



The Chicago Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section Executive Council Link-Up

Information, News and Kudos for CBA/YLS Executive Council Members

June 2010

Note from the Chair



"Justice Never Retires: Respecting the Legal Rights of our Elders" was the YLS theme for the 2009/2010 bar year. When we developed the idea and began to devise projects centered on it, I did not imagine how affecting and significant the results would be.

Many thanks again to all involved who met challenges large and small to make this year such a success. We could not have increased respect for the rights of our elders nor created such a profound awareness of those rights without your help and support.

Over the past twelve months I have forgotten at times that the Young Lawyers Section is made up of volunteers. During the past year we have implemented more than forty community and member service projects, organized over thirty continuing legal education classes, and hosted numerous social events connecting young lawyers were so committed that it was not always readily apparent that they also have full-time, paying jobs.

The YLS Executive Council embodies what Winston Churchill once said: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Looking back, I am amazed and honored to have led such an incredible group of bright, talented, and hard-working attorneys. I am truly honored to have led such a fine group.

JUSTICE NEVER RETIRES

YLS Celebrate Bar Year at 2010 Annual Meeting

On June 3, 2010, the YLS gathered for its Annual Meeting at Patterino's Restaurant to celebrate the end of another bar year and the beginning of Jill Eckert McCall's terms as YLS Chair for 2010-2011.

During the meeting, Outgoing Chair Scott Henry recapped the past year, showed a video clip from the Serving Our Seniors project, and presented awards for outstanding achievement to YLS volunteers. Congratulations to Ashly Iacullo and Jeremy Roe of the YLS Intellectual Property Law Committee for receiving the David C. Hilliard Award for outstanding committee work, Mary Curry for receiving the Milton H. Gray Award for outstanding project leadership, and Special Project Coordinators Matt Passen and Melinda Usalis for receiving the Rising Star Award (presented to a newer volunteer who shows promise for future leadership).

Jill Eckert McCall was then passed the YLS gavel and began her year as Chair. During her concluding remarks, she briefly outlined her planned projects for the coming year, including a series of programs and events devoted to the theme "We Are Family." We look forward to a terrific new bar year!



Over 850 members attended a Special Association Luncheon with Keynote Speaker Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (ret.) on May 19 at the Chicago Hilton. Before the luncheon, YLS Chair Scott Henry was able to meet the Justice and have her sign his copy of her book, "Finding Susie."

Kudos to...

YLS Executive Council Members Making a Difference

YLS Board Match Helps Members Make Connections

On May 10, 2010, the YLS hosted "Board Match: Serving on a Board for a Not-for-Profit." With over 100 people in attendance, the event began with a panel discussion and was immediately followed by a meet-and-greet with 20 local non-profits seeking new board members. Thanks to Katie Liss for taking on this event and making it such a success.

YLS Gives Generous Donation to Domestic Violence Shelter

The YLS collected cell phones and toiletries from November to May on behalf of the House of the Good Shepard, a domestic violence shelter on the north side. Through the generous help of Ancel Glink, Burke Warren, MacKay & Serritella, Chuhak & Tecson, Johnson & Bell Ltd, Kirkland & Ellis, Leydig Voit & Mayer Ltd, Sidley and Austin LLP, and many individual donors, the YLS donated over 200 cell phones and 14 boxes of toiletries. Thanks to Special Project Coordinator Simone Jones for all of her hard work in coordinating the collections.

ABA Serving Our Seniors Project

Over the past bar year, the YLS teamed up with the Center for Disability and Elder Law and the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Section to create a public service project entitled, "Serving Our Seniors." Through generous grants from The Chicago Bar Foundation and The American Bar Association the YLS produced three cornerstone videos for the project. The videos were created and edited by the YLS and Illinois Legal Aid Online.

YLS Annual Meeting attendees were given a sneak peek of the videos on June 3. The project officially launches in October at an ABA/YLS meeting. A very special thank you goes out to YLS Vice Chair Justin Heather for coordinating the project. He put in countless hours of dedication to this project and without his lead the project would not have become a reality.

YLS June CLE

The following YLS Committees are hosting CLE seminars this month, please support them by attending a seminar!

- **Creating Safety Plans in Public Schools**
June 1/12:00-2:00p.m./\$40 CBA Member
Sponsored by the YLS Education Law Committee
- **Retirement Benefits in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Cases**
June 2/3:00-6:00p.m./\$60 CBA Member
Sponsored by the YLS Bankruptcy Committee
- **How to be Taken Seriously in the Workplace**
June 4/12:00-2:00 p.m./\$20
Sponsored by the YLS Women in the Law Committee
- **Same Sex Marriage**
June 8/12:00-2:00 p.m./\$40 CBA Member
Sponsored by the YLS Diversity Committee
- **The New Rules of Professional Conduct**
June 18/2:00-5:00 p.m./\$60 CBA Member
Sponsored by the YLS Professional Responsibility Committee

YLS Team in Race Judicata

Join the Young Lawyers Section Team in Race Judicata! The YLS Health and Wellness Committee is again hosting a CBA/YLS team in CVLS's annual Race Judicata on July 22. Visit <http://www.cvls.org/judicata/register.html> for more information and to register for the "CBA-YLS" team (choose in the drop down menu). \$33 per person until July 16 and \$38 thereafter. Proceeds support CVLS. Contact CBA-YLS team captain, Erin Masters at e.masters@npmfamlaw.com.

Other CBA/YLS Event Dates to Note:

For more information on any of the following events, visit www.chicagobar.org!

Alliance for Women/Women Everywhere Community Service Project - June 11

CBA Annual Meeting - June 17

Alliance for Women "Own Your Own Success Event - Law Firms and In-House Counsel Careers" - June 18

YLS Executive Council Orientation - June 22

Wills for Heroes Event - July 9

CBA/CBF Pro Bono and Public Service Luncheon - July 13

YLS After the Bar Exam Social Hour - July 28

Justice John Paul Stevens Award Dinner and Gala Celebration - September 15

YLS Meet the Committee Night - September 22

CBA Golf Outing - September 27

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