

# The Bar Around The Corner: Genesee County Bar Association



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**Founded:** 1912

**Number of Members:** 100

**Brief History and Mission:** The Genesee County Bar Association, Inc. ("GCBA") was founded in 1912 by 17 attorneys on the steps of the old Genesee County Courthouse (circa 1843). It was formed to cultivate the science of jurisprudence; promote reforms in the law; facilitate the administration of justice; elevate the standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession; and to cherish the spirit of brotherhood among its members. The association continues this mission through continuing legal education offerings for its members, monthly member meetings, and participation in charitable events in the community. The GCBA celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September.

**Association's signature event:** The annual summer member picnic with the Wyoming County Bar Association draws incredible member participation. This year, the family event included an epic softball game between the two associations; a fully catered barbecue; a balloon slingshot toss and a visit from "Maxwell," the mascot for the local Batavia Muckdogs professional baseball team.

**Association's most important current project / initiative:** On August 1, the GCBA launched its first official website after tinkering with the idea for a few years. The increased demand by members for more interactive and mobile information made it a reality. The now continually updated website, [www.gcbany.com](http://www.gcbany.com), offers its members and the community a central location and starting point for legal resources and reviewing local legal issues of concern.

**Association's anniversary event:** The GCBA celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on September 20 with a gala for its members and the public. Preparing for an event of such significance to the association required countless volunteer hours and preparation by many members of the bar. Dignitaries from around the state were

invited, including the Hon. Eugene F. Pigott, Jr. of the state Court of Appeals and State Bar President-Elect David M. Schramer.

**How the members have helped to improve the association:** The GCBA is known as a very close-knit bar. Whether participating in the local mock trial tournament, presenting at

the "People's Law Series," or contributing to and supporting local charitable causes, members routinely give their time freely to the association and the residents of Genesee County. ♦

*The Bar Around The Corner is a project of the New York State Conference of Bar Leaders, [www.nyscbl.org](http://www.nyscbl.org).*



**Partners in education**—The Genesee County Bar Association and Genesee Community College co-sponsor the "People's Law Series," a public educational effort for residents of Genesee County. Photographed during the announcement of the program are Ramon Chaya, left, director of the college's Business and Employee Skills Training (BEST) Center; Lauren Cummings, BEST Center Marketing Specialist; and GCBA President Durin B. Rogers.