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**EDWARD M. RAKOW MEMORIAL &
BARBARA J. ROM AWARD LUNCHEON**

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**HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
ANNUAL MEETING**

November 12, 2020

Via Video-Teleconference
Detroit, Michigan

Speaker

Anna Clark

PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction of Breakout Rooms **11:30a.m.**
Fred Herrmann, Chapter President
Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter

Reconvene in main Video Teleconference Room **12:00p.m.**

Rakow Award Update **12:05p.m.**
Fred Herrmann, Chapter President

***Presentation of the 9th Annual Barbara J. Rom Award
for Bankruptcy Excellence*** **12:10p.m.**

Award Introduction: Julie B. Teicher, Maddin, Hauser, Roth & Heller, P.C.

Recipient Introduction: Richardo Kilpatrick, Kilpatrick & Associates, P.C.,
and **David Wm. Ruskin**, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee.

Recipient: Stuart A. Gold, Shareholder at Gold, Lange, Majoros, and Smalarz, P.C.

***Annual Meeting for the Historical Society for the
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan*** **12:20p.m.**

Annual Report and Introduction of Speaker
Matthew J. Lund, Partner, Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders, LLP

Keynote Speaker
Anna Clark, author and journalist.



Anna Clark is a journalist and writer who lives in Detroit. She is the author of *The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy*, which won the Hillman Prize for Book Journalism and the Rachel Carson Environment Book Award.

Anna's writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Elle*, the *New Republic*, *Politico*, the *Columbia Journalism Review*, the *Boston Review*, *Next City*, and other publications. She is a contributing editor at *Waxwing Literary Journal*. She received the Excellence in Environmental Journalism award from the Great Lakes Environmental Law Council, and her writing was a "notable" pick in *Best American Sports Writing 2012*.

Anna edited *A Detroit Anthology*, a Michigan Notable Book, and authored the book *Michigan Literary Luminaries: From Elmore Leonard to Robert Hayden*.

Anna co-curates the Motor Signal Reading Series in Detroit's Eastern Market. She has been a longtime leader of creative writing and improv theater workshops in prisons, detention centers, high schools, libraries, soup kitchens, and beyond.

She graduated from the University of Michigan's Residential College with highest honors and the Warren Wilson College's MFA Program for Writers. She was a Fulbright fellow in creative writing in Kenya, and a Knight-Wallace journalism fellow at the University of Michigan.

THE BARBARA J. ROM AWARD FOR BANKRUPTCY EXCELLENCE

The Barbara J. Rom Award for Bankruptcy Excellence honors individuals who, like Barbara, have exhibited the highest level of overall excellence in the practice of bankruptcy law. The criteria for the award, found on the Chapter's website, are reflective of the qualities Barbara brought to the practice of law, blending competence and civility as a "go-to" attorney in some of the area's top bankruptcy workouts, insolvency matters, and commercial litigation. Equally notable was her rarely matched selfless dedication to the community and the Bar as a leader, colleague, mentor and friend.



Stuart A. Gold, the 9th annual recipient of the Rom Award, is a Shareholder in the law firm of Gold, Lange, Majoros, and Smalarz, P.C.

Mr. Gold has represented consumers and commercial debtors, creditors' committees, bankruptcy trustees, and secured creditors in bankruptcy cases for more than 40 years.

He is a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and is a board certified specialist in the fields of commercial and consumer bankruptcy law. He is currently serving as a bankruptcy trustee and mediator in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

A member of many national and state bar associations in both Michigan and Florida, Mr. Gold has served on the Executive Board of the ABI Central States Conference, is the past President of the Consumer Bankruptcy Association, co-chair of the Advisory Committee of the Eastern District of Michigan Bankruptcy Court, and is the past Chairman of the Oakland County Bar Association Bankruptcy Committee.

Among other honors, Mr. Gold has been recognized for providing pro bono services to federal, state and private institutions, he is a Life Delegate to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and currently serves on its Board, and has twice served on the Sixth Circuit Judicial Merit Selection Panel.

Mr. Gold has frequently lectured for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, American Bankruptcy Institute, Oakland University, and other professional organizations. He is co-editor of the ICLE publication Handling Consumer and Small Bankruptcies in Michigan and co-authored the ICLE publication Bankruptcy and Insolvency in Divorce Cases.

Mr. Gold received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Michigan and his J.D. from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, where he graduated with distinction.

Prior Rom Award Recipients

2012 Judy O'Neill

2013 David Allard

2014 Steven G. Howell

2015 Wallace M. Handler

2016 Susan M. Cook

2017 David Wm. Ruskin

2018 Earle I. Erman

2019 Richardo Kilpatrick

2020 Stuart A. Gold

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Edward H. Rakow was a graduate of the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan Law School. After World War II, he was appointed Assistant Regional Administrator of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Detroit. Realizing the need for a Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Ed volunteered to help organize a chapter with former United States Attorney, the late Judge Thomas P. Thornton, and the newly appointed United States Attorney, the late Judge Fred W. Kaess.

Ed was a warm, friendly individual who had many friends in the area. He put an extensive amount of effort into organizing the Chapter. Within several years, the membership multiplied from a few individuals to several hundred members. After 26 years with the SEC and four years of naval service, Ed retired in 1966 and entered private practice. He never forgot the Federal Bar and its objectives. However, Ed's time in private practice was short-lived. He passed away in February, 1968. Shortly after, a scholarship fund was established in his memory.

This was the beginning of the Edward H. Rakow Memorial Fund and the Federal Bar Foundation of Detroit. Since 1969, scholarships have been awarded to deserving students of Michigan law schools who demonstrate outstanding scholarly achievement in securities, corporation or business law. In addition, awards to the Federal Bar Foundation of Detroit helped support the Rakow Memorial Section on Securities Law in the old Detroit Bar Library.