



Annual Report 2010-2011

Jill Eckert McCall, Chair

Over the Hill: Forty Years of the Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section

Although with rare exception members “age out” of The Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (YLS) after ten years in the profession, it says something for this organization to finally come “of age.” We are thankful that this 2010-2011 bar year, where we celebrate the theme “We are Family,” we are able to come together and toast to the large family tree we have grown over the past 40 years.

Forty years ago, the YLS was created to encourage young lawyers to work together on projects for their community and for their profession. Over the course of the 2010-11 bar year, we were able to add the programs and projects articulated in this Annual Report to the YLS legacy. What began as a small group of 50 young lawyers hosting continuing legal education programs covering a handful of substantive law areas has grown into a dynamic and diverse group of more than 9,000 lawyers and law student members. The YLS now boasts nearly 30 committees and 50 special projects, which provide the legal community with ways to engage and serve thousands of people in the community at large.

By giving the 2010-2011 bar year the theme “We are Family,” we honor those who came before us and built the YLS’s multi-faceted legacy of service to both the community and the bar.

For 40 years, the YLS has made it our business to help the newest members of our profession get acclimated and to provide them with opportunities to serve the local community at large. To fulfill our commitment, we continue request our member’s time, ideas and enthusiasm.

We still gather at our annual luncheon to honor those past members who helped build the YLS into the premiere young lawyers section in the country, and we are proud to continuously build upon their accomplishments. Please join me as we salute the Past Chairs, Officers, Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs, and Special Project Coordinators for their vision, cooperation and spirit. The pursuit of the YLS mission we have inherited motivates the future leadership of the YLS to work together with our communities to facilitate the administration of justice and foster an understanding and respect for the law.

We may be “Over the Hill” but we’re just getting started!



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YLS Volunteers of the Month

Each month during the bar year, I recognized someone who went above and beyond to carry out the work of the CBA YLS. Thanks to those we have recognized throughout the year:

- Social Committee Chair **Ashley Eddy** didn't just watch when her Committee's Director had resigned. Ashley, a new YLS leader, stepped up to oversee the New Bar Admittee social and secured year-long social sponsorship.
- Director **Martin Sinclair** hopped in to help a committee ensure that it stayed on track with the number of gatherings it offered members. He arranged for committee co-sponsorship of a program and also arranged for speakers for the standard committee meetings.
- **Brian Jones**, new to the CBA YLS leadership, has been a "double agent" of sorts—serving as both a Committee Chair for Wills for Heroes and a Director. Brian helped a Wills for Heroes couple finish their documentation in the eleventh hour at the November event, spending hours after the event had closed to get it done.
- **Brad Comer**, IT Department Manger for the CBA, went out of his way –literally – to assist a Committee Chair with technical needs by appearing desktide. He was able to the get a committee email to display properly on her office computer so that updates for future emails could be made.
- **Rebekah Rashidfarokhi's** work as a Director for the last two years has been outstanding and she is being honored for the extra-mile she has gone this bar year, including reaching out to her committees, acting as a resource for Committee Chairs and helping committees collaborate and sponsor joint meetings.
- **Elana Nightingale Dawson**, Law Student Committee Vice-Chair was key to coordinating all of the volunteers for the Annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. She communicated with the volunteers regularly and made expectations clear which helped the YLS raise more funds for the Chicago Bar Foundation.
- Special Project Coordinator **Alexis Reed** worked persistently behind the scenes on the Government Career Fair to make sure it was a success even though she knew she'd be unable to attend. This year the YLS hit record attendance numbers and would not have been able to do so had it not been for her efforts.
- Newcomer **Dan Saavedra** joined us mid-year to dedicating his time and video editing talent to completing Minute with a Judge.
- **Linda Heacox**, Public Affairs Director for the CBA, graciously agreed to design the 40th Anniversary booklet. After gathering all the data from YLS Past Chairs she was able to put it together and handle rounds of editing with a tight turnaround.

YLS Committees 2010-2011

Providing members with a monthly connection to the bar is the goal of committee meetings. Thanks primarily to the dedication of our substantive area committee co-chairs, the YLS was able to host 155 committee meetings during the bar year. These meetings brought more than 3,300 lawyers together in person and 520 together via webcast.

The committees listed on this year's honor role (designated with an "*" below) are recognized for ensuring that whether they were personally hosting an intimate brownbag or cosponsoring a related event, they were providing members a chance to meet up every month and many times also fulfill their CLE requirements.

Like most of our activities, committee meetings were enjoyed not just by young lawyers but by lawyers of all ages. For example, one of our past chairs articulated that lawyers who have staged out continue to attend YLS-driven events because they provide a safe haven for seasoned lawyers to explore practice segments they don't know everything about.

Balance that with the opportunity they provide to the young lawyers who drive them and sometimes speak at them (particularly last-minute when speakers are stuck in court!). The structure allows our newest members to learn to lead and supports them as they go.

This year was truly the year of the committee. When possible, we named three chairs to each committee in hopes that the three could divide the work and that each committee would achieve the goal of gathering at least nine times during the year.

Thanks to all of the YLS committee chairs and vice-chairs for their time and dedication in planning monthly committee meetings and seminars. Below is a breakdown of each committee's activity for the year, which includes their implementation of the overarching "We are Family" theme.

***Alternative Dispute Resolution**

(Jessica Bednarz, Ben Boroski, Elizabeth Hermann-Smith and Jessica Beaty)

The committee explored and promoted effective alternative approaches to resolution of conflicts, including programs, which work in conjunction with the formal justice system and promising improvements in non-judicial dispute resolution procedures. Throughout the year, the committee explored different approaches to dispute resolution, looked at the use of ADR in a variety of areas of law, and highlighted some specific ADR programs operating in and around Chicago.

Total Gatherings: 9. Includes 1 joint meeting with the CBA ADR committee and 1 seminar.

We Are Family Theme: Incorporated the theme into its October meeting with the DePaul Interfaith Family Mediation Project.

Committee Highlights:

- (1) The successful re-establishment of the committee;
- (2) Co-hosting a meeting with the CBA ADR "big bar" committee in April; and
- (3) The turnout for the seminar in January.

Notes from the Director, Martin Sinclair: *"Jessica Beaty, Jessica Bednarz, Ben Boroski, and Elizabeth Hermann Smith worked incredibly well together as a team. They shared responsibility and executed on an excellent year."*

Bankruptcy

(William Cross, Jill Ludwig, James Sowka, Michael Dudek)

The Committee continued its tradition of close contact with the practitioners and judges of the Bankruptcy Bar. The informal monthly luncheons were an excellent opportunity for attorneys to network, keep abreast of current issues in the law, and question prominent attorneys in the field.

Total Gatherings: 8. Includes 1 joint meeting with the CBA Bankruptcy Committee, 3 simultaneous webcasts, and 2 seminars.

We Are Family Theme: The Committee's June seminar focused on bankruptcy topics that arise in so-called "consumer" bankruptcies often involving families.

Committee Highlights:

(1) Several monthly meetings were webcast including the "Best Consumer Practices" meeting in November and the "Bankruptcy Preferences" meeting in April

(2) Participated in the annual Meet the Committees Night

Notes from the Chair, Jill Eckert McCall: *"Thanks for keeping this committee strong!"*

***Career Assistance**

(Susan Anton, Catherine Bernard and Marianne Deagle)

The Committee sponsored programs for lawyers of all levels of expertise facing career changes. The Committee addressed job search techniques, networking strategies, lateral transfers, alternative career options including contract, part-time and non-legal practice opportunities, stress management, and more.

Total Gatherings: 9. Includes multiple cosponsorships, 1 simultaneous webcast, and 2 seminars.

We Are Family Theme: Incorporated the theme into the April seminar entitled, "Balancing Love, Work, the Law and Family: Learn Strategies from Attorneys to Find Balance."

Committee Highlights:

(1) Kicked off the year with a well-received series of meetings on resume writing, networking, and interviewing.

(2) Worked well with other CBA committees/members to put on programs including the Alternative Legal Career Seminar with Alexis Reed.

Notes from the Director, Daniel Graham: *"They did a terrific job!"*

Corporate Practice

(Greg Fike, Nick Holland, Brad Perkins, and Ian Brodsky)

The Committee aimed to serve the diverse needs of young corporate law practitioners—including those at small and large firms alike. The Committee assisted young lawyers in addressing the needs of their clients, developing professional skills, and making contacts in the Chicago legal community.

Total Gatherings: 6. Includes 1 seminar.

We Are Family Theme: Included law students in all committee meetings.

Committee Highlights:

(1) November committee meeting on business valuations.

(2) Corporate Fraud seminar.

Note from the Director, Byron Wardlaw: *"The Corporate Practice Committee has remained strong and energetic with respect to the goals of the YLS."*

Creative Arts

(Sharyn Castle, Travis Life, Heidi Schmid Whiting, and Heather Tullio)

The Committee provides an opportunity for young lawyers to learn about art and entertainment law topics from seasoned practitioners and members of the art community. We strive to create a friendly environment where members can share their experiences, garner valuable tips, and network. Topics for past luncheon meetings have included the right to publicity, film production agreements, and representing screen writers. The Committee also holds two seminars designed to provide practical advice on an important topic of art or entertainment law.

Total Gatherings: 8. Includes 2 joint with CBA Media & Entertainment Law and 1 joint with YLS Intellectual Property Law, 1 simultaneous webcast, and 1 seminar.

We Are Family Theme: Combined with the CBA Media & Entertainment Committee and the YLS Intellectual Property Committee to host committee meetings.

Committee Highlights:

(1) Joint meetings allowed the opportunity to present hot cross-over topics and expand the group;

(2) Excellent turnout for the April seminar

Notes from Committee Chair, Travis Life: *"I cannot express how proud I am. I look forward to next year and expect even better things for our little group."*

***Criminal Law**

(Gabrielle D'Adamo, Darryl Goldberg, and Megan Sheridan)

The Committee was concerned with a continuous review of the Criminal Justice System (including the public defender system) from the standpoints of the prevention of crime, the detection of crime, the apprehension of the offender, the operation of the judicial process until determination of guilt, disposition of the offender, operation of the correctional process and the restoration of the offender into society.

Total Gatherings: 9. Includes 1 seminar and 1 special project (encouraged members to attend the ABA Informational Meeting on Pro Bono Death Penalty Work).

We Are Family Theme: The theme was incorporated into the January meeting when Adam Sheppard spoke about working in a family run criminal law practice.

Committee Highlights: Success of the December seminar, which was built on the quality of the panelists, including Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer of the N.D.Ill. and former Assistant United States Attorneys, as well as the high turnout.

Note from the Director, Martin Sinclair: *"Gabrielle D'Adamo was an incredibly dedicated committee co-chair and took on the vast majority of the year's work. Put simply, the committee would not have made it through the year without her hard work."*

***Diversity**

(Sara Arroyo Francis, Scott Golden, Bibek Das, Daniel Hwang, Erik Miles)

The Committee strives to build a strong professional and social network for minority attorneys as well as develop community outreach programs to better serve our communities. Meetings feature some of the most knowledgeable people in the legal community addressing a variety of innovative issues that are currently facing minority attorneys. The Committee works to provide a network of acquaintances and explore issues that face minorities in the legal profession.

Total Gatherings: 11. Includes 1 joint with YLS Immigration, 2 simultaneous webcasts, 1 seminar, and 1 special event (planned benefit).

We Are Family Theme: Cosponsored a presentation on election law and re-districting with the Asian American Bar Association. An adoption presentation was also held in June.

Committee Highlights:

(1) Same Sex Seminar in June 2010.

(2) Generated a \$1,000 donation for the American Red Cross' Japanese Relief Effort.

Notes from the Chair, Jill Eckert McCall: *"Thanks so much to our quick-thinking Diversity Committee, who coordinated a last-minute, well-attended social on the CBA YLS' behalf. The dollars raised went to one of the two organizations recommended by young lawyers from our sister bar association in Tokyo. Amazing!"*

***Education**

(Maryam Brotine and Jennifer Chan)

The Committee, established for the first time this bar year, aimed to provide young practitioners with an opportunity to address and understand issues within the area of public education law at the pre-K, primary, secondary and post-secondary levels. The monthly meetings offered presentations and discussions with practitioners regarding myriad topics, including labor relations, employment, special education, student discipline, student rights, policy development, board governance, funding issues, federal mandates, Illinois State Board of Education mandates and reporting requirements, and new school laws. The committee also addressed practice before federal and state agencies, such as the Office for Civil Rights, the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board.

Total Gatherings: 10. Includes 1 joint with YLS Labor and Employment, 5 simultaneous webcasts, and 1 seminar.

We Are Family Theme: Due to the nature of the Education Committee, the theme was embodied at every meeting.

Committee Highlights: April 2011 seminar attracted 50 attendees in person and 25 attendees on the web. The audience was lively and the moderators ran out of time for questions!

Note from the Director, Martin Sinclair: *"This committee was excellent to work with."*

***Environmental Law**

(David Johnson, David Scriven-Young and Allison Torrence)

The Committee provided information concerning the legal and scientific aspects of an environmental law practice. Such a practice can include litigation, transactional work, and counseling clients to comply with the complex regulatory and statutory scheme that seeks to control pollution, remediate contaminated property, and conserve and manage natural resources. The Committee also raised awareness of different career paths and provided career guidance to law students and young lawyers that are interested in environmental law.

Total Gatherings: 9. Includes 1 joint with YLS Tort Litigation, simultaneous webcasts for committee meetings held at the CBA building (held 1 offsite in a "green" building), 1 seminar, and 1 special project (Earth Day Clean-Up).

We Are Family Theme: Gathered a group of volunteers and their families to participate in Friends of the Parks Earth Day Clean-Up.

Committee Highlights: Especially proud of the high-profile speakers that spoke at the committee meetings.

Notes from the Committee Chairs: *"The Chairs of the Committee appreciate the opportunity to serve and work with the YLS. We look forward to continuing our work next year!"*

***Estate Planning**

(Dennis Coyle, Samuel Dotzler and Michael Passananti)

Drafting an effective estate plan involves more than just using the latest form book or computer program. Today's estate planner must stay current with recent developments in Federal and state case law, tax law, and new planning techniques. Committee members discussed recent developments on a monthly basis over lunch prior to hearing a presentation on estate planning topics such as: innovative drafting and succession techniques, trust administration, retirement planning, estate, gift & GST taxation and more.

Total Gatherings: 9. Includes 1 simultaneous webcast.

We Are Family Theme: The October presentation of "Probate 101" and the January presentation on "Changes to the IL Power of Attorney Act" highlighted the interrelations between the probate process and end of life decisions with family dynamics – and how they often become a volatile mix

Committee Highlights: Consistently hosted relevant and informative presentations – drawing well-known attorneys in our area of the law to speak.

Notes from the Director, Brian Jones: *"Other than attending most of its monthly meetings, these three Co-Chairs made my job as Director effortless. I could always rely on them to put together timely topics and follow through with well-run monthly meetings. This Committee was a picture of consistency – executing 9 gatherings over the course of the bar year."*

***Family Law**

(Christine Harney, Deb Dencer Lollis, Eric Pfanenstiel)

This Committee is geared to young family law practitioners. At informal monthly luncheon meetings, experienced and respected matrimonial attorneys, jurists, and experts discuss everyday practical and legal aspects of practicing in this volatile and dynamic area of law. In addition, formal seminars will keep the young attorney apprised of current legal developments and the many sophisticated nuances of family law practice. Both the luncheon meetings and the seminars provided an opportunity for young attorneys to interact with Chicago's family law associates and prominent family law attorneys and judges.

Total Gatherings: 10. Includes 1 seminar.

We Are Family Theme: Due to the nature of the Family Law Committee, the theme was embodied at every meeting.

Committee Highlights: Consistently hosted relevant and informative presentations.

Note from the Chair, Jill Eckert McCall: *"It wouldn't have been an amazing year without your regular contributions!"*

***Health & Hospital Law**

(Simon Auerbach and Elizabeth LaRocca)

The Committee provided a forum for members to exchange viewpoints and keep up-to-date, by both committee members and guest speakers, on current legal issues and developments related to the health care community.

Total Gatherings: 9. Includes 1 simultaneous webcast and 1 seminar.

We Are Family Theme: Supportive of the ABA Breast Cancer Advocacy Workshop arriving in Illinois for the first time due to CBA YLS efforts.

Committee Highlights:

- (1) Secured speakers representing a wide-range of health law practice specialty areas, professional backgrounds, and experience.
- (2) Convened a well-attended fall seminar.

(3) Successfully encouraged attendees to volunteer.

(4) Experimented with Webcasts.

Note from the Chair, Jill Eckert McCall: *“I am particularly thankful for the follow-through the committee presented.”*

Health & Wellness

(Jonathan Mraunac, James Cerami, Mike Alvarado, Erin Masters)

The Committee's goal was to promote a healthy work/life balance among attorneys. In connection with the Young Lawyers Section, the Committee organizes and encourages participation in Chicago's Most Fit Lawyer Health & Fitness Expo and Competition as well as other athletic events such as Race Judicata. The Committee will host seminars and publish literature on topics such as nutrition, exercise, and stress reduction.

We Are Family Theme: Family encouraged to attend and cheer on participants in Most Fit Lawyer competition.

See Service to the Bar and Community Section for project information.

Immigration & Nationality Law

(Lakshmi Lakshmanan, Patricia Luna, Bradley Luna)

This Committee provides young practitioners with an opportunity to address and understand both basic and advanced issues within the area of immigration law. With an area of law that continually remains in flux, both procedurally and substantively, this committee keeps members apprised of new developments in the procedural and substantive areas of law. The monthly meetings included presentations and discussions with seasoned immigration attorneys.

Total Gatherings: 8. Includes 1 joint with YLS Diversity, 4 simultaneous webcasts, and 1 seminar.

We Are Family Theme: Several topics on family-based immigration that discussed the law and its affect on families were presented at meetings.

Committee Highlights: Attendance at the May seminar, entitled “Overview of Nonimmigrant Visas.

Note from the Chair, Jill Eckert McCall: “Thank you for your help in bringing more immigration lawyers into the CBA YLS fold.”

***Insurance Coverage**

(James Baffa and John Bowley)

As new lawyers quickly learn, insurance coverage issues touch upon almost every area of litigation. The Committee educates new lawyers about insurance coverage issues and provide a forum for members to discuss emerging topics. Insurance coverage issues concerning a variety of topics were addressed, including: intellectual property, construction law, bad faith, and environmental and professional liability. Guest speakers from the legal community and/or the insurance industry will address topics relevant to both the insured and the insurers at monthly meeting. In addition, the Committee presented seminars during the year on timely, substantive and procedural coverage issues.

Total Gatherings: 9. Includes 4 simultaneous webcasts and 2 seminars.

We Are Family Theme: Arranged for a speaker to participate in the Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Workshop last October.

Committee Highlights:

(1) Made an effort to be more inclusive with a broad range of topics and included speakers from both sides of the aisle (policyholder as well as insurer).

(2) Held a joint seminar with the CBA Insurance Law Committee.

Note from the Director, Daniel Graham: *“The CBA/YLS Insurance Coverage Committee showed a lot of effort and initiative. I’m proud of them!”*

***Intellectual Property**

(Maria Maras, Steve Reynolds, Jeremy Roe, Andrew Downer and Tom Williams)

The Intellectual Property Committee presented monthly talks and discussions on current developments on copyright, trademark, patent, and trade secret law. Many talks also concerned the nexus between the Internet and IP law. The meetings were not only for IP specialists but for general practitioners with an interest in this rapidly changing field.

Total Gatherings: 9. Includes 1 joint with YLS Creative Arts, 3 simultaneous webcasts, 1 meeting that was not run due to extreme weather, and 1 seminar.

We Are Family Theme: Incorporated the theme into the November meeting that featured the topic “Tips for Raising and Protecting Your Family (of Marks).” The presentation addressed when to start raising a family (of marks), how to nurture and grow a family "trademark" tree and what to do to resolve a "family" feud.

Committee Highlights:

(1) Careers in IP and Judges Panel seminars.

(2) Tremendous diversity of IP topics this year, which included traditional patent, copyright, and trademark subject matter, as well as trade secrets, advertising law, and video game law.

(3) Joint committee meeting with YLS Creative Arts in February for which attendance was quite high because of the collaboration of the two committees.

Note from the Chair, Jill Eckert McCall: *“The way the IP Committee incorporated the ‘We are Family’ theme into its lineup was sheer genius!”*

***Labor & Employment Law**

(Aaron Janik, Abizer Zanzi, and Ethan Zelizer)

The Committee was concerned with all legal issues that arise from or affect the employment relationship, including labor-management relations, personnel policies, discrimination claims and other state and statutory claims affecting employment. The committee also addressed practice and procedures before federal and state agencies, alternative dispute resolution forums, and the courts within which employment issues are resolved.

Total Gatherings: 9. Includes 1 joint with YLS Education, 2 simultaneous webcasts, and 1 seminar.

We Are Family Theme: Hosted a joint meeting with the YLS Education Law Committee on the Federal Race to the Top program and its affect on the bargaining of union contracts

Committee Highlights:

(1) Great programming and attendance.

(2) February Year in Review seminar.

Note from the Chair, Jill Eckert McCall: *“Way to meet this year’s committee goals, Labor and Employment Law!”*

Law Explorers

(Vickie Argueta and Eric Long)

In conjunction with the Career Exploring Division and the Boy Scouts of America, the Committee taught trial advocacy skills to high-school students interested in careers in law and government. Each meeting during the school year focused on practicing a different trial advocacy skill with the students. The program culminated by selecting and preparing a trial team

to participate in the American Bar Association's national high school mock trial competition. Committee members coordinated activities and act as teachers and mentors to the students.

We Are Family Theme: Cultivated student interest in a life in the law.

See Service to the Bar and Community Section for project information.

Law Student

(Jeffrey Arnold, Svetlana Gitman, Abbie Henry, Elana Nightingale Dawson)

The Committee provided a forum for Chicago area law students not only to participate in the CBA, but also to cater a committee agenda to their specific interests. The Committee presented students with their first taste of a professional association and introduced contacts outside their educational institutions.

We Are Family Theme: Produced a law student road-show where members went to the various local law schools to help promote the benefits of joining The Chicago Bar Association.

See Service to the Bar and Community Section for project information.

Professional Responsibility

(James (Jamey) Davidson, Jefferey Katz, Amir Tahmassebi)

In these times of increasing public criticism of the legal profession, we are seeing greater enforcement of the Rules of Professional Conduct by our courts and bar associations. Through meetings, seminars and discussions with other lawyers, the Committee addressed the issues relating to the ethical proprieties of professional conduct of lawyers. The Committee reviewed news and developments in the area of professional responsibility from court decisions, ethics opinions, and disciplinary proceedings.

Total Gatherings: 6. Includes 3 joint with CBA Attorney Malpractice and 2 seminars.

We Are Family Theme: Committee was able to meet jointly with the CBA Attorney Malpractice Committee for 3 meetings.

Note from the Chair, Jill Eckert McCall: *“Thanks for building a strong bridge for YLS members to the corresponding ‘big bar’ committee.”*

***Real Estate**

(Monica Carranza, Kalisa Gary, Aaron Krolik, Yelena Dolgosheeva, Chad Zimmerman)

This Committee discussed basic issues in property sales, ownership, foreclosure, management, and taxation. In addition to extensive seminar offerings that addressed practitioners' concerns and basic principles of commercial and residential real estate transactions, the committee met each month for lunch presentations.

Total Gatherings: 12. Includes simultaneous webcasts for all committee meetings and 2 seminars.

We Are Family Theme: The theme was celebrated by inviting other CBA and YLS committees to the monthly meetings. The Committee also welcomed a father-daughter duo to speak on the new Powers of Attorney Act and other new or newly proposed law affecting real estate.

Committee Highlights:

- (1) Conducted a committee meeting via Webcast every month.
- (2) 15-minute meet-and-greet at the beginning of each meeting helped to encourage attendance.
- (3) Hot topic discussion of recent changes to Chicago's RLTO.

Notes from Committee Chair, Kalisa Gary: *“The Committee was extremely active throughout the bar year. Though a work in progress, we remain ambitious in our attempt to create an online booklet of minutes each monthly meeting—we sure learned a lot throughout this bar year!”*

***Social**

(Ashley Eddy, Stefanie Linares and Ann Moder)

The YLS' monthly socials continue to get more successful every year due to the planning of this Committee. Around 150 law student and young lawyer members met each month for a free drink or two and the opportunity to meet others in an informal setting and hear more about what the YLS has to offer. The socials were sponsored by Aloha Document Services and Elite Depositions enabling us the opportunity to go a variety of venues.

Total Gatherings: 12. Includes 2 After the Bar Exam socials.

We Are Family Theme: Hosted an "Over the Hill Party" in April to celebrate the YLS turning 40 years old.

Notes from the Chair, Jill Eckert McCall: *"Socials are the primary way we welcome new people to the CBA YLS. Thanks to the current co-chairs and to Ashley Eddy and Melinda Usalis who left the area but got the ball rolling by securing year-long sponsorships. Also, we wouldn't have had such an amazing run without the backbone of the operation, Becky Bentley from the CBA Membership Department. Thank you for your organizational abilities and onsite leadership!"*

***Tort Litigation**

(Barry Brotine, Pat Eckler, Jason Kleinman)

The area of tort law covers a vast spectrum of problems and challenges. Practitioners may be faced with handling everything from a simple auto accident case to a class-action products liability lawsuit. Attorneys practicing in this area must become conversant in complex scientific principles and medical procedures and, in turn, must convey these concepts to a jury. Additionally, attorneys must be familiar with venue and jurisdictional rules, and be aware of any quirks in the local law. The Committee's purpose is to provide its members with the information necessary to pursue or defend their cases from the initial investigation of the case to its resolution.

Total Gatherings: 9. Includes 1 joint with YLS Environmental and simultaneous webcasts for all committee meetings.

Note from the Committee Chair, Jason Kleinman: *"As for our committee, I would like to commend Pat's efforts in particular. He really was on top of things and made a serious and concerted effort to get the word out about our meetings. He also played a large role in obtaining a lot of the quality speakers. When we did not have a speaker, Pat stepped in and made the presentation. Pat regularly would also provide case summaries of recent Appellate Court and Supreme Court decisions having read them all, attaching a copy of each opinion to the email. Pat exemplified true leadership and showed that he really wanted to help as many attorneys learn."*

***Wills for Heroes**

(Brian Jones, Rowschaun Jones, Tracy Lyerly, and Jason Metnick)

This year the YLS furthered its commitment to the Wills for Heroes program by implementing an event at the Chicago Police Department headquarters nearly every month this bar year. The program gathered hundreds of volunteers and enabled us to create over 600 wills and power of attorney documents for Chicago police officers and, most recently, firefighters (after beginning with a wait list of over 1,000). The Wills for Heroes Foundation developed the program shortly after September 11, 2001 and was recently a national initiative of the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association (ABA YLD). The program had volunteers go to Chicago Police Headquarters to draft simple estate plans at no cost to the first responders.

Total Gatherings: 9.

We Are Family Theme: The estate planning documents created are meant to protect first responders and their families.

Committee Highlights: The YLS was the first to implement the project in Illinois years ago and this year we were finally able to implement for first responders in Chicago. This committee also ensured the CBA YLS participation in Make a Difference Day, National Healthcare Decisions Day, and onegooddeedchicago.org.

Notes from Director and Committee Chair, Brian Jones: *“The Foundation has been gathering great momentum through willing volunteers and donations from local Firms and corporations and looks forward to its continued success in 2011-2012!”*

Women in the Law

(Gwen Schoen, Tiffany Shimada, Alana Zuis, and Christie Tate)

The Committee sponsored an annual seminar that addresses women's issues within the legal, political, and societal arenas and provides a forum to discuss current issues affecting women. The Committee provided an excellent opportunity for women within the legal profession to meet other women in diverse practice areas, discuss issues of special interest to women, and be a strong voice within our community.

Total Gatherings: 7. Includes 2 encouraging attendance at events coordinated by related bar organizations (CBA Alliance for Women Holiday Party and Women’s Bar Association of Illinois spring event) and 2 seminars. Committee meetings typically held at exotic venues (Art Institute and Russian Tea Room).

Note from the Chair, Jill Eckert McCall: *“Welcome to all of our new committee leadership! Thanks for your creativity this year.”*

Professional Development Programming 2010-2011

The YLS is committed to providing professional development programming, which typically allows attendees to earn CLE credit, by hosting frequent seminars in addition to monthly committee meetings. The full listing of our programming efforts is below.

Thanks primarily to the dedication of our substantive area committee co-chairs and to Veronica Chaney and her staff, the YLS was able to host 39 seminars during the bar year. These seminars brought 2,672 lawyers together in person and 2,003 together via webcast. The programming also generated \$31,018 for the association in non-dues revenue. In addition, we earmarked proceeds from one of the seminars as a contribution to BetweenFriends, a domestic violence victim support network. That seminar provided the charity with \$469.50.

L= Live attendance; W= Webcast attendance; \$= Revenue Generated

June 2010

1. Unique Aspects of International Arbitration (L=50; W=82; \$570)
2. How to Be Taken Seriously in the Workplace (L=49; W=47; \$510)
3. The Rules of Professional Conduct (L=162; W=375; \$3920)
4. Same Sex Marriage (L=66; W=233; \$1250)

September 2010

5. Careers in Intellectual Property Law (L=75; W=21; \$75)
6. Collection Law (L=127; W=24; \$1935)
7. Trial Issues in Domestic Relations Cases (L=95; W=10; \$2155)
8. Mortgage Foreclosure (L=158; W=29; \$2210)

October 2010

9. Issues and Techniques in Early Case Preparation (L=35; W=41; \$140)
10. Commercial Real Estate in Distress (L=63; W=10; \$515)
11. Mastering Section 2-615 Motions to Dismiss (L=65; W=15; \$585)
12. Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Workshop (L=53; W=3; \$405)
13. Careers in Environmental Law (L=47; W=10; \$140)

November 2010

14. Keeping Up With the Law: Recent Developments in Insurance Coverage Claims and Litigation (L=30; W=58; \$363)
15. Health Care Reform: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care Education Affordability Reconciliation Act (L=72; W=72; \$600)
16. Strategies for Success at Trial (L=58; W=33; \$345)

December 2010

17. Your Attack on the Affidavit (L=55; W=13; \$68)
18. Preparing & Presenting a Criminal Proceeding in Federal Court (L=52; W=11; \$375)
19. Hot Topics in Professional Responsibility (L=94; W=219; \$385)

January 2011

20. Collaborative Law: Expanding Your Practice with this “Limited Scope Representation” Model (L=42; W=16; \$58)
21. Hunting and Gathering in a Divorce: What to Look for and Where to Find It (L=68; W=14; \$1185)

February 2011

22. Strategies for Success at Trial (L=83; W=13; \$580)
23. Navigating a Residential Real Estate Transaction in 2011 (L=90; W=164; \$1225)
24. Labor & Employment Law Update 2010: A Year in Review (L=94; W=45; \$2585)
25. Alternative Legal Careers (L=106; W=10; \$FREE)
26. Achieving Success & Satisfaction in the New Economy (L=117; W=N/A; \$FREE)

March 2011

27. Judges Panel: Intellectual Property Law (L=54; W=60; \$1095)
28. 2011 Illinois Women Superlawyers (L=21; W=13; \$370)

April 2011

29. Legal Trends for Filming in Chicago (L=69; W=73; \$825)
30. Student Misconduct, Bullying and Discipline in the Twenty First Century (L=55; W=60; \$580)
31. Balancing Love, Work, the Law and Family: Learn Strategies from Attorneys to Find Balance (L=25; W=30; \$440)

May 2011

32. Hunting and Gathering in a Divorce Part 2 (L=32; W=24; \$170)
33. Domestic Violence Orders of Protection (L=86; \$469.50 Donated to Domestic Violence Shelter)
34. National Immigrant Justice Center Volunteer Training (L=52; \$200)
35. Picking the “Best” Jury (L=72; W=39; \$1445)
36. Corporate Fraud (L=38; W=28; \$1000)
37. Avoiding Coverage Quagmires: How to Foster Positive Relationships Between Insurers and Insureds, and if the Relationship Sours, How to Succeed in Coverage Litigation (L=39; W=31; \$355) *Cosponsored with CBA Insurance*
38. Overview of Nonimmigrant Visas (L=42; W=25; \$880)

June 2011

39. The Estate Planners Toolkit (L: 81; W:52 \$1480)

YLS Publications and Videos 2010-2011

The YLS develops initiatives outside of the traditional seminar model in an effort to reach broader segments of the community. We frequently partner with other bar organizations and public service providers to focus on an area of need and design a program that will have maximum impact. Below are the descriptions of eight initiatives we took on this year that helped us continue that tradition.

40th Anniversary Booklet (Matt Passen, Adam Sheppard, and Natacha von Will)

In order to celebrate our Anniversary, we utilized resources to combine the 25th Anniversary Book with the online chronology and update the information to bring us through the current year. Thanks to the many past chairs and Linda Heacox for getting it all to come together!

YLS/CBF Video Project (Matt Passen and Natacha von Will)

The YLS, in conjunction with the Chicago Bar Foundation and Illinois Legal Aid Online, created several short videos centered around the general concept of “basic civil procedure.” An estimated 10 videos, covering basic civil procedure concepts such as complaints/answers, service, notice, default judgment, will be added to ILAO’s website to assist members of the public navigate the civil justice system.

Greene v. River City

(Skip Harsch, Matt Passen, Renee Roffle, and Natacha von Will)

The YLS worked with the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago with major funding provided by the GE Foundation to create the *Greene v. River City* Multimedia Supreme Court Experience. *Greene v. River City* Multimedia Experience is a unique and flexible resource for teaching middle school students about the judicial branch of our government. This simulated Supreme Court case examines claims initiated by a student group that their school district’s refusal to host school dances violates the establishment clause of the First Amendment. Using the facts from this single case, the *Greene v. River City* program provides students two opportunities to learn about and become engaged in our legal system, either as justices serving on the highest court or as participants, taking on all of the roles in a moot court.

- The ***Greene v. River City* Multimedia Experience** component of this program contains a DVD and accompanying materials to give an entire class the opportunity to serve as justices on a fictionalized Supreme Court Case. Students view a case, weigh the arguments, deliberate with peers, and then decide on the constitutionality of a case.
- The ***Greene v. River City* Moot Court** component of the program includes all the materials needed to implement the case of *Greene v. River City* in the classroom with students making the preparations for the case and taking on the roles of attorneys and justices. All the necessary background materials, arguments, precedents, and instructions are provided in this section.

Justice & Law Weekly (Brian Jones, Rowschaun Jones and Rebekah Rashidfarokhi)

The YLS hosted two 30-minute episodes of the CBA’s “Justice and Law Weekly” designed to assist elders in our community. Both episodes were hosted by the YLS Chair, Jill Eckert McCall. The first featured the Wills for Heroes Committee and the assistance they provided monthly to first responders and their spouses/significant others. The second program featured a discussion about CVLS’ Cook County Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Training.

Minute with a Judge (Mary Curry)

The YLS created a new project designed to help improve your practice in court. Minute with a Judge contains short interviews with judges that cover their particular do's and don'ts when it comes to appearing before them. If an attorney has never appeared before a particular judge before, Minute with a Judge will help to get a sense about how he or she operates. In the videos the judges discuss how to improve your advocacy skills, discovery practice, settlement conferences, and much more. The goal over time is to have Minute with a Judge expanding to include additional judges from the Northern District of Illinois as well as from Illinois state court.

Monthly Executive Council Link-Up

In an effort to keep the approximately 100 YLS leaders and other interested YLS members apprised of significant activities, personal and professional announcements and other key information, the YLS distributed a monthly electronic newsletter, the "Executive Council Link-Up." This 2-3 page electronic newsletter was sent out in a PDF format out at the beginning of each month from August through June.

Practice Tips for Young Lawyers

Over the past year, the officers of the YLS wrote articles for the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin about some of the toughest issues they faced during their early years and how they overcame them. The YLS then compiled those 10 articles into a booklet and distributed them to new bar admittees in a unique effort to welcome them to the profession and the CBA.

YLS Journal

The *YLS Journal* is a section of the *CBA Record* devoted to YLS content. The mission of the *YLS Journal* is to encourage discussion among young lawyers on current law-related topics, provide young lawyers with a diverse compilation of both substantive and procedural articles, educate young lawyers on changing law and practice, and apprise readers of the many activities and services offered by the YLS. Each year, the *YLS Journal* is in charge of a "special issue" of the *CBA Record* devoted entirely to YLS content. This year's special edition was centered around the theme "We Are Family."

Service to the Bar and Community 2010-2011

Service to our bar and community is a significant part of our mission. We continue to serve the bar and the public in as many ways as possible. The following 38 project descriptions demonstrate our commitment to service. In total, these projects engaged over 2,700 attorneys and law students in their implementation.

17th Annual Pro Bono and Community Service Fair (Natacha von Will)

Attendance: 350

For the 17th year, the fair was generously hosted for the second time by Kirkland & Ellis. This event was held as part of Pro Bono Week. The fair provides attorneys and law students with the opportunity to visit over 50 booths staffed by representatives of YLS service committees, the Chicago Bar Foundation and various legal aid affiliated organizations to meet attorneys involved in the various projects, receive written materials and sign up to volunteer for projects. Over 350 attorneys and law students mingled with agency and project representatives. Cosponsors included Kirkland & Ellis, The Chicago Bar Foundation, and the Public Interest Law Initiative.

40th Anniversary Celebration (Ashly Iacullo and Kristen Knecht)

Attendance: 100, including 27 Past Chairs

The YLS invited all past YLS Chairs, Officers and Directors and many other key members from the past 40 years to gather at the Standard Club to reminisce and celebrate the milestone of the YLS reaching its 40th year. Founding Chair David C. Hilliard gave a champagne toast and Jill Eckert McCall honored Mr. Hilliard with a YLS Resolution that grants him "Honorary Young Lawyer" status in perpetuity as a way to thank him for his lifetime of service to the bar and to the community. The event was generously supported by Pattishall, McAuliffe, Hilliard and Geraldson LLP; Tom Hayward; Clifford Law Offices; and Jenner and Block LLP.

After Bar Exam Socials

Attendance: 30

For the first time, the CBA YLS hosted socials immediately following the end of the Illinois Bar Exam. These two intimate gatherings, which attracted approximately 30 people total, gave recent bar takers a chance to unwind and become more familiar with the YLS. Further, they supplemented corresponding efforts of some of the local schools, providing a place to go to those from out of town and schools who didn't establish separate gatherings.

All Bar Social

Attendance: 200

This event, co-hosted with the Illinois State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, attracted ten specialty bar association cosponsors and approximately 200 attendees. The high-energy event got people from all of the bars mingling... and eventually dancing... with each other!

Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Workshop

Attendance: 56

The CBA YLS was the first group to partner with the ABA to bring the Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Workshop to Illinois. The run attracted 56 lawyers and was one way the YLS participated in USA Today's Make a Difference Day.

Career Month

Attendance: 100s

We continued the tradition of hosting a career month in the winter. A number of seminars and committee meetings came together under this theme to provide a strong package of career-related events to our members in and around February. Two seminars included in this year's experience were Alternative Careers and Finding Success and Satisfaction in Today's Economy.

Cooking Class (Brandon Rogers)

Attendance: 12

YLS members and many YLS committee chairs gathered to mix and mingle while picking up basic cooking skills at the Wooden Spoon up in Andersonville. Participants got to take part in a hands-on cooking to prepare an appetizer, entrée and dessert, once complete they got to sit back and enjoy the meal they all prepared.

Dear Santa Campaign (Julie Filimonov and Renee Roffle)

Attendance: 25

Once again, the YLS coordinated with Direct Effect Charities to answer letters from Chicago Public School children addressed to Santa. Over 25 YLS volunteers sorted through letters from needy children in early December 2010. More than 250 of these letters were distributed to YLS and CBA members, as well as other members, friends and family of the legal community, who answered the letters by purchasing gifts and sending them to the school in order for the children to have something to open on the last day of school before the holiday break.

Domestic Violence Awareness Week (Patrick Markey and Natacha von Will)

Attendance: 158

This year, the CBA YLS created Domestic Violence Awareness Week. The event started immediately after Law Week and ended with Mother's Day. The initiative featured three events:

- The first event was a discounted CLE on how to obtain orders of protection. The proceeds of the CLE, \$469.50, were donated to BetweenFriends, a domestic violence victim support network.
- The goal of the second event, a free CLE run by the National Immigrant Justice Center, was to help abused spouses of United States citizens and residents self petition for legal immigrant status using the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
- The final event was a pizza party held at The House of the Good Shepherd, a domestic violence shelter in Lakeview. Approximately 20 attorneys assisted young children (mostly under 10-years-old) make gift bags for their mothers that included soaps and lotions. Many thanks to Alexis Reed who organized The House of the Good Shepherd event.

Earth Day (Joey Barnett)

Attendance: 40

In honor of Earth Day, the Environmental Committee coordinated CBA YLS involvement in the Friends of the Parks' 23rd annual Earth Day Clean-Up. The event attracted approximately 40 people, including students from all city law schools and children of young lawyers. With rakes, wheelbarrows, and shovels, CBA members helped restore the ecological health at the Dunning-Read Conservation Area by removing trash and weeds and repairing the walking-trail. The event, which took place on a very cold and rainy Saturday in April, attracted front-page coverage in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin the following Monday!

E-Mentoring (Renee Roffle and Brandon Rogers)

Attendance: 40

The YLS continued its e-mail mentoring project this year. Pairing with Chicago Public School, Richards Academy, and its Law and Public Safety Program, approximately 40 students were paired with a YLS member at a fun and interactive kickoff program in January 2011. The mentors and mentees exchanged weekly e-mails for 16 weeks to discuss weekly, law-related topics taught in their classroom, general practice of law concepts and other topics of interest to the students. The program ended in May with a closing luncheon.

Fundraiser for Japan

Attendance: 40

After the devastating earthquake in Japan, the YLS Diversity Committee was quick to organize a fundraiser at Midtown Kitchen and Bar. The Committee helped to raise \$1,000 for the American Red Cross relief fund for the victims of the earthquake. Half of the dollars raised at the fundraiser came from an anonymous business organization's matching grant. Pattishall McAuliffe Newbury Hilliard & Geraldson LLP provided hors d' oeuvres for the social.

Government Service Career Fair (Julie Filimonov and Alexis Reed)

Attendance: 200

Over 200 law students and young lawyers attended the YLS Government Service Career Fair on a Saturday morning in April. As the attendees enjoyed a continental breakfast, high-ranking officials from government agencies participated in a panel discussion about the benefits and challenges of government service. After questions for the panel members, attorneys from over 20 city, county, state and federal offices and agencies were on hand to discuss their experiences working in the government sector and provide information about minimum qualifications and potential employment opportunities within their respective offices. Attendees also received an updated copy of "A Lawyer's Guide to Government Employment in Chicago." This publication is a comprehensive guide to practicing law in the public sector and includes a synopsis of, and contact information for, each participating government office or agency.

Honoring Our Fathers (Yusef Esat)

Attendance: 10

The YLS teamed up with the Illinois Fatherhood Initiative ("IFI") to help review essays submitted by local students as part of the IFI's annual essay competition. The competition asked students to explain what their fathers meant to them and prompted fathers to review and reflect on their children's essays, thereby fostering relationships between fathers and their children. Approximately 10 CBA members gathered at the CBA building to review 300 essays and choose the essays deserving of passage to the semi-final round of judging. The IFI was very appreciative of YLS' contribution to their cause.

Law Explorers (Vickie Argueta and Eric Long)

Attendance: 6

As part of the YLS Law Explorers, six volunteer attorneys meet with Chicago area high school students interested in careers in law and government. The students worked with volunteers every other Wednesday evening and participated in role-playing exercises concerning legal and ethical

questions. Through the Gray Grant from the Chicago Bar Foundation, selected students will participate in the national mock trial competition held at the end of July in Chicago.

Law Student Speed Interviewing Workshop (Julie Filimonov)

Attendance: 40

In February, volunteer attorney interviewers met with law students to provide advice on interviewing in the latest installment of this long-running annual program. The speed-interviewing component allowed each student to meet over 20 practicing attorneys. A reception followed to allow attorneys and students to continue their discussions.

Law Student Roadshow (Jeffrey Arnold, Svetlana Gitman, Elana Nightingale Dawson)

Attendance: 100

Thanks to the efforts of our tireless Law Student Committee, students at Chicago-Kent, John Marshall, Loyola, and Northwestern law schools were able to learn more about what associations offer members. CBA participation provided a natural increase in collaboration between the membership staff and YLS volunteers.

Law Week 2011 (Jessica Bednarz, Skip Harsch and Brandon Rogers)

Attendance: 200

The YLS celebrated *Law Week 2011: The Legacy of John Adams from Boston to Guantanamo*.

- The YLS kicked off the week with its 9th Law Day Judges Reception, which brought together over 100 attendees to mingle with judges from the Circuit Court of Cook County and Northern District of Illinois, in addition to Justices from the Illinois Appellate Court and Seventh Circuit. Judge Pucinski discussed the importance and meaning of ABA Law Day and the Liberty Bell Award, an award presented to non-lawyers who render services that strengthen the effectiveness of the American legal system in protecting freedom. Judge Pucinski, also introduced this year's Liberty Bell Award winners, Margarita Llamas-Odom and Joe Indelli, who volunteer for The Wills for Heroes Foundation in Chicago. The Wills for Heroes Foundation provides support, services, financial assistance and supplies to eligible emergency first responders and their families in the United States. The Liberty Bell Award was also given to Mortimer Smith investigator for DePaul's College of Law Clinical Programs and Assistant Director of the Center for Justice in Capital Cases, works for various Chicago firms as a defense investigator and teaches college courses at DePaul and Westwood College.
- We then hosted Lawyers in the Classroom, which is coordinated by the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (CRFC). The Edward J. Lewis II Lawyers in the Classroom program partners attorneys with elementary classes to help students understand the U.S. Constitution and our legal system. Attorneys volunteered with Decatur Elementary to work with 60 students in two classrooms.
- Later in the week, in keeping with Law Week 2011's theme, the YLS held its annual Law Day Celebration at the Daley Center. The event, which attracted approximately 40 people, featured the CBA choir along with keynote address from former United States Attorney and Guantanamo Bay pro bono attorney, Tom Sullivan of Jenner & Block LLP.

Lunch With a Judge (Matt Passen)

Attendance: 325

The YLS organized several "Lunch With a Judge" seminars—informal lunches with a prominent judge and CBA members to discuss topics of interest to young lawyers. This year, the YLS was

honored to have three prestigious judges of different backgrounds participate in the program, which attracted hundreds of young lawyers to attend. Judge William D. Maddux, Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, discussed what makes a good trial lawyer and what young lawyers can do to further their careers. Honorable Robert Cahill, Illinois Appellate Court, First District, was joined by Steven M. Ravid, Clerk for the First District Appellate Court, to discuss the appellate process, what makes a persuasive brief and oral argument, and advice for young lawyers handling their first appeal. Finally, Judge Elizabeth M. Budzinski, Associate Judge, Law Division, Circuit Court of Cook County, drew on her experience handling the motions calendar, as well as her current assignment as a trial judge, to provide practical advice for young lawyers, including courtroom decorum and effective advocacy.

Meet the Committees Night (Byron Wardlaw)

Attendance: 150

The "Meet the YLS Committees Fair" is a recruitment tool for the YLS committees and public and member service projects implemented by the YLS. The Fair provided a face-to-face forum for new lawyers to meet YLS Executive Counsel members and learn about the different substantive and project based YLS programs. Attendees were invited to join the committee's e-mail lists and sign-up to volunteer for projects. Over 150 young lawyer attendees also enjoyed complimentary food and drink, and were welcomed by the new YLS leadership.

Moot Court Competition (Barry Brotine and R. Andrew Smith)

Attendance: 100

The 29th annual CBA Moot Court Competition was held in November 2010 where 27 law student teams competed, practicing their appellate advocacy skills by writing briefs on current legal issues and arguing both sides of the issue before practicing attorneys and judges. Law schools from across the country participated. More than 100 lawyers and judges volunteered their time to grading briefs and/or acting as oral argument judges. Judge Patrice Ball-Reed, Judge Sheila Finnegan, Judge Marty Moltz, and Judge Sidney Schenkier presided over the finals.

Most Fit Lawyer Competition (Jim Cerami, Jonathan Mraunac)

Attendance: 30

In March, the YLS Health & Wellness Committee hosted the Most Fit Lawyer Health & Fitness Expo and Competition at the Fitness Formula Club in Lincoln Park. Lawyers of all ages changed out of their suits and into their workout gear to learn the basics of exercise, network with their peers and compete in a variety of fitness tests that measured speed, strength, power, endurance and agility.

Practice Tracks (Brandon Rogers)

Attendance: 60

The Chicago Bar Association in conjunction with Chicago Area Law Schools presented "Practice Tracks," a program to expose law students to experienced practitioners in various areas of law. The event brought attorney volunteers together with hundreds of law students from John Marshall, Chicago-Kent, DePaul, Loyola, and Northwestern Law School.

Race Judicata (Erin Masters)

Attendance: 20

The YLS once again fielded a team with the Illinois Judges Association for this 5K fundraiser. The beneficiary of the race, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, secured the event's proceeds to

assist with its general operating costs. The CVLS aims to ensure the law works for everyone, not just those who can afford it. Over 20 YLS members ran and enjoyed a post-run reception and camaraderie.

Serving Our Seniors (Justin Heather)

Attendance: 38

During the 2009-10 bar year, the YLS created, in conjunction with The Chicago Bar Foundation, the Center for Disability and Elder Law (“CDEL”), the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (“YLD”) and Illinois Legal Aid Online, the Serving Our Seniors Program (the “SOS Program”). The SOS Program is a multi-media package designed to empower young lawyers to provide legal advice and assistance to low-income seniors in the area of estate planning. At the spring event the YLS was able to create 35 sets of estate planning documents for local elderly folks and police officers.

Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament (Justin Heather, Elana Nightingale Dawson)

Attendance: 130

The YLS built upon its past success by netting over \$22,000 for the benefit of the Chicago Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Chicago Bar Association, at the 5th Annual Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament. Over 130 members of the Chicago legal community participated in this year's tournament in January 2011. The participants took pleasure in playing poker against other lawyers to raise the funds and enjoyed food and drinks. The highly successful and well-received event occurred because dozens of young lawyer and law student volunteers helped plan the event, raise table sponsorships, solicit prizes, and act as dealers. Thanks again to the generosity of sponsors such as Navigant Consulting and Clifford Law Offices!

We Are Family Theme

Attendance: 75

In order to ensure that the CBA YLS focused on being a welcoming organization, committees were tasked with implementing a program or event tied to the “We are Family” Theme. Their implementations are noted in their committee descriptions above as was implementation for the *YLS Journal*. In addition, the CBA YLS had a few standalone events that allowed members to network with kids in tow:

- ***Roller Derby Social.*** For the first time, the CBA YLS partnered with the National LGBT Bar Association to attend a Windy City Rollers Event. Approximately 30 people attended.
- ***Mrs. Claus: A Holiday Musical!*** This event attracted approximately 40 people, providing a Saturday showing of the annual Chicago Kids Company program aimed at children 2-10 years old.
- ***Adventure Nature Course Event.*** The CBA YLS is hosting two rope course events, including one in June near Father’s day for Families. One participant from the May event said it provided an intimate way to get to know other members and the price was extremely reasonable for the value of having a no-wait experience in the ropes course. Approximately 5 attorneys participated in the original event.

What Not to Wear (Jeffery Arnold and Svetlana Gitman)

Attendance: 125

Due to the popularity of last year's show, the YLS Law Student Committee again presented the What Not to Wear Fashion Show. This year, however, we were able to secure sponsorship from five of the six area law schools. During the show, law students worked the catwalk as over 100 audience members and a panel of commentators watched. The ensembles illustrated common faux pas in the law student/attorney wardrobe you should avoid when interviewing, heading into the office, or event when stepping in front of a judge. As each look strutted down the runway, the panel explained the changes each model could make to ensure s/he is always dressed appropriately and respectably.