

Unsung Hero Award

All information must be shown on this application form and on any additional sheets in the same format. Submit this form online, by facsimile, or mail to:

Attention: Ms. Anne Smith
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State Bar of Michigan
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Applications must be received no later than Friday, March 13, 2009.

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Criteria

This award will be presented to a lawyer who has exhibited the highest standards of practice and commitment for the benefit of others.

- The recipient must be a member in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan.
- The recipient's contribution may have been made during the past year or by virtue of cumulative effort or service.
- The recipient is selected by the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly Nominating and Awards Committee.

Name of nominee: Brian M. Barkey

Name of nominator: David S. Leyton

Title: Attorney at Law

Title: Genesee County Bar Association, President

Firm or organization: _____

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A. Please use the space provided to explain the merits of your nomination along with all supporting materials for your nominee where possible. Give specific examples. The Genesee County Bar Association proudly submits the name of Brian M. Barkey for consideration as the State Bar of Michigan's Unsung Hero. The accompanying letters bear witness to the high regard in which Brian is held throughout Genesee County. The petition by GCBA members supporting his nomination further indicate the broad support for Brian in our legal community. Here are some facts about the Community Holiday Dinner that resulted from Brian's vision 17 years ago of providing a bit of holiday cheer for the less fortunate in our community during the holiday season:

- More than 10,500 local residents have been served a hot meal with all the trimmings.
- 5,000+ children have had their photographs taken with Santa Claus and received a gift. For some children, this was the only present they received during the holiday.
- Brian has recruited over 1,500 volunteers. Many come back year after year.
- In excess of \$75,000 has been raised by Brian and his friends to fund the dinner, staying true to his promise that the dinner would be totally self sufficient.

Brian also supports his community and his values of healthy living by:

- Donating untold hours to the Crim Fitness program.
- Changing hundres of lives in his role as a Training Leader for the Crim.
- Mentoring runners and walkers who want better, healthier lifestyles.

Brian's service to the legal community includes:

- Participation on many bar committees such as ADR, Nominating, 5K Road Race and Bar Beat.
- Service for many years as a mediator, arbitrator, and case evaluator.
- Mentor to dozens of young lawyers who need advice and direction.

B. News/magazine articles/radio/TV programs about the nominee's accomplishments (do not submit articles/tapes)

Date/Page	Media
E.g. 12/12/01, p. 12	Lansing State Journal, "Lawyer Begins TLC Program in Schools"
12/05	Michigan Bar Journal
2006	Running the Long Blue Line: The Crim at 30 (Book). Article titled "Sense of Community"
2002	Bar Beat article titled "Saints of the Bar"

C. Awards nominee has received

Date	Award
E.g. 2002	Marquette Chamber of Commerce Athena Award
2002	Distinguished Case Evaluator of the Year, bestowed by Genesee Co. Circuit Court.

D. Supporters of nomination (attach signed letters; identical letters from different supporters should be signed on one sheet rather than attaching multiple copies of the same letter)

- Don Rockwell, Centennial American Inns President
- Hon. Larry Stecco
- Ramona L. Sain, GCBA Executive Director
- Petition with 112 attorney signatures

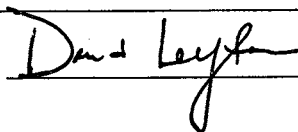
E. Additional remarks An Unsung Hero is implicitly someone who does not seek honors, awards, and publicity.

He or she is someone who works behind the scenes to make things happen; someone who, if they knew their name was being submitted for consideration of an award would plead that it not be done because they think what they do is really not so special. Brian M. Barkey is that Unsung Hero; a man of unstinting kindness and generosity who is often times referred to as the "Saint of the Bar."

After last year's Holiday Dinner, a woman in attendance followed up with a lovely letter. In the letter, she complimented the association and made a special note of the friendliness and warmth exuded by volunteers. It is no exaggeration to say that our volunteers feed on Brian's good will and infectious holiday spirit, which we, in turn, pass along to our guests.

F. Date: 3-13-09

Signature of nominator



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February 25, 2009

LAWRENCE E. NILL
(1944-1991)

Mr. David S. Leyton
President, Genesee County Bar Association
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Re: Unsung Hero Nomination of Brian M. Barkey

Dear Mr. Leyton:

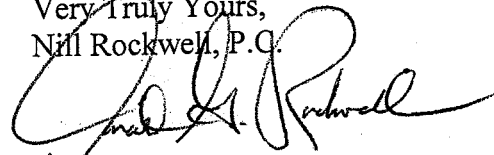
This letter is to express my pleasure in joining in support of the nomination of Brian Barkey for the State Bar of Michigan's Unsung Hero Award for 2009.

As you know, I am a past president of the Genesee County Bar Association and the current president of the Centennial Inn Chapter of the American Inns of Court. I well know the numerous contributions Brian has made and continues to make on behalf of our community. Not the least of these contributions is his unwavering commitment to the people in real need in our community. This commitment is demonstrated by his commencement and continued leadership of the annual Holiday Dinner where the Bar Association feeds and spreads holiday cheer to over one thousand of our less fortunate residents in Flint. This commitment is also amply demonstrated in his continued leadership role in the Crim Fitness Foundation which gives so much to our community.

Further behind the scenes, Brian is extremely active in our Centennial Chapter in Genesee County where he has given years of service in keeping our organization dedicated to improving the skills, professionalism and ethics of the bench and bar. Brian has served as our secretary-treasurer "in perpetuity", and has been the key promoter of our current mentorship program where our more senior lawyers are able to lend their experience to the younger lawyers.

Brian is a real treasure to our legal and non-legal community. Brian is also the last person to believe this as he humbly gives of his time and resources and asks for nothing in return. Brian is truly an unsung hero regardless of this potential recognition which he richly deserves.

Very Truly Yours,
Nill Rockwell, P.C.



Donald G. Rockwell

Judge Larry J. Stecco

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March 10, 2009

David S. Leyton, President
Genesee County Bar Association
315 E. Court Street
Flint, MI 48502

Dear David:

It is with great pleasure that you have asked me to recall my remembrances of how the Genesee County Bar Association Community Holiday Dinner originated. Two words. Brian Barkey.

In 1992, I was serving as Past President of the GCBA. At a board meeting, Vice President Brian promoted the idea of hosting an annual dinner to feed the less fortunate in our community. The board of directors was enthusiastic and became even more so when Brian agreed to take on all of the responsibilities. We knew that when Brian volunteered to manage a project, it would be completed. Successfully.

Brian threw himself into the dinner. This included raising all funds needed to cover expenses, recruiting volunteers, handling all public relations efforts, choosing the location and negotiating costs. Brian did all of this, and more, in about three months.

The "more" included recruiting a Santa Claus so that each child in attendance could have their photograph taken, and purchasing gifts so each child would not leave empty handed.

That first year, more than 500 people attended the dinner. Everyone was amazed, particularly at the level of organization and efficiency displayed that evening. But, we were even more amazed at the level of need and poverty in our community. A need that most volunteers vaguely knew about or a need that others possibly experienced at some time or another in their lifetime. But knowing a need exists and doing something about it is what makes the difference. The difference that separates Brian from all of the rest.

Brian Barkey saw a need in our community and did something about it. Now, seventeen years later, the dinner continues, having more than doubled in size. Brian, "*Holiday Dinner Chairman For Life*", still manages the event with the same level of energy and enthusiasm he displayed seventeen years ago.

David S. Leyton, President
Genesee County Bar Association
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I am aware that Brian's name is being submitted to the State Bar of Michigan for consideration of the Unsung Hero Award. I can think of no other person better suited for this honor.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Larry J. Stecco

LJS:smd



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Executive Director
Ramona L. Sain

March 3, 2009

Mr. David S. Leyton, President
Genesee County Bar Association
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Dear President Leyton,

Many in our bar association know Brian Barkey in his capacity as a mediator, case evaluator, arbitrator, officer in the Centennial Inns of Court, and as past president of the GCBA. I am also fortunate to know Brian as an extraordinary community volunteer.

For more than twenty years Brian has volunteered for the Crim Festival of Races. He served on their board of directors for fifteen years, five as president. Since 1994 and continuing until today, he also volunteers as a Crim Training Program Leader. This 15 week program helps runners and walkers prepare for race day. Each training group is comprised of 18-23 people who meet once a week from spring until the end of summer. Brian is so committed to this program that he usually meets with his group twice a week. When the program officially ends in August of each year, Brian's group continues all year: rain, snow, sun.

It is estimated that Brian has mentored hundreds of athletes through this program and has personally recruited dozens of training leaders, myself included. At Crim events, look for the largest group gathered. Brian will inevitably be at its center. There is a good reason for this. He always has a smile on his face. He continually offers words of encouragement to program participants, whether he knows them or not. He makes a phone call or sends an email to participants who are struggling with the program's physical demands. Brian believes in a healthy lifestyle and he believes in helping others achieve that goal.

I cannot help but recall a quote which reminds me of Brian: *"In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us."* Brian has spent his adult life helping others. He does not receive the accolades that many others receive because he is modest and unassuming. That is exactly what makes him the ideal candidate to receive the Unsung Hero Award.

Sincerely,



Ramona L. Sain, Executive Director
Genesee County Bar Association

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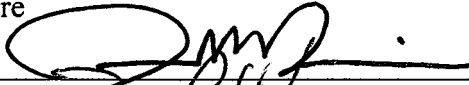
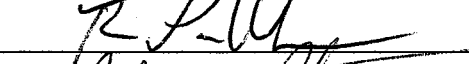
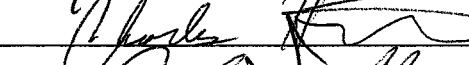
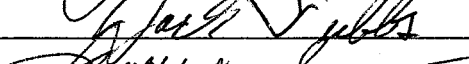
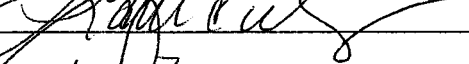

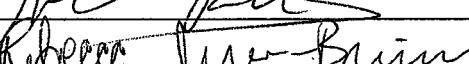
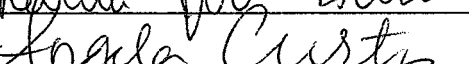
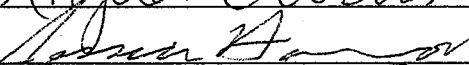
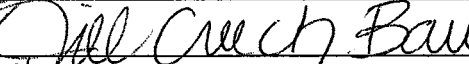
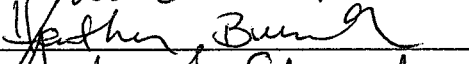

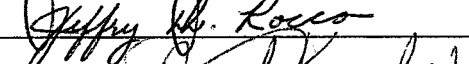
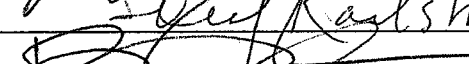

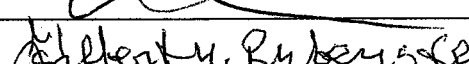
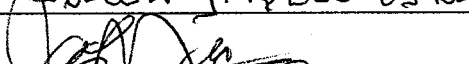


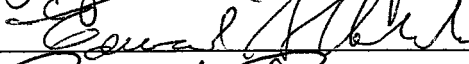
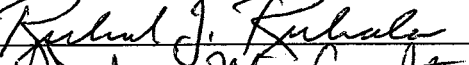
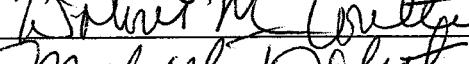
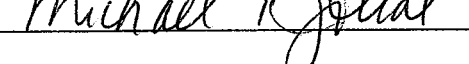



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We, the undersigned members of the GCBA, concur. We recognize the tremendous time, energy, and enthusiasm that Brian Barkey exhibits in all of his efforts to improve our profession and our community.

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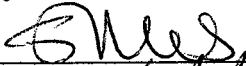




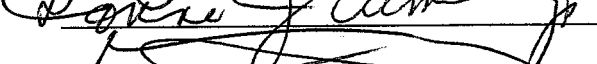

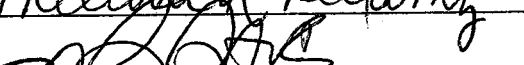
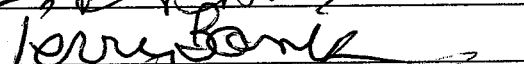
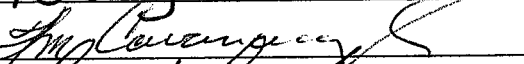
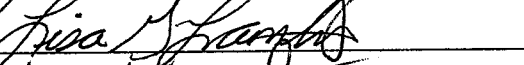

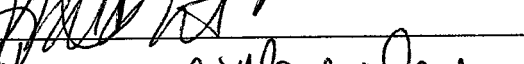

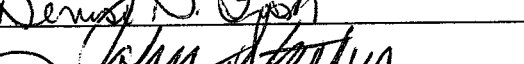
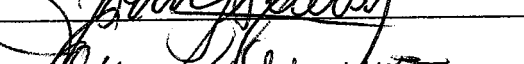
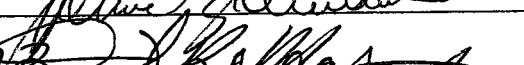

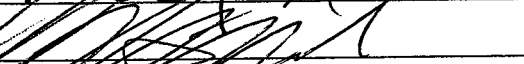





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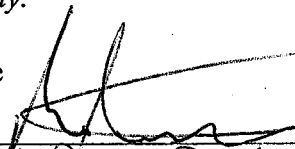
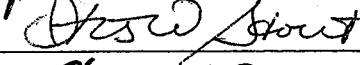

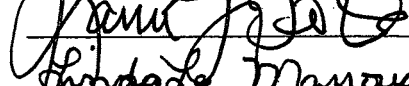
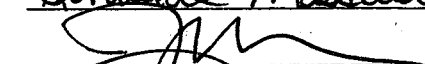
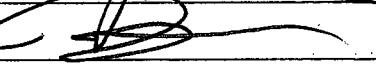
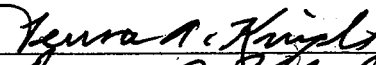


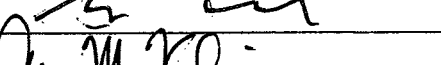
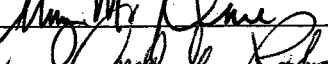
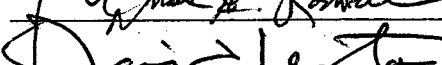
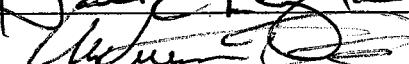
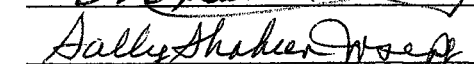

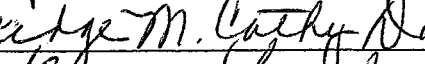
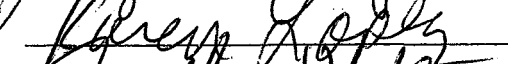
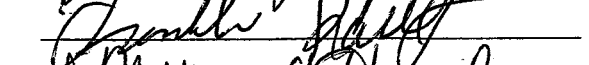
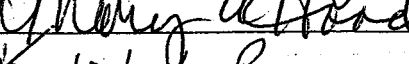
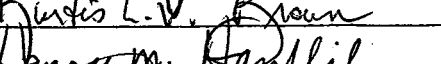
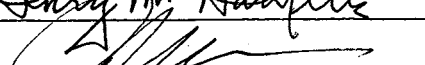



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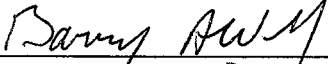


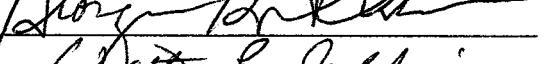
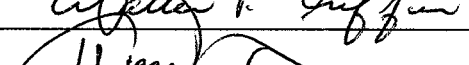

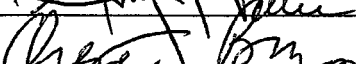
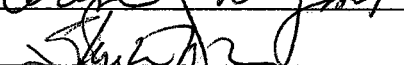

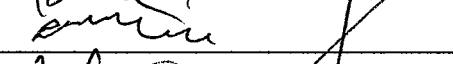



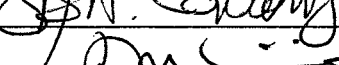

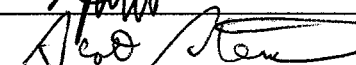
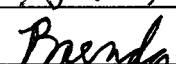
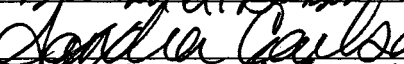
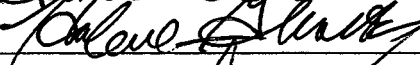


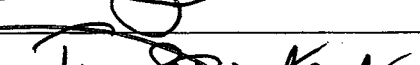



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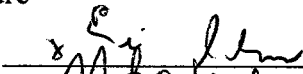


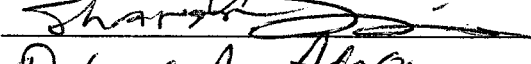
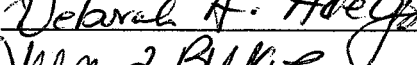
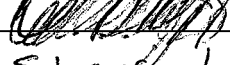
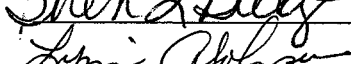
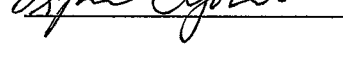
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