problems, higher expectations and more scrutiny. As Woody would say, "This is a perfect time to panic!"

The good news is that our courthouse has been in the vanguard of innovation—going "to infinity and beyond"—for decades and it is a part of our culture.



We have been on the cutting edge with regard to the use of technology and new management approaches to improve our capacity to achieve justice in modern times. Also, we were among the first and now are the most prolific with regard to treatment courts, which help to reduce criminality and child neglect by addressing substance abuse and mental health needs.

As we face the future, we will need to continue to channel our inner Toy Story to meet our challenges. Here are a few current examples of how we're doing this:

- We have completely overhauled our dockets and judicial assignments in both the criminal/civil and family divisions.

As Sid wisely observed, "No one's ever attempted a double bypass brain transplant before!"

- A brand new Family Court Plan is currently being instituted in a division in which three of four of the judges have been sworn in only within the last few months. I'm excited to welcome my new judicial colleagues and can imagine them saying, as Woody did, "I'd like to join your posse boys, but first I'm gonna sing a little song."

- We are continuing our efforts to return to normal operations after the pandemic. This includes addressing a huge backlog of cases through a grant from SCAO. As Buzz would say, "I've set my laser from stun to kill!" But good ole Woody puts things back in perspective when he chides, "Oh, great. If anyone attacks we can blink em' to death."

- We continue to work through the bumps in our transition to our new case management system. Woody might exclaim, "There's a snake in my boot!"

- Thinking of Andy's room as a metaphor for the courthouse is helpful because it encourages us to use innovation in the face of change in order to accomplish our core mission of providing justice. And I think it's helpful in another way too—it reminds us that what we do here, although serious business, can also be fun. —cjdjn

ADMINISTRATOR CORNER

Effective January 11, 2023, Ariana E. Heath took the bench as a probate court judge, succeeding Judge F. Kay Behm, who resigned in December 2022 upon appointment to the United States District Court as a federal judge.

Judge Heath was appointed by Governor Whitmer to fill the vacancy.

Prior her appointment, Judge Heath served as a referee with the family division of the circuit court since 2016, where

she presided over juvenile delinquency matters, child protective proceedings, and other family division matters. —so

Welcome Judge Heath!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Left to Right:
Katie Schaffer,
Jesse Harbin

Circuit Court

Katie Schaffer is a family court clerk in the juvenile records department. Katie formerly worked for General Motors and started her Genesee County career in the Prosecutor's Office. She also helped out in Animal Control.

Jesse Harbin is a secretary for jury management. Jesse formerly worked for the Genesee County Friend of the Court.



Friend of the Court

Fredricka Savage

is a case worker for the Friend of the Court. Fredricka formerly worked as a family court clerk and administrative secretary for the referee office.

Rodney Williams is a case-worker for the Friend of the Court. Rodney was an attorney in private practice.

Tammy Brady is a program clerk for the Friend of the



Left to Right: Fredricka Savage, Rodney Williams,
Tammy Brady

Court. Tammy formerly worked as a substitute teacher.

Probate Court

Kristen Abt is the judicial secretary for Probate Court Judge, Ariana E. Heath. Kristen formerly worked for Genesee County 67th District Court. (not pictured)



- Michigan Automatic Set Aside (Clean Slate) will take effect on 4/11/23. No more than 2 felony and 4 misdemeanors convictions can be automatically set aside. Offense and sentence dates are factors.

- Congratulations to Jessica Clemens who has been appointed the Director of Court Finance. Jessica has been with the county 9 years.

- Congratulations to David Combs who has been appointed the Director of Court IT. Dave has been with the county 10 years

- Congratulations to Rhonda Ihm who has been appointed the Family Division Administrator. Rhonda has been with the county 11 years.

- Reminder for court employees that toner can be recycled in the back of the law library, located on the 2nd floor. Toner no longer goes in the mailroom.

- Judge Christenson has recently been appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as the second business court judge, effective March 15, 2023.



- Effective April 1, 2023, the Reimbursement Office will be known as Court Financial Services.

CELL PHONES AND SEARCH WARRANTS



67th District Court Judge Mark C. McCabe writes "*Ask the Judge*" for the *Tri-County Times*.

Cell Phones and Search Warrants appeared in the January 24th, 2023 edition.

In the United States, there are approximately 327 million cell phones currently in use.

I certainly am not an expert in this area, but I do know that they are used for various things including phone calls, texting, internet access, storing pictures and personal data, and much much more. Every time they are used, an internal record is made.

Unfortunately, a few people use them for illegal activities, which are also recorded.

Law enforcement knows this, and when investigating a suspect's criminal actions and have legally come into possession of the suspect's cell phone by way of a search warrant or an arrest, it is common for them to have the phone's contents forensically examined to determine if there is evidence of a crime.

However, since the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that we have the right to be secure from our personal property being unreasonably searched and seized, there are many legal questions which arise as to cell phone searches.

One question is if the police have the right to search a legally possessed

phone's contents without a search warrant.

Until 2014, courts had various opinions on the answer. In that year the United States Supreme Court gave the final answer in *Riley v California* and held that due to a defendant's expectation of privacy rights, a search warrant was required.

What wasn't answered is the collateral question of what happens when the police legally search a phone for evidence of one crime and inadvertently discover evidence of another.

Again, courts have taken different views on the answer to this question.

In Michigan the issue was settled in 2020 by the Michigan Supreme Court in *People v Hughes*. In *Hughes*, a defendant's cell phone

was searched pursuant to a warrant providing authorization for locating evidence of cocaine and other illegally possessed controlled substances. The police found that evidence and additional evidence that the defendant had committed an unrelated armed robbery.

The court held that under those circumstances, a second search warrant for the armed robbery evidence was required.

Nationally the split of authority continues.

To borrow a line from the song of the same name, I'm sure the United States Supreme Court will weigh in on this issue "someday soon."



BAR BEAT. A GEM IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY (CONT'D)

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difficult to turn down when they "requested" assistance. Many attorneys wrote articles for them, including this author.

I accepted the position as editor in 2007 and continued until 2022 with a bimonthly publication. During that time, and with the capable assistance of co-editors Roberta Wray and later, Shelley Spivack, we were able to expand the topics and length of *Bar Beat*.

Tatilia Burroughs has always provided prompt information and suggestions when we run into an issue. We have run several multi-issue series: multi-generational attorney fami-

lies, attorneys who have sideline businesses, attorneys who do charitable work in the community, attorney travels, etc. Since all three of us are avid photographers, we also included many pictures to accompany our articles. Susan Oudsema from the State Bar has been a patient and conscientious finisher for each issue, as well as contributing layout, formatting, and graphics suggestions. Without her capable assistance we would not have as professional a publication.

Roberta Wray contributed many articles and photographs while working as a Genesee County District Court Magistrate and continued after she retired. She became our go-to interviewer for law-related

events, taking pictures along the way. Her television reporter background came in handy. Bobbi has also been a never-ending source of ideas for articles and people to contact.

Shelley Spivack became more active in the *Bar Beat* when she retired from her position as Genesee County Family Court Referee. She brought her interests and experience to the newsletter. With increased involvement by Shelley and other attorneys, we were able to expand the length of each issue. Shelley and Sean Siebigteroth teamed up as co-editors in 2022, and they will lead our magazine toward the next 50 years.

From being printed in a garage to being printed professionally by the State Bar of Michigan; from black-and-white to color; from monthly to bimonthly to quarterly issues; from smaller to larger issues as legal advertising expanded to cover the cost of printing; from paper only to paper plus electronic (at the GCBA website); from one editor to the next, *Bar Beat* has always maintained its consistent vision and mission: to provide legal updates, case and legal analysis, and stories/series of interest -- by, for, and to our local legal community in Genesee County. — llm

NEW YEAR, (ALMOST) NEW FAMILY COURT

As we enter into 2023, we are embarking on an almost entirely new look for our Family Court in Genesee County.

With new judges, new procedures, and changes to the distribution of hearings before referees, when you visit the Court in 2023 (virtually or in person) we will look very different from the Family Court you last saw in 2022.

The last few months have been building to the upcoming changes in the Court. With Judge Dawn Weier's election win in November, she took over the seat on the Family Division bench that was held since the Family Court's inception by Judge Duncan Beagle.

After Judge Joseph Farah's retirement, Judge Khary Hanible was appointed to the bench. Effective January 23, 2023, Judge Hanible will be taking over Judge Chris Christenson's caseload in the Family Division.

Finally, with former Family Court judge, Judge F. Kay Behm's appointment to the Federal Judiciary, Judge Eliz-

abeth Kelly will be moving on to the civil and criminal division of the Circuit Court. Former Circuit Court Referee Ariana Heath will be joining the Family Division bench as Judge Ariana Heath and taking over Judge Kelly's former caseload.

Presiding Judge John Gadola is holding steady and will be staying in his role in the Family Division.

Still following along....good, now onto the changes with the referees.

Temporarily, we will be down to 4 total referees with Judge Heath's appointment to the Family Division bench. During this temporary reduction in the referee offices, 2 referees will be hearing the juvenile and neglect matters and 2 referees will be handling all domestic relations matters.

For the last decade, the referee work division has been 3 referees hearing custody, parenting time, and juvenile matters and 2 referees hearing child support and Friend of the Court matters. In addition to a new split of types of cases, there will also be a

change in the type of hearings the referees and judges will be hearing as well.

On the juvenile side of things, Referee Mary Hood and Referee Lisa Lanxton will be hearing preliminary hearings, contested pre-trials, pleas on neglect cases, pleas on consent calendar cases, and some trials.

The Family Division Judges will be handling reviews, trials, and any other matters that require judge involvement. Referee Hood will be hearing Judge Gadola and Judge Hanible matters. Referee Lanxton will be hearing Judge Weier and Judge Heath matters.

The goal of these changes is to help meet State Court Administrative Office timeframes and will help get results for families more quickly as it relates to the time sensitive issues involved in juvenile cases.

On the domestic side of things, Referee Sandra Carlson and Referee Coryelle Christie will be hearing all pro per matters related to custody, parenting time, child support, divorce, Prosecutor Family Support cases, and

Friend of the Court matters. We are looking to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Heath in the near future. The Family Division Judges will be hearing all matters involving two attorneys, matters that must be heard by judges, like spousal support and property issues, as well as parenting time show causes requested by the Friend of the Court.

For the last decade, the referee matters sometimes resulted in one hearing before one referee on custody and another referee hearing on support. These changes will consolidate those hearings and will make it easier for the families we serve to have their issues heard in one hearing.

The new Family Court will look a little different than what everyone is used to, but the future is very bright. We have a great group of committed Family Division Judges, Referees, and court staff, who are prepared to make the Family Division the best experience for attorneys and the families who need our services. -ri



LAW LIBRARY PARALEGAL

With hard copy libraries moving closer to obsolescence, one might wonder exactly what are the daily duties of a law library paralegal.

The law library is primarily used as a resource center for self-represented litigants. The law library paralegal is the main court staff resource and located in the law library on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse.

Well over 50% of domestic litigants in Genesee County are self-represented. There is only one legal aid attorney for every 5,401 eligible Michiganders.

When members of the public come to the law library they are often scared, overwhelmed, and sometimes angry. They are at a loss on what to do or where to go next. This is where the law library paralegal and the law library resources can provide a measure of assistance.

The law library offers many resources for both the public and attorneys. There are computer terminals for electronic research and to access *Michigan Legal Help*. There are also cubicles for a quiet workspace.

For those who are not tech savvy or just need a little more direction, I often provide some direction on materials related to domestic issues and name change. I assist with locating forms, and the procedural order

the documents go in for filing. I also walk them through the next steps in the process and give a general idea of what to expect. It may not seem like much, but it seems to be appreciated.

In short, the law library paralegal is here to not only maintain the library but also to support its users. -ho



PRE-PETITION LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND SOCIAL WORK ADVOCACY KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

With the assistance of a grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and in collaboration with Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, the 7th Circuit Court – Family Division will be launching a pre-petition legal representation program.

Children come to the attention of the child protection system for many reasons. Too often, children enter or linger in foster care because their parents are struggling with poverty-related issues, and these issues do not always warrant separating children from their families.

A window of time exists during child welfare investigations to

help families stay together and avoid entering the court system. Providing legal representation before a neglect petition is filed is one way to stabilize families during this time.

Pre-petition legal representation programs can offer parents legal representation and social work advocacy to address the matters including divorce and custody, personal protection orders, safe and stable housing, public benefits, guardianship, and other issues that help prevent child maltreatment.

The cornerstone of the project is the staffing model. The program uses an interdisciplinary team approach that consists of an attorney and a social worker. The

project attorney is essential in identifying the specific civil legal issues affecting the family and addressing those legal issues.

The project attorney also makes an initial determination of the family's social, emotional, economic, and other related needs. Where appropriate, the attorney refers parents to the project social worker.

The social worker focuses on the underlying issues affecting the families, including the social, emotional, economic, and other needs identified initially.

The social worker can refer clients to community resources that address those issues, thereby supporting the attorney's

legal work on behalf of the client.

Such community resources may include mental health or substance abuse counseling, income maintenance, affordable housing, and domestic violence advocacy.

This interdisciplinary model to child welfare services is a promising trend nationally.

While few formal studies on pre-petition legal representation programs exist, evaluations of a collection of pilot programs show great promise, including nearly 100% prevention of foster care entries and cost savings of 2-to-1 when compared with the cost of foster care placement. –ri



NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIEND OF THE COURT

For the last several years, the team at the Friend of the Court have been working on engaging with families, finding new ways to support the people we serve, and taking a whole family approach to Friend of the Court services. The efforts of the staff at the Friend of the Court to change the way they engage with the community have been recognized by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) in the form of a grant opportunity.

The grant is for a 2Gen, or two generational, approach for looking at Friend of the Court services, which includes training and project design. In a 2Gen approach, the service

provider takes a whole family approach and engages with community partners to improve outcomes for multiple generations of a family unit. Genesee County Friend of the Court was the selected site to receive training, improved processes, and evaluation.

The first phase of the grant opportunity, was for all Friend of the Court staff to receive tailored training related to motivational interviewing. In the training, Friend of the Court staff learned how to communicate by eliciting the internal motivations of those we serve to help them reach their goals. The training included both basic and advanced training and some Friend of the Court staff were

selected to attend a “train the trainer” series with members from SCAO, where they learned how to teach others motivational interviewing.

The second phase of the grant was to get feedback from stakeholders around the State to make recommendations on how to improve Friend of the Court services. Much to the credit of our team, the recommendations from the committee were largely to continue existing practices and to find ways to fine tune referrals to community partners.

In the next phase of the grant, there will be opportunities to continue the work that staff have already started and build connections with community

partner agencies and make referrals for appropriate services. There will be additional training opportunities to continue to improve the services Friend of the Court staff provide and open doors to allow families to get the services they need to thrive. In the final phase of the grant, there will be an evaluation that will look at the quality of life improvements that families will see when they are connected to services that are relevant for their family.

It is a great opportunity to be considered as a site for this 2Gen grant and is a testament to the good work being done by everyone at the Friend of the Court. –tm

geneseeLIVING

geneseeLIVING features events and opportunities in Genesee County.

Fredricka Savage authors the column.

APRIL FOOLS COMEDY SHOW

The Whiting: 1241 E. Kearsley St. Flint, MI 48503
April 1, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

BECOME A PANCAKE ARTIST

Dewaters Educational Building: 5360 Potter Road, Burton, MI 48509
April 1, 2023: 10 – 11:30 a.m. & 1-2:30 p.m.

BURTON EASTER EGG HUNT

Atherton Elementary School, 3444 S. Genesee Road, Burton, MI
April 1, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

EASTER EGG HUNT

Mount Hope Church: 8363 Embury Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
April 1, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

EASTER FOR KIDS

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church: 5005 McCandlish Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
April 1, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

FLINT HOME & GARDEN EXPO

3501 Lapeer Road, Flint, MI 48503
Dates: 4/1/2023 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., 4/2/2023 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

FLINT UNITED BASKETBALL

1401 East Court Street, Flint, MI

FOZZY SAVE THE WORLD

TOUR 2023

The Machine Shop Concert Lounge: 3539 Dort Highway, Flint, MI 48507
April 1, 2023 at 6:30 PM

KEGS & EGGS FEATURING MICHIGAN HEAVY HITTERS

The Fenton Fire Hall Kitchen & Taproom: 201 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, MI 48430
April 2, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

MICHIGAN PROM EXPO

300 E. First Street, Flint, MI 48502
April 2, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

NATURE CLUB: APRIL SHOWERS BRING ... STORMS

2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509
April 2, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

VERNAL POOL STEWARD-SHIP TRAINING DAY

2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509
April 2, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

FEAST COOKING CLASSES

Feast Gourmet Kitchen Shop/ Cooking Classes: 495 Fenway Drive, #3, Fenton, MI 48430
Dates: 4/3/2023, 4/4/2023, 4/6/2023 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

NATURE STORYTIME

2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509
4/4/2023, 4/18/2023 FROM 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

POLLYWOGS

Davison Township Parks & Recreation: 10069 Atherton Road, Davison, MI 48423
Recurrence: Recurring monthly on the 1st Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

21+ AFTER HOURS AT SLOAN

Sloan Museum of Discovery: 1221 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503
April 5, 2023 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST: THE "BAD GUYS"

Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission: 2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509
April 5, 2023 from 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC WITH JOHNATHAN FIENE

Cork on Saginaw: 635 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48502
Dates: 4/5/2023, 4/19/2023, 5/3/2023, 5/31/2023 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS: A STORM IS BREWING

2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509
April 5, 2023 from 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Flint Repertory Theatre: 1220 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503
Wednesday, April 5 - 10 a.m., Thursday, April 6 - 7 p.m., Friday & Saturday, April 7 & 8 - 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 9 - 2 p.m.

GOLDEN TICKET EGG HUNT

Creasey Bicentennial Park: 1505 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Dates: April 6, 2023

MORBID ANGEL UNITED STATES TOUR OF TERROR 2023

Machine Shop Concert Lounge: 3539 Dort Highway, Flint, MI 48507
April 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM

EGG-CELLENT EGG HUNT

Flint Children's Museum: 1602 W. University Avenue, Flint, MI 48504
April 7, 2023: Egg Hunts will begin at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

EGGNORMOUS HELICOPTER HUNT

The River Church: 2164 East Grand Blanc Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
April 7, 2023 at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.

FIA FRIENDS OF MODERN ART FILMS - WHALE

Flint Institute of Arts (FIA): 1120 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503
Dates: 4/7/2023, 4/8/2023, 4/9/2023 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sundays

FIRST FRIDAYS AT LONGWAY PLANETARIUM

1310 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503
Recurrence: Recurring monthly on the 1st Friday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

FULL MOON HIKE

2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509
April 7, 2023 from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT WITH SELAH

Cornerstone Baptist Church: 6273 Miller Road, Swartz Creek, MI 48473
April 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM

PERFECT LITTLE PLANET

Longway Planetarium: 1310 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503
April 7, 2023 - April 30, 2023 from 12:00 PM to 12:45 PM

PINKALICIOUS

The Whiting: 1241 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503
April 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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The *Michigan Bar Journal* of July 2011, included an article on Judge Thomas C. Yeotis, authored by Attorney Francine Cullari. It is included in this edition of *Hearsay* to underscore the contribution of Judge Yeotis to the community and GCBA. (We could not include Reese Stipes and omit Judge Yeotis. It would be the next Stipes snippet at a breakfast gathering. . . they liked me better!)

Citizen Lawyer: Thomas C. Yeotis

By Francine Cullari

Take a walk down memory lane to learn how the son of the second Coney Island restaurant owner in Flint came to give back so much to the local community. Gust Yeotis emigrated from Greece to Traverse City, then to Cadillac, and on to Flint, opening shoe-shine parlors along the way. He briefly returned to Greece to enter a partially arranged marriage to Georgia in 1929. When he returned, he opened the second Coney Island restaurant in Flint. If you are unfamiliar with Flint, Coney Island restaurants were as much a mainstay of the town as General Motors. In fact, Gust Yeotis opened his restaurant in 1936, the year of the sit-down strike at Chevrolet. He continued operating the restaurant until he retired.

Gust learned that hard, steady work and knowing and helping local residents can lead to success. His son, Tom, learned those skills as a child, and parlayed them into municipal, probate, and circuit court judgeships, engaging in a vast number of volunteer activities along the way. He learned much about life from his father and from his uncle, Harry Yeotis, who had no children but treated Tom as his own son. Harry told Tom, "I am not wearing this apron for myself; I am wearing it for you." Both his father and his uncle had a vision for Tom, and that vision did not place him behind the coney counter.

While Tom attended Flint schools, where he learned English and excelled at sports,

Citizen Lawyer is an occasional feature of the *Michigan Bar Journal*, focusing on public service achievements by recognizing lawyers and judges who have made an exceptional voluntary contribution to community causes. To nominate a lawyer, send his or her name and the reasons for your nomination to Francine Cullari at cullarilaw@sbcglobal.net.



Judge Yeotis enjoying a moment with Circuit Judge Duncan Beagle (Citizen Lawyer, February 2005).

his uncle was contributing to the Flint College and Cultural Center and funding a new school in his native Greek village of Skortsinou in the state of Arcadia. When the mountain village erected a statue in the village square in Harry's honor, the family could not be more proud—at least not until Tom graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in business administration and then received his law degree from Wayne State University.

Tom's uncle and father were founders of Flint's first Greek Orthodox Church, where his father served as treasurer for 20 years. Both men served in World War I in France, where Harry earned a Purple Heart. When he returned, Harry was very active in the American Legion and the Flint Chamber of Commerce. Tom's mother and aunt were also involved in the community as leaders of the Philoptochos Society, a Greek Ortho-

dox philanthropic organization. From his relatives, Tom learned the value, and perhaps the mandate, of contributing to the community. While Harry was showing Tom the importance of community service, Tom's father was showing him the value of an education by financing Tom's undergraduate and law degrees. When Tom was admitted to the State Bar in 1956, his father funded his first law office with \$2,000, at a time when a new car cost \$2,500.

A little more than a decade later, Tom was appointed to a municipal judgeship by the Flint City Council as a reward for his efforts as president of the Flint Housing Commission. The then Democratic city council approved the work of the commission, even though public housing was quite unpopular at the time; for many, it was the hated *quid* the federal government required from cities to receive the *quo* of urban renewal grants. The city clerk held an immediate swearing-in ceremony for fear that the council might rescind its vote; shortly after the vote, the council learned Tom was a Republican!

Tom's term as a municipal judge was short-lived, as he ascended to the probate court bench in 1968. Again, his tenure there was short; he moved on when a circuit court seat became available in 1971 and spent the next 27 years on the circuit bench. To this day, he still works as a visiting judge, arbitrator, and mediator.

Tom has been and continues to be involved with several community and professional organizations. Readers can appreciate the depth and breadth of Tom's

"The only people you should try to get even with are those who have helped you."

commitment by reviewing his lengthy list of volunteer services in the sidebar below. There is no doubt that he has fulfilled the fondest wishes of his parents and uncle. Now, he and his gracious spouse of 51 years, Magdalene (Meg), have passed the Yeotis values to their three children—Dean Yeotis, a local attorney, and Stephanie Kladis and

Georgeann Rivas, both of Chicago—and four grandchildren.

The Flint community has rewarded Tom time and again for his contributions with no fewer than 32 awards. When asked about his numerous activities consuming an untold number of hours, Tom humbly replies, “No one told me to give back. I just learned

by example that it was part of life. It was as natural and necessary as living itself for my family.”

Hon. Duncan Beagle of the Genesee County Circuit Court, a Citizen Lawyer featured in the *Michigan Bar Journal* in 2005, counts Tom Yeotis among the most influential persons in his life for more than 30 years.

Thomas C. Yeotis: A Lifetime of Influence and Accomplishment

Community Activities

50th CANUSA Games, Honorary Chair
 50th Flint Olympian Games, Honorary Chair
 AHEPA Athletic Hellenic Hall of Fame, Co-Chair
 Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Board Member/Secretary/
 Youth Director/Athletic Director/Board of Governors
 Big Brothers Bowling Challenge, Campaign Chair
 Boysfarm, Director
 Bruin Club (Mott Community College Athletic Scholarship Fund),
 Director and President
 Catholic Social Services, Director
 Cystic Fibrosis Sports Challenge, Campaign Chair
 Flint Basketball Commission, President
 Flint Council on Alcoholism, Director
 Flint Housing Commission, President
 Flint Jaycees, Director
 Flint Men's Bowling Association, Director
 Flint Order of AHEPA (Greek-American Fraternal
 Organization), President
 Flint Y.M.C.A., Director
 Foundation for Mott Community College, Trustee and Chair
 Genesee County Development Conference,
 Director and President
 Genesee County Historical Society, Trustee
 Genesee County Legal Aid Society, Director and President
 Goodwill Industries, Trustee
 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame, Inc.,
 Director and President
 Hundred Club, Director
 Hurley Regional Medical Center Advisory Board, Trustee
 IMA Children's Recreation Fund, Director
 IMMA Greater Flint Area Baseball/Softball Commission, Director
 International Institute, Director and President
 Junior Achievement, Director
 March of Dimes National Foundation,
 Director and Campaign Chair
 MECCA Big Brothers and Big Sisters 3-on-3 Basketball
 Tournament, Executive Committee
 Michigan State Alumni Club—Genesee County,
 Director and President
 Mott Community College Alumni Association,
 Director and President
 New Paths Advisory Council, Chair
 New Paths, Inc. (Halfway House), Director
 Old Newsboys, Director
 Rubicon Odyssey House, Director
 Sports Foundation of Flint, Director
 Urban Coalition of Greater Flint, Director
 Urban League, Director
 Wayne State Fund, Director

Awards

American Inns of Court—Genesee County Bar Foundation
 and Centennial Chapter, Lifetime Achievement
 Bruin Club of Mott Community College, Alumni-Athlete
 of the Year
 Bruin Club of Mott Community College, William C. Blamer
 Distinguished Service
 Community School Directors of Flint Board of Education,
 Mott-Manley Distinguished Service
 Flint Area Chamber of Commerce, C. S. Mott Citizen of the Year
 Flint Board of Education, Distinguished Service
 Flint Central High School Alumni Association,
 Distinguished Alumnus/Hall of Fame Inductee
 Flint Chapter Order of AHEPA, Distinguished Leadership
 and Service
 Flint Jewish Federation, Donald Riegler
 Community Service Award
 Flint Mayor Woodrow Stanley, Mayor's Drum Major
 Flint Olympian and CANUSA Games Committee,
 Distinguished Service
 Genesee County Bar Association, Distinguished Service
 “Lawyer of the Year”
 Genesee County Bar Association, Liberty Bell Award
 Genesee County Bar Association—Young Lawyers Section,
 Justice Award/Attorney's Hall of Fame Inductee
 Genesee County Catholic Correctional Chaplin's Association,
 Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame
 Inductee, St. Dismas
 Greater Flint Area Sports, Hall of Fame Inductee
 Greater Flint Olympian—CANUSA Association,
 Board of Directors Honorary Member
 Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America,
 Archdiocese Laity
 Hellenic-American Bar Association of Michigan,
 Distinguished Service
 March of Dimes National Foundation, Man of the Year
 Michigan Lawyers Weekly, “Top Ten” Most Respected
 Judges of Michigan
 Michigan State University Alumni Club of Genesee County,
 Distinguished Service
 Mott College Foundation, Distinguished Alumnus/
 Hall of Fame Inductee
 NHIBT Basketball Hall of Fame, Inductee
 Old Newsboys of Flint, Board of Directors Honorary Member
 Orthodox Youth Athletic Association of Michigan,
 Hall of Fame Inductee
 St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Distinguished Service
 Supreme Lodge Order of AHEPA, Distinguished Service
 Wayne State Alumni Club of Greater Flint, Alumnus of the Year
 Wayne State University Law School, Distinguished Service

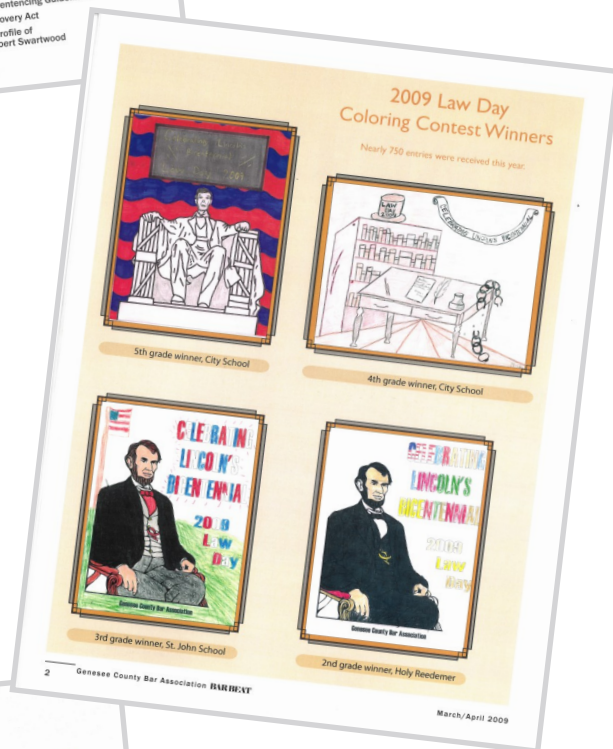


Judge Yeotis with his grandson, Nick Kladis.

Walter Griffin, recipient of the Michigan Excellence in Defense Award 2008 by the Michigan Defense Trial Council, reminisces, "As a young lawyer in the late 1970s, I observed that Judge Yeotis always treated lawyers and litigants alike with respect, even when it was abundantly clear the lawyer was over his head and dying at the podium. Tom was a mentor. His style was to let the lawyers work 'between the sidelines' and resolve the issues on their own. Many cases were amicably settled in that way."

Tom's son, Dean, shares two quotes he recalls from among his father's advice. The first is: "The only people you should try to get even with are those who have helped you." The second is an Indian prayer displayed prominently on his father's office wall: "Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins." Tom has lived these quotes through his never-ending contributions to his community. ■

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THE CHIEF SPEAKS

In the October 2017 edition of *Hearsay*, Chief Judge Richard B. Yuille, featured in his column, *The Chief Speaks*, a tribute to GCBA attorneys who also served as GCBA President. Two additional attorneys (*) have been added to the original article. It seemed right to include a re-print of the column.

In 1893, he became president of the State Bar of Michigan and was the first president of the State Board of Law Examiners.

It is interesting to note that when Durand joined the Michigan Supreme Court, there was another Genesee County resident already on the bench.



The *Genesee County Bar Association* was founded

120 years ago. In 1897, approximately 40 attorneys concluded that forming an association would be beneficial to its members and the community.

The first president of the GCBA was *George H. Durand*. Durand served in a number of positions in the community. He was an Alderman, Director of the Flint Public Schools, Mayor of the City of Flint, Congressman and Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court (1892).

Justice Charles D. Long served from 1888-1902. Long was from Grand Blanc and previously served as County Clerk and Prosecutor. He was also the first president of the Detroit College of Law.

Having fought in the Civil War and losing a limb, he was said to be in constant pain from his wounds.

His biographical information suggests that he took a short break from the Court, intending to return, but succumbed to the pain.

The tradition of attorneys who became judges and also served

as president of the GCBA has continued throughout the years. I am one of those judges who proudly served.

My congratulations to Don Rockwell, as he assumes the position of president, State Bar of Michigan and to Mark Latchana, as he takes on the role of president of the GCBA.

It is gratifying to know that service to the bar and the community is still held in high esteem by our profession.
-cjrby



Justice George Durand	1897-1898	Michigan Supreme Court
Judge James Parker	1912-1913	Circuit Court
Judge Paul Gadola	1931-1932	Circuit Court
Judge Ralph Freeman	1952-1953	United States District Court
Judge Philip Elliott	1956-1957	Circuit Court
Judge William Price	1970-1971	68th District Court
Judge Duncan Beagle	1983-1984	Circuit Court
Mike Krellwitz	1984-1985	Referee, Circuit Court Family Division
Judge Richard Yuille	1986-1987	Circuit Court
Judge Arthalu Lancaster	1987-1988	67th District Court
Judge Bruce Newman	1988-1989	Genesee County Probate Court
Judge Larry Stecco	1991-1992	67th District Court
Attorney Val Washington	1996-1997	former Judge, Circuit Court
Attorney Don Rockwell	2000-2001	former Judge, 67th District Court
Judge Mark McCabe	2002-2003	67th District Court
*Judge B. Chris Christenson	2010-2011	Circuit Court
Judge Mark Latchana	2017-2018	67th District Court
*Judge Jessica Hammon	2018-2019	67th District Court

President's Column

Your Bar Association, A Mellifluous Blend of Personalities

by Mark C. McCabe

As I write these words, the Bar Association is in mourning over the passing of two champions of justice, Earl Cline and Glenn Epps. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families and friends.

I consider myself a very lucky fellow because, when they were with us, I had the opportunity to get to know and greatly respect both of these gentlemen. The conduit was the Genesee County Bar Association.

By serving on various committees and boards with them and going to monthly meetings, I came to consider both as friends and trusted advisers.

I'd like to share a short story about another Genesee County Bar Association attorney and how I came to get to know him.

I'd been an attorney about two weeks (as this gentleman sometimes says) when I received a flyer for an ICLE presentation on Probate and Trust Practice to be held in Traverse City.

The point here is that this Bar Association is more than 600 members strong.

The lifelong friendships and acquaintances I've made through the Bar are priceless.

There were short biographical sketches about each of the attorney faculty members including one from Flint, Michigan.

I was in the company of a couple other attorneys and read with utter amazement that this fellow had graduated number one in his class from Harvard Law School and was the Law Review Editor; had been a submarine commander and Navy Captain in World War II and the winner of this Country's highest award – the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was also an Olympic gold medal winner in swimming and was the former Governor of Rhode Island!

I couldn't believe it. Here in good old Flint, Michigan an attorney with such credentials. I repeated the biography out loud

to my associates and told them that I had no idea that Reese Stipes had accomplished so much.

They had both already read the brochure and urged me to take a closer look. I did and discovered the last line which I had first missed – "noted prevaricator".

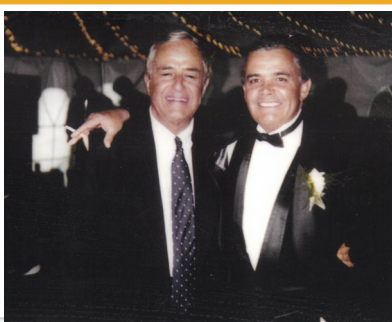
I laughed as long and hard as I could and called him to introduce myself and tell him how his bio had most certainly gotten my attention.

I have gotten to know Reese quite well over the years through our mutual involvement in the Bar. As everyone hopefully knows and remembers, he eventually became Bar President and in his farewell column took credit for the fall of the Berlin wall and the end of communism.

A final footnote to this story – when Mr. Stipes gave his presentation at the ICLE seminar apparently all 350 attendees also had neglected to read the bio's last line as he was greeted with a thunderous standing ovation.

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Attorney Reese Stipes was featured in this article (shaded area) and he wrote the next article on page 13 which appeared in the January-February 2004 edition of *Bar Beat* as a tribute to his friend, Judge Thomas Gadola. It is all vintage Reese! As a tribute to the attorney, master of ceremonies extraordinaire and gifted humorist, these articles and photos are included.



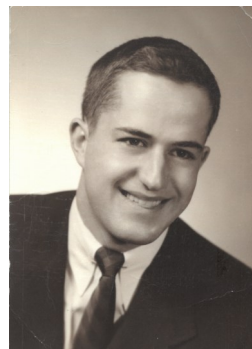
Brother Reese and Tom (Attorney Tommy Stipes)



Mark C. McCabe

started on all of the names, both still with us and not, I would never finish, so I won't.

Getting involved and active is the key. For all members of the Bar, young and not as young, try and get to know everyone you can while they're still with us. Join a committee, volunteer for the holiday dinner, help with the golf outing or Law Day. As a start, come to a monthly luncheon meeting and hobnob with your fellow attorneys. You may find to your surprise and amazement that we have former professional and All American athletes, members of national championship sports teams, professional actors and performers, professional pilots and one Reese Stipes who first introduced me to the good and loving humor of the Genesee County Bar.



Photos provided by Attorney Marcia Stipes



Honorable Thomas L. Gadola



A loving husband for 45 years to Sue.



A devoted father and grandfather.

Remembering Judge Thomas Gadola By Reese W. Stipes

Tom Gadola would often say in public that I was his "first friend" ... I never knew what that meant. I never actually liked Tom Gadola. Having written that rather strange statement, let me explain why.

Joann, Paul, and Tom Gadola, my brother Tom and I were born in the first third of the last century. There was a great depression in those days. No one had any money except the Gadolas. So we were handed down clothes, cribs and toys from the rich Gadola family.

After Paul no longer lived in his crib (he was nineteen I think), and after I was born, Ann Gadola gave me Paul's crib, or at least, I thought she had. It was a beauty. We repainted it and got a new mattress and new mobiles. It was real cool ... cellular telephone, television, stereo! Then "Little Tommy" came along and Paul showed up at our door and wanted the crib back. I told him it was mine and to leave. He reminded me that he would someday meet a movie star who would later become President of the United States, and he would become a Federal Judge, in fact the most senior Federal Judge, and I had better turn over the crib. So, "Little Tommy" got my "real cool" crib and I was only two years old! Strike #1.

Thirty years later, I married Joann (not Gadola) in Texas and "Little Tommy" wanted to use my first new car to drive to Texas for the wedding, and told me to fly down. My

mother made me include him in the wedding party. "Little Tommy" and the Philpotts drove my new car down. Doug Philpott smoked pipes in those days, and they weighed about two tons each. All the way to Texas he banged those Dam Pipes against the side door of my new car (sorry, Father, but Dam was the brand name of his pipes). My new car was a wreck thanks to Tom Gadola not stopping the carnage! Strike #2.

Joann and I moved to the southern part of the county in 1963 to a new area with no trees, but there was a cornfield. We had the only home being built in this huge subdivision, except for one other home directly across the street. We moved in, I look across the street and THERE WAS TOM GADOLA! For forty years he borrowed rakes, shovels, spreaders and they all disappeared, thousands of dollars gone! Strike #3.

Tom spent almost fifty years trying to help families, abused and neglected children, and horrible custody fights. He had such patience, compassion and wisdom. When he was away from court, he spent every moment of his life with his family. He was like a "big kid" himself playing with the boys all the time.

His children would enter the triathlon, while I would ask what in the world is a triathlon? He mentioned the children swimming from Muskegon to Milwaukee

and back, in ten hours, in February. Then they rode a bike up one side of the Mott Foundation Building and down the other. Then ran full speed to Toledo and back (the one in Spain)!

I had two darling twin granddaughters thirteen years ago and Tom had none. I finally had him beat and actually started to like him a little! Then, somehow, within two weeks, he had about twenty-five grandchildren!

When my granddaughters were two or three, they would not fasten their seat belts. So I asked the Judge to come over and speak to them. I was hoping he would tell them he would put them in jail or shoot them, but not "Little Tommy". He just said, "Please wear your seat belts". As the Judge walked away, either Meg or Kate said to me, "Well, he might be the Judge, but he can't always be everywhere!"

Martha Gadola and Jay have a beautiful little boy named Nicholas. He could never say Tom's real name (Tom). It would always come out as "Tops", as in "Let's go to Top's house". The Saturday after Tom passed away, John saw a beautiful rainbow late in the evening in Ann Arbor. "Little Nicholas" was right all along. Tom's real name is "Tops", and my granddaughters were wrong, because "Tops" will always be everywhere.

Tom, your first friend says goodbye and well done. As I said, I didn't like Tom ... I loved him.

Ohio State University Water Drive for Flint Supported By Two Local Alumni Judges

Two 67th District-Fifth (Flint) Division judges who are both graduates of Ohio State University greeted and assisted OSU students when they delivered water for Flint residents. Judges Herman Marable, Jr. and William Crawford, II were present when students, faculty, and staff from the OSU College of Social Work delivered a truckload of donated bottled water to Catholic Charities in Flint on March 16. OSU students collected donations of money and water in February and March on all Ohio State University campuses to assist with the Flint Water Crisis.

The idea for a student-sponsored water drive came from Terrahl Del Taylor, a social work student in the master's program. In explaining his motivation for organizing the water drive Taylor told the OSU Student Spotlight, a campus publication, "I wanted to do this because I think every single person needs to have clean, healthy water. Every day, I take having clean water to drink and bathe in for granted," said Taylor. "When I heard about the water crisis I started to think about how much I rely on water daily, and I knew how much it would mean to them to have additional help."

Judge Crawford, who earned bachelor and law degrees from OSU, thanked and commended the students for their donation. Judge Marable, who also earned his law degree from OSU, assisted in unloading the truck. Marable said, "I am so proud of my alma mater and thankful for these students' concern for what is going on here in Flint. They showed up in person; they really exemplify Buckeye excellence."

Some might find it noteworthy that the Michigan/Ohio State rivalry was set aside for the student water drive. The significance of Buckeyes helping the Wolverines isn't lost on the students either. Taylor told the Spotlight, "I also thought that coming from students at a rival university would help encourage a culture of connectedness."

In explaining why it was important for the OSU alumni judges to be present for the donated water deliv-



Hon. William Crawford, II and Hon. Herman Marable, Jr.

ery, Judge Marable joked, "U of M is practically across the street from Catholic Charities. Somebody had to make sure the Buckeyes got safe passage in and out of town."

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Liberty Bell Award—Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha

The Liberty Bell Award, traditionally given to a non-attorney advocate, was presented to Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, fighter for environmental justice for Flint kids, by Judge Duncan M. Beagle.

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha has become one of the best-known doctors in the country because of her role in forcing the state to recognize and acknowledge that Flint's water was poisoning as many as 27,000 of the city's children.

As the director of Hurley Medical Center's Pediatric Residency Program, Hanna-Attisha conducted research showing the blood lead levels of children in Flint had doubled since April 2014, when Flint disconnected from the Detroit water system and began treating its own river water.

She was born in the United Kingdom to Iraqi refugee parents who fled the regime of Saddam Hussein. Now residing in West Bloomfield with her pediatrician husband and two daughters, she has long been an activist in environmental issues, including a campaign, while in high school, to shut down a pollution-generating incinerator in a poor neighborhood.

Hanna-Attisha is a pediatrician whose training and experience have focused on environmental toxins and health disparities affecting many of Flint's poorest families. Her

tenacity in dealing with Flint's lead-poisoned water has focused attention on this and similar environmental health problems in other parts of the country.

Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD, MPH, FAAP, is director of Hurley's Pediatric Residency Program. She

says she fell in love with pediatrics during her clinical years in Flint as a medical student at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine.

Dr. Hanna-Attisha now directs the Michigan State University and Hurley Children's Hospital Public Health Initiative, an innovative model public health program to research, monitor and mitigate the impact of lead in Flint's drinking water.

"Sometimes I wish I could go back in my hole," she said of the attention. "I don't want any credit. I want resources for kids."



Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and
Hon. Duncan M. Beagle

Bar Beat June 2022

Slava Ukraini (Glory to Ukraine!)

By Linda Pylypiw

I am a first generation American, born of a mother, Tatjana Makarovs, who fled Latvia, and a father, Michael Pylypiw, who fled Ukraine, both after World War II. They met and married in a Displaced Persons Camp in the American section of West Germany. Eventually, they immigrated to the U.S. and located in Flint, because of the promise of jobs and the existence of a small but supportive Ukrainian immigrant community. The community centered around St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, originally located on Baltimore Avenue in Flint's North End and now on West Pasadena Ave in Flint Township.



Growing up, my father tried to instill in me and my siblings a sense of pride in being Ukrainian and an understanding of the difference between 'Russian' and 'Ukrainian.' I have to admit

that I didn't always get it. People would ask me about the origin of my last name and look puzzled when I would say it was "Ukrainian." Most Americans had never heard of the Ukraine. It was often easier to say "like Russian" instead.

My father didn't talk about growing up in Ukraine or the War. To be honest, I probably wasn't listening or asking questions. However, when I grew up, I learned about the Holodomor, (a Ukrainian word meaning "death by starvation"), the man-made famine created by Stalin in 1932-1933 to suppress the Ukrainians. Nearly 4 million Ukrainians died during this period. My father who was 7 or 8 years old during the famine, was one of the lucky ones who survived, although he was scarred psychologically. Learning about the Holodomor enabled me to see why it was so important to recognize my Ukrainian heritage. When the Soviet Union was dissolved and Ukraine gained its independence in August, 1991, I vividly remember the intense joy felt by my father and other members of the Ukrainian Diaspora. He and all Ukrainians would never want Ukraine to go back to an occupied country again!

My father fled in 1946, leaving behind his mother and brother, both who have since passed away. My first cousin,



Linda Pylypiw

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Michael, a retired doctor, still resides in a small town in Western Ukraine. His two daughters and the daughter of another deceased first cousin and their families were living in the capital city of Kyiv when the conflict between Russia and Ukraine began on February, 24, 2022. The fighting for the capital city has been particularly intense. My young cousins have since fled Kyiv and are living with relatives in the relative safety of Western Ukraine.

In February, 2022, we began urgently contacting relatives still in the embattled country, feeling hopeless, helpless, sad, and angry. I believe Putin and the Russians are once again trying to crush the spirit of the Ukrainians and treating them not like a separate people but as the unloved stepchildren of the Russians.

My relatives are very grateful to the United States government and the people of the USA for its financial and military

support. They prayed for the US and NATO allies to "close the skies" (impose a no-fly zone) so that the Ukraine military and civilian fighters would have a chance. Although disappointed, they recognize that a no-fly zone won't happen. My cousins continue to be optimistic that the Ukrainians will successfully repel Russia and continue to be an independent, democratic country. I am not so optimistic.

The small, but engaged Ukrainian community in Flint has been working to assist those in Ukraine and has had two successful fund raisers. If you wish to help Ukraine in its effort to retain its independence, funds can be sent to the Ukrainian National Women's League of America (UNWLA), 203 2nd Ave., New York, N.Y. 10003, 212-533-4646, <http://UNWLA.ORG> or to Catholic Relief Services, 228 West Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201, 877-435-7277, <http://CRS.ORG>

Bar Beat November-December 2019*2019 Holiday Dinner*

By Brian Barkey

As the Genesee County Bar Association and Foundation have done 28 prior times, we are inviting you to Christmas dinner with us. You guessed it, we are inviting you to attend the annual GCBA/GCBF Holiday Dinner with our Flint Community on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Masonic Temple. As you suspect, you might be asked to help out while you are there.

Though we all help people in our day jobs, there is a difference between our professions and most charitable work that makes this event a wonderfully rewarding experience. I don't know about you, but I am always reluctant and resist requests for money from people who approach me on the street. Though they are obviously needy, I always suspect that what I give them will not be used for food or bus transportation even though they assure me it will. The Dinner, like our day job, allows us to do something directly for the object of my contribution.

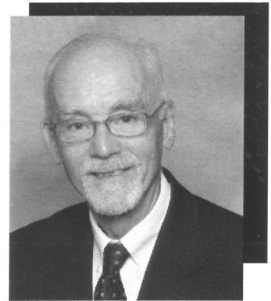
And it is very well received. Last year we fed over 1,000 people a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. 317 young children got a wrapped gift directly from Santa Claus. For the second year in a row, we gave those in attendance 351 books. Many of our members have been knitting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for those who needed them and last year, we gave away 700 of them. We did not run out until 6:15pm, which is a record.

I am always amazed at the reaction to the Dinner we receive from those who work on this event. For years, we have closed our law offices and the lawyers and staff have helped. Now, it has grown outside of the legal community.

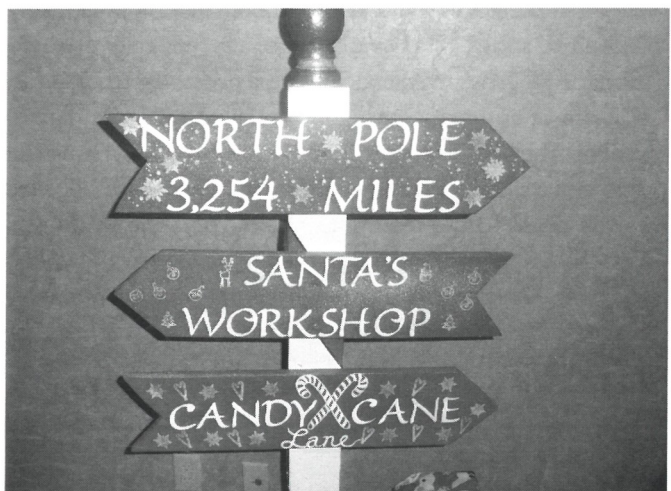
Many schools have identified the Dinner as an "eligible event" for community service points in their honors programs. Last year, the Fenton wrestling team and its coach as well as other sports teams appeared to help, and their energy was a wonderful and inspiring thing.

Our fund-raising goal for this year has not changed – \$17,000. If past history is any indication, you will not let us down. You never have.

Please plan to come to the Dinner. As I always say, it will make your heart grow in your chest. I promise you.



Brian Barkey



Congratulations!

Brian M. Barkey received the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly's Unsung Hero Award at the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting in September.

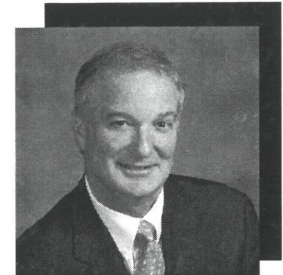


Brian M. Barkey with Kathy Kakish, 2008-2009 Representative Assembly Chair.

State Bar of Michigan photo

What You Need to Know about the Lawyers in Genesee County

By Walter Griffin



Walter Griffin

During my term as president of the Genesee County Bar Association, I had the good fortune to write an article highlighting interesting facts about members of our association which otherwise would go unproclaimed. Following is an updated list.

All American hockey player at the University of Michigan; participated in two NCAA National Titles:

Douglas Philpott

Lost to Elza Papp in a primary for judge: **Duke Parker**

Law Review—Wayne State University, 1970: **Brian Barkey**

Played golf at the University of Michigan: **Nancy Chinonis**

Played on the 1977 Notre Dame championship football team:

Timothy Simon

Marine fighter pilot in WWII:

Max Dean

Basketball player at MSU:

Tim Bograkos

Soccer player at MSU: **Paul Vance**

Daughter of Adwyna Goodwin Anderson, the first African-American woman member of the GCBA in 1974: **Kathie Dones-Carson**

Bomber Pilot, WWII: **Reese Dean**

Bike racer:

Hon. Geoffrey Neithercut

Certified nutritionist: **Sandra Carlson**

Two-year state champion basketball

player, St. Mathews High School, and coach of the year—*Detroit Free Press* (Powers High School) 1997:

Brian MacDonald

Lettered in wrestling, freshmen year at U of M: **Olaf Karlstrom**

Michigan amateur golf champion and member of Michigan Golf Hall of Fame: **John Lindholm**

The nation's first on-air female photo journalist: **Roberta Wray**

University of Michigan swimmer and world masters swimming champion: **Larry Day**

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Played football with the ex-coach of the Detroit Lions and San Francisco 49ers Coach Steve Mariucci:

Michael Kowalko

Ran against each other for prosecutor in 1960: **Reese Stipes v. Jerry O'Rourke**

MENSA members: **Lynne Taft, and Sally Shaheen Joseph**

Qualified for the 2002 Michigan Amateur in golf: **Tom Warda**

Her relay team placed first in a 5000+ women's mini-triathlon: **Susan Schneberger**

Pilot ground instructor: **LindaLee Massoud**

Admitted to the Hall of Fame of Albion College; grandfather was prosecutor in Genesee County; the youngest person to serve as GCBA president:

Hon. Duncan M. Beagle

Served in the army in the desert during WWII: **Gilbert Rubenstein**

Flew across the Atlantic in his own single-engine plane to prove he could do it: **John Siler**

Professional singer:

Sally Shaheen Joseph

Both he and his father landed at Normandy on D-Day, WWII:

Jack Wright

Member of Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame: **Hon. Thomas C. Yeotis**

Played football at Kalamazoo College:

George Hamo

Former assistant Flint city attorney:

Hon. Judith A. Fullerton

Young aspiring author of "Rabbit Stew":

John Streby

Old aspiring author of "The L Shaped Room": **Bob Beltz**

Former basketball referee for Michigan High School League: **Steve Spender**

Former city attorney; son became all-time champion on the television show "Jeopardy": **Charlie Forrest**

Father was president of the Genesee County Medical Society in 1970:

Ron Sirna

Hurley ICU neonatal nurse:

Teresa Knight

Avid game bird hunter: **Carl Bekofske**

First job after graduation from Duke University was selling women's shoes:

Tim Knecht

Halfback at the University of Michigan: **Richard Ruhala**

Played freshman football for Princeton University: **Bob Segar**

Former City of Flint police officers:

William Coppel and Ron Higgerson

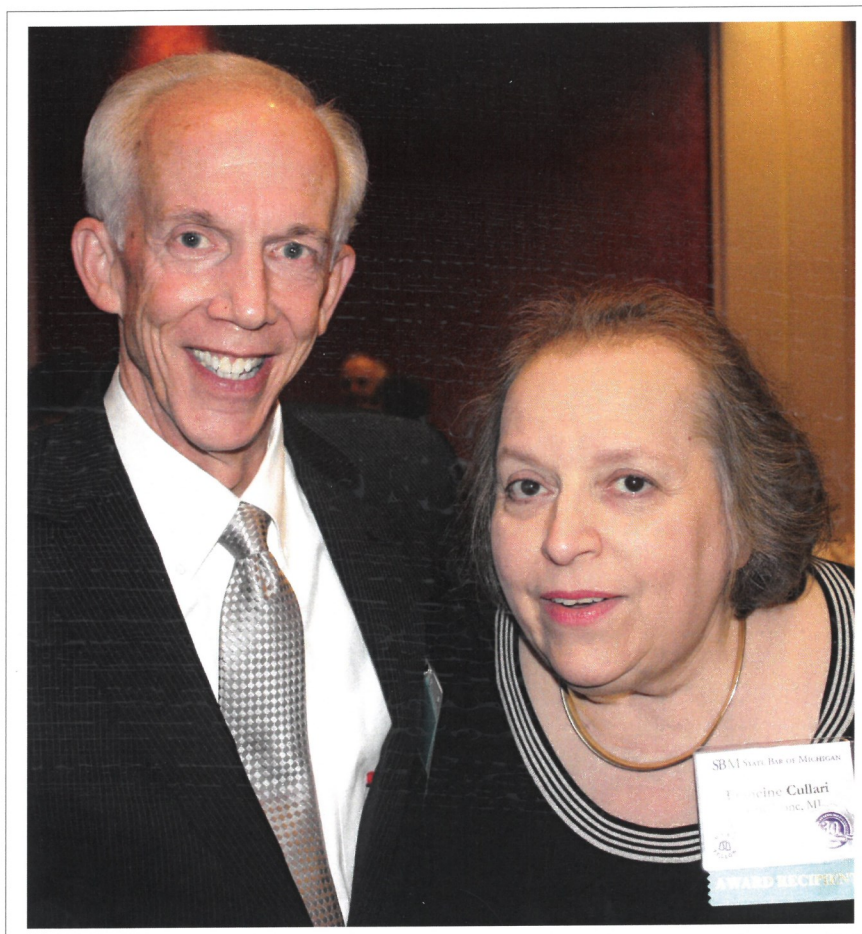
Former teachers: **Karen Folks, Olof Karlstrom, Jade Edwards, Carolyn Boegner, and LindaLee Massoud**

Graduated captain from Culver Military Academy: **John Pavlis**

November/December 2014

BARBEAT

Genesee County Bar Association



Donald Rockwell and State Bar of Michigan Roberts P. Hudson Award Winner, Francine Cullari

There is No Stupid Question
State Bar Honors Francine Cullari
Genesee County Bar Foundation
"Bruton, We Have a Problem"
Are You Ready? What if You're Not?
When Parents are Unmarried: ADAPT
Paternity Project

Who's on the Bench? Hon. Geoffrey L.
Neithercut, 7th Circuit Court
Community Action Committee: Making a
Difference
New Member Profile Affiliates Division:
Amy Braley Hadd and Kimberly Poisson
Pure Joy!

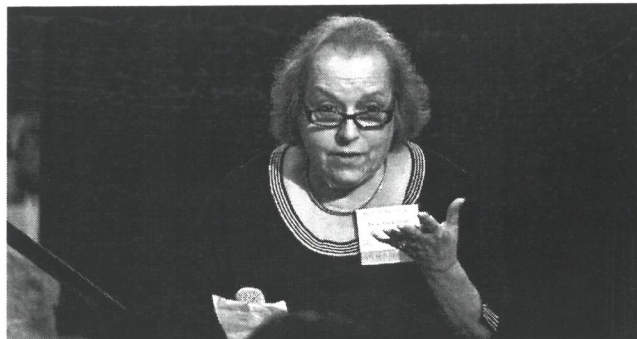
State Bar Honors Francine Cullari

By Brian M. Barkey

At a banquet in September, the State Bar of Michigan presented its highest honor to GCBA member Francine Cullari. The Roberts P. Hudson Award is intended to recognize a member of the State Bar whose service brings honor, esteem and respect not only to themselves but to our entire profession. The standard for this award is so high that it is not given every year.

This is especially gratifying in the case of Francine, whose work is often out of the public eye. In Genesee County, we know about Francine's unselfish service to the GCBA. As a 15-year member of the board of directors, an officer and president she initiated many projects and programs still in practice, and some sorely missed.

Less well known is the work Francine performs for the SBM. She currently serves as chair of its Publications and Website Advisory Committee responsible, among other



Francine Cullari

things, for the monthly *Michigan Bar Journal*, and she developed its popular *Citizen Lawyer* series. She has served as a member of the Representative Assembly and Board of Commissioners and has headed innumerable committees.

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State Bar Honors ... continued

In each of these roles, Francine has played an active but frequently invisible part. As Joseph Kimble, editor of the Plain Language column in the *Michigan Bar Journal*, stated in his nomination letter, "It is a pleasure to serve on a committee that she chairs. She gets the best and most from everyone – to the great benefit of our State Bar."

As we heard the list of Francine's accomplishments for the benefit of pro bono clients, her students and members of the local and state bar associations, we could understand why the SBM decided to give this award this year. It was gratifying to see that the State Bar appreciates her qualities as well.

Several other awards were presented for extraordinary public service. One of the other recipients was Matilyn Sarosi, a high school student who had prepared an amicus brief in a case before the Supreme Court on the issue of re-sentencing children facing life imprisonment under circumstances that the Supreme Court formerly determined



(L-R) Brian Barkey, Donald Rockwell, Francine Cullari, Linda Pohly, and Richard Morley Barron.

were cruel and unusual. In her brief acceptance speech Matilyn said that she had been impressed hearing all about the work of those who received awards that evening. "You must be so proud to be a lawyer," she said. Everyone at our table looked over at Francine. We knew exactly what this student meant.

Bar Beat March-April 1999

The Walter Barkey Practice Handbook

by Brian Barkey

Editors Note: Walter Barkey passed away on Monday, February 15, 1999, leaving seven children, five of whom are trying to apply his practice pointers to their field of endeavor. He was a member of the Genesee County Bar Association. The following article was submitted at the request of the editor by one of Walter's sons who also happens to be a member and former President of the Genesee County Bar Association - Brian Barkey.

Though Jennie and I learned torts and contracts in law school, we learned to practice from our father. This took the form of rules, for most occasions:

1. The Judge Rule. No matter if you were retired or not, whether you were a Supreme Court Justice, a municipal judge, a justice of the peace or a judge of a beauty contest, you were, for the rest of your days called "judge." "Call me Val" you might say, but you could not make my father do it.

2. The Judge Who-Is-Wrong Rule. This rule had a corollary: Never tell a judge he/she is wrong unless there is no other way out. The corollary: When you tell a judge he is wrong, have the law in your hand and give it to him.

3. The Default Rule. This rule had no corollaries and no exceptions: Never, never, never, never default anyone.

4. The When-You-Are-Tempted Rule. There will be times when you will be tempted by an unfair advantage. You might be tempted to lie. Short of this, you may be tempted to say something that while it might be accurate, leaves something out. This usually is some statement that will create an impression in the listener that though you intended that impression, is misleading. The statement is accurate but a lie of sorts. This temptation is greatest when you will get away with it. In spite of this, never do it. You might get for that



Jennie Barkey, now Genesee County Friend of the Court shares a good time with her father Walter Barkey (Photo by Barry Edmonds).

client an advantage he/she might not have had with complete disclosure, but every future client will pay the price. When you stand to make your case and you have a reputation for candor, the judge will pick up his pen.

5. The Smell Test. Even if your position is logical, even if you can find law to support it, even if your argument is persuasive, if it does not smell right, trust your nose.

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Courthouse Rededication

by H. William Reising

The weekend of September 12-14, 2003, is going to be a truly memorable experience for members of this association. That is the weekend of the Courthouse Rededication beginning with the formal rededication on Friday, a Gala Event on Saturday evening, and a public open house on Sunday afternoon. The intent behind the weekend celebration is to highlight the history and importance of the Courthouse, and to "show it off." For anyone who has visited the courtrooms in the old section of the Courthouse that have been redone, they can only be categorized as being spectacular. It is truly a pleasure to work in such a setting, and it gives one a real sense of

history. A flyer was distributed in the most recent mailing from the Bar Association indicating that volunteers are needed for the Sunday public open house. I would like to encourage members of the Bar Association to volunteer some of their time to show off this jewel, and to assist the public in understanding the history and importance of the Courthouse in our justice system. For those that are so inclined, the Courthouse Gala on Saturday night will be fantastic. The cost will be \$77 per person, the age of the Courthouse, and you may be assured that the event will be well worth it. Members of the Bar Association also received a solicitation for donations for the Courthouse Rededication, and I would like to also encourage those donations. Any monies received will be used to defray the costs of the rededication weekend. The left over monies will be placed into the Courthouse preservation fund.

I look forward to seeing a large turn out on Saturday evening, and also on Sunday. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Editor's note: Bill Reising serves as Treasurer of the Board of Directors and as Co-chair of the Courthouse Rededication Committee.



Photo Gallery - Gala Rededication Festivities

(photographs compliments of Jerry Winegarden)



Event co-chairs Lynne and Hon. Robert Ransom and MaryAnn and Bill Reising.



Patricia and Hon. Richard Yuille.



Civil War re-enactors march in the military parade. Leading the troop is Kim Donald Shaw on the left in the first row.



GCBA President Dick Barron and wife, Mary greet visitors at the court.



Joyce Christensen, Janet Patsy, Hon. John Christensen, Z. Jane Farrehi and Cyrus Farrehi (L-R).



Mark Newman, Chris Christenson, Jeff Rocco, Dolores Coulter, Connie O'Brien, Dorie Barky, Fred Meiers and Carol Battiste volunteer at the Masonic Temple (L-R).



The Tubbs Family: Volunteers, Daniel, Jack, Elizabeth and Allison take an ice-cream break and check out antique cars (L-R).

Barb Menear with The Courthouse Gazette (est. 1926) paperboy delivering a Special Gala Edition read by John Nickola.



Gala committee member Mike Kelly, J.D. Winegarden, Jr., and ABC 12 News Anchor Michael J. Thorpe at the Bailiwick "Prohibition" Tea Party (L-R).

Why Law Day?

(A Brief History of Law Day and the Liberty Bell Award)

By Roberta J.F.Wray and Ramona L. Sain

Fifty years ago, at the height of the power of the Soviet Union, those of us old enough to remember knew May Day (May 1) as a day celebrated in Communist countries with massive displays of military might. It was frightening to watch televised pictures of the columns of tanks and missiles, their business ends pointed menacingly skyward as if aimed at the "free world," and to listen to the fiery rhetoric of Communist leaders pledging to "bury" us.

Joseph Stalin, the most feared of Communist leaders, was dead. But his successors carried on the war of words and ideals known as the Cold War.

In response to the perceived threat of imminent invasion or nuclear holocaust, Charles S. Rhyne, president of the American Bar Association, proposed a celebration of the "Rule of Law," also to be held on May 1. It was Rhyne's contention that "Law Day—USA" would highlight the difference between the accomplishments in science and technology, "behind the Iron Curtain," and the accomplishments of our people, under the rule of law.

Rhyne noted in his radio address on the very first Law Day that, "[I]ndividual freedom and justice under law is the great principle that distinguishes our form of government and our way of life from the Communist system." He said, "The world knows of our leadership in material things and of the high standard of living which our system has produced for our people." But, he said, "We want people of the whole world to know ... that in our country we are more proud of our moral principles as expressed in the concept of our government of laws than we are of any materialistic accomplishment ... of our people." As he recounted it years later, Mr. Rhyne

presented his proposal to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who signed it and sent it up the line to White House Chief of Staff Sherman Adams, where it stopped. As the proposed day approached, Rhyne had received no response to what he had thought should be an almost automatic approval

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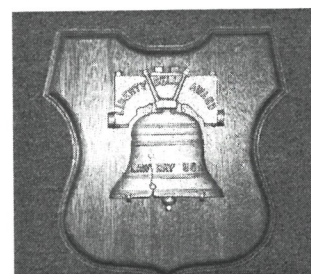
by President Eisenhower. He went to Sherman Adams to inquire. Adams pulled the proposed proclamation from his desk and handed it back, declaring "the president will not sign a proclamation praising lawyers." Rhyne said he stormed down the hall to the Oval Office and handed the document to the president. He was hotly pursued by the chief of staff, who admonished the president not to sign "that paper praising lawyers." Rhyne said the president motioned for silence, finished reading the proposed proclamation, and told Adams he would sign it because it was not a praise of lawyers, but of our system of laws. The day was duly proclaimed to be observed on May 1, 1958, and on each May 1 thereafter.

Liberty Bell Award

The idea of Law Day could not help but inspire young lawyers, not

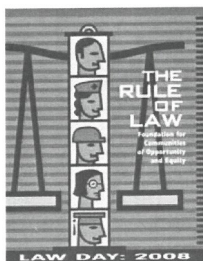
only to celebrate the "rule of law" themselves, but to try to encourage celebration on a wider scale within their communities. In Genesee County, Law Day had just such an effect. Members of the Genesee County Young Lawyers Chapter, including William P. Daniel, Anthony Mansour, and Harold Resteiner, conceptualized an award that has become a nationwide tradition, the annual Liberty Bell Award. Mr. Daniel says he was inspired by the Law Day idea, but he was concerned that it had already become a celebration for lawyers, like Mothers' Day or Fathers' Day. His idea was an award for ordinary citizens whose efforts cast a positive light on the rule of law in the community. Such an award, he thought, might also gain some good publicity for the bar association.

The concept, still in its formative stages, soon began to take shape. Bill Daniel envisioned an award patterned after one offered by the Valley Forge



The original hand-cast bronze Liberty Bell Award created in 1962 by GMI Engineering student James S. Pass.

Foundation. The Liberty Bell was chosen because of its historic connection to "We, the People," as represented in the Constitution of the United States. The award was to go to ordinary citizens, not lawyers, who helped to build respect for law in the wider community. The annual Liberty Bell Awards were first presented in 1962, by the Young Lawyers Section of



the Genesee County Bar Association. A young engineering student from General Motors Institute, James S. Pass, was recruited to design the plaque that has been presented annually ever since.

The first awards of the Genesee County Young Lawyers were presented to Mildred Hodges, a Central High School history teacher; Dr. Fleming A. Barbour, an ophthalmologist; Joseph A. Anderson, general manager of AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors; Msgr. Earl V. Sheridan, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church; and Ernest N. Whitmeyer, production manager for WJRT. Recently, Tony Mansour noted, "I specifically recall submitting the name of Mildred Hodges as a recipient. She was instrumental in encouraging her students, including myself, to learn about and understand the 'rule of law.'"

Since those first awards, the Genesee County Bar Association has presented more than 125 Liberty Bell Awards to citizens of the community, most of whom were not directly involved

in the practice of law, but who made contributions which forwarded the goals of the original Young Lawyers, to:

- Promote better understanding of the rule of law;
- Encourage a greater respect for law and the courts;
- Stimulate a sense of civic responsibility; and
- Contribute to good government in the community.

After nearly 50 years, memories of the timing of the presentation of the idea to the State Bar Young Lawyers Section are a little murky. Mr. Daniel recalls riding to Lansing in Mike Pelavin's MG, with Tony Mansour and Harold Resteiner, to propose that the Liberty Bell Award be adopted as a project of the State Bar Young Lawyers Section. Tony Mansour also recalls the ride, adding that he and Harold Resteiner had become active in the State Bar Young Lawyers partly because "they fed us, and it was usually steak."

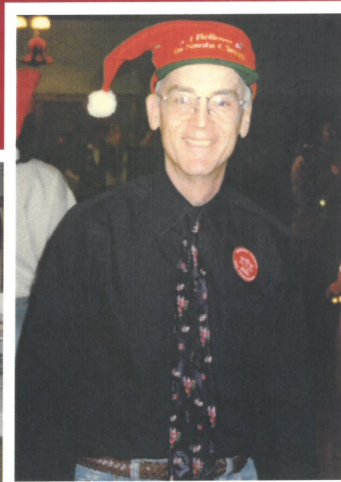
The Genesee County Young Lawyers reserved the right to observe and/or present their Liberty Bell Awards in their own way, but consented to allow the State Bar Young Lawyers to promulgate rules for the rest.

The concept was immediately adopted and presented to the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan. Daniel says he had the opportunity to present the idea to the president of the ABA, John "Jack" Griffin Weinmann, who immediately took it to the ABA Board of Governors for recognition

and approval. Within three years it had spread to bar associations across the country by way of the American Bar Association. And the rest is history.

Genesee County Young Lawyers, Tom Yeotis, Dick Ruhala, and Duncan Beagle picked up the ball in later years and have carried it forward to this day, resulting in a continuous succession of recipients spanning 46 years. Mr. Daniel says he's a little surprised that the tiny seed of an idea, nurtured by him and his fellow members of the Young Lawyers of Genesee County, has endured so long and spread so widely. For more information about just how wide the seed has been broadcast, Google "Liberty Bell Award recipients" on the Web. The result will take your breath away.

Editor's note: For a complete list of Liberty Bell Award winners, visit www.gcbalaw.org.



2004 Annual Holiday Dinner

GCBA thanks the many lawyers and families, staff, and friends who helped with the 13th Annual Holiday Dinner. Special appreciation goes to the Battiste family and staff of the Masonic Dining Room, which has provided meals for the dinner every year at cost.

Over 750 people were served and 375 children received gifts. We had 125 volunteers, who gave their time and donations of \$8,500.



2006 Holiday Dinner Volunteers



Investiture of Tracey Collier-Nix 68th District Court



Retirement of Attorney Magistrate Roberta Wray 67th District Court



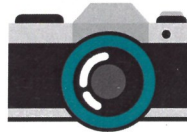
GCBA Around Town



Santa's GCBA helpers served 1250 dinners and gave Christmas presents to 485 youngsters at 24th Annual Community Holiday Dinner at Masonic Temple on December 18, 2014



At December meeting, GCBA senior attorneys invite Santa to join the "club."



Hon. Larry Stecco's retirement party (L-R) Susan DeCourval, Judge Stecco, and Dena Altheide



Hon. Larry Stecco's retirement party Judge Stecco and Judge Robert Ransom



Hon. John Conover retirement party Judge Mark McCabe and Judge Conover



Hon. Larry Stecco's retirement party. (L-R) Dennis Lazar, Tom Pabst, Judge Stecco, Chris Ebbott, and Timothy Bograkovs



Hon. John Conover retirement party Judge-elect Jennifer Manley & Judge Conover



GCBA November 2014 New Admittee Ceremony (L-R) Rochelle Ralph, Hon. David J. Newblatt, Jared Welehodsky, and Nicholas S. Laue



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Retirements and a Swearing-In



Past President Randolph P. Piper and current President Michael A. Kowalko



Jeremy R.M. Piper, Randolph P. Piper, and President Michael A. Kowalko. President Kowalko presenting a tribute to Randolph Piper.



Admission Ceremony: (L-R) President Michael A. Kowalko, Hon. Duncan M. Beagle, Daniel Bacon, and Craig Faye.



Hon. M. Cathy Dowd and family at her retirement party.

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Longway Planetarium: 1310 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503

April 7, 2023 - April 30, 2023

TRIVIA

Sugarbush Golf Club & All-Sports Simulators: One Sugarbush Drive, Davison, MI 48529

April 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM

2ND ANNUAL BOOJEE

BABY EASTER BUILD A BASKET

Be You ti 5: 5422 S. Saginaw Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48507

April 8, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

ANNUAL ADULT EGG HUNT FUNDRAISER & BRUNCH

Fenton Winery & Brewery: 1370 N. Long Lake Road, Fenton, 48430

April 8, 2023 at 2 p.m.

BELVA COMEDY NIGHT

Belva Food & Spirits: 203 N. Main Street, Davison, MI 48423
April 8, 2023 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

1st United Church: 1116 W. Hill Road, Flint, MI 48507
April 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM

BUNNY TRAIL EGG HUNT

Davison Township Parks and Recreation: 10069 Atherton Road, Davison, MI 48423
April 8, 2023 at 11:00 AM

DMC EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Davison Missionary Church and The Hub: 8428 Davison Road, Davison, MI 48423
April 8, 2023 at 1:30 PM

READY, GROW! GARDEN EGG HUNT & NATURAL DYES

2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509

April 8, 2023 from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

TRUNK OR TREASTER

Impact Agents: 515 Bush Avenue, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

April 8, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

EASTER BRUNCH AT ATLAS VALLEY GOLF CLUB

Atlas Valley Golf Club: 8313 Perry Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

April 9, 2023 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

EASTER MORNING BRUNCH

Sugarbush Golf Club & All-Sports Simulators: One Sugarbush Drive, Davison, MI 48529
April 9, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

ADULT 21+ GOLDEN TICKET EGG HUNT

Creasey Bicentennial Park - Grand Blanc Parks & Recreation: 1505 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
April 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM

EVIL WOMAN - THE ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA EXPERIENCE

The Capitol Theatre: 140 E. Second Street, Flint, MI 48502
April 14, 2023 at 7:30 PM

FLINT ROLLER DERBY 2023 HOME SEASON GAME

Flint Roller Derby 5315 S. Saginaw Road, Flint, MI 48507
Dates: April 15, 2023



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