

THE DOWNRIVER BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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New Board Sworn In September 1, 2021 By the Honorable Michael K. McNally

David M. Loeckner Takes The Helm As
the New Downriver Bar President

David M. Loeckner was sworn in as the new Downriver Bar Association President by Judge McNally on September 1, 2021. Also sworn in were Vice President, Judge Gregory Clifton, Secretary Anne N. Pastrana and Treasurer Todd L. Barron. David and the Board have already been busy planning the agenda for the 2021-2022 year. First up on the agenda is Judge's Night that will take place on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 @ 5:30 pm at Mallies in Southgate. New this year will be a charity drive for professional clothing donations in addition to the Toys for Tots drive in December.

The Downriver Bar Association hosted another meeting on September 1, 2021 at Mallie's Sport Grill and Bar located at 19400 Northline Rd., Southgate. Please take note that the next DBA meeting is JUDGE'S NIGHT which will take place on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at Mallie's Sports Bar.

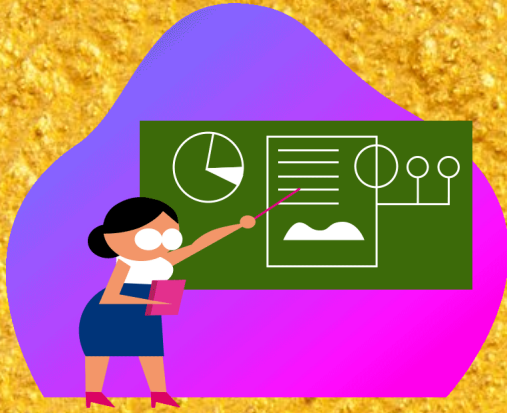


October Newsletter Feature Winner-
Victoria Shackelford

**\$25 Amazon Gift Card
Winner - Alex Daar**



BAR DUES INFORMATION



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS THIS YEAR:

**CONTINUED NETWORKING
MEETINGS EACH MONTH
(PANDEMIC PERMITTING)***

DOOR PRIZES

FIELDS OF

**PRACTICE/REFERRAL LIST
MEMBERSHIP LISTING ON**

OUR WEBSITE

GUEST SPEAKERS

NEWSLETTERS

TOYS FOR TOTS

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

**NOTE THE ANNUAL
DUES HAVE
REMAINED REDUCED
THIS 2021-2022
YEAR**

**- EXISTING
MEMBERS: \$50/ YR.**

**- NEW MEMBERS:
\$40/YR.**

**- BRING A NEW
MEMBER: \$40/YR.**

**- LAW STUDENTS:
\$25/YR.**

**- LAWYERS WITHIN
THEIR FIRST 3
YEARS OF
PRACTICE: \$30/YR.**

**- MEETING DROP-IN
FEE: \$15/MTG.**

**PLEASE MAKE
CHECKS PAYABLE TO
DOWNRIVER BAR
ASSOCIATION**

**DUES CAN BE PAID
AT THE MEETING OR
SENT TO
TREASURER TODD L.
BARRON AT PO BOX
1190,
TAYLOR, MI 48180-
5590**



September Downriver
Bar Association
Feature Member
HON. GREGORY
CLIFTON



Judge Gregory Clifton graduated from Detroit College of Law in 1982. After working as a law clerk for about 6 months for the firm of Frasco, Hackett and Durkin, upon passing the Bar Exam, he was hired as an associate attorney for that firm which specialized in civil trial litigation. In July 1984, Mr. Clifton became a partner in his own law firm of Durkin, McDonnell & Clifton where he practiced law for the next 30 years before being elected Judge effective January 1, 2015. He says:

"I did not appreciate or understand before becoming Judge the difficulty associated in making certain decisions - there are numerous situations in which a determination must be made within a very limited time frame that potentially could impact the safety of a complaining witness and/or the public in general as well as the safety/health employment of the individual charged. He is very thankful for his 25th District Court staff and said, "In particular, during the Covid pandemic, my court reporter and court officer have been very supportive."

Being a Judge during this Global Pandemic definitely has its challenges. Judge Clifton said: "The stories all Judges experience, both good and bad, are endless. During the last 18 plus months of the Covid Pandemic, the utilization of Zoom

technology has provided the opportunity to experience so many interesting scenes that I have been tempted to start my own reality TV show. On a more serious note, my favorite stories as Judge involve those occasions where I have directly observed the transformation of an individual has made in their life between when they were charged with a serious crime and the closure of their case. This is especially true concerning those individuals who have participated and graduated from this Court's alcohol/drug treatment program."

Finally, Judge Clifton says: "Being a Judge has reinforced to me that we are all human, we all make mistakes and that the goal for everyone should be to learn from those mistakes and become a better person. The key to success starts with the individual's desire to be that better person and being willing to make the changes necessary to do so. For all who appear in my courtroom, my expectation is that everyone be treated fairly and with respect."



**SPECIAL ACCOLADES AND AN ENGRAVED CLOCK
WERE PRESENTED TO 2020-2021 DOWNRIVER
BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT DEAN ROBINETTE
AT THE SEPTEMBER 2021 DBA MEETING.**

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