

American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division  
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## San Francisco Annual Meeting to Have Something for Everyone

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This year's ABA Annual Meeting will return to San Francisco, California, on August 5–10, 2010. Young lawyers and affiliate leaders will have the opportunity to earn CLE credits, network with leading professionals in myriad areas of law, debate important issues impacting the profession, and visit the ABA Expo.

During the meeting, young lawyers are encouraged to attend the ABA YLD Assembly as delegates. The session allows young lawyers to debate and vote on issues of importance to young lawyers. As always, ABA YLD leaders and speakers from the bar at-large will report and next year's ABA YLD leadership will be elected. Resolutions to be debated are still being finalized. *The Affiliate* spoke with Assembly Speaker Ethan Tidmore, who said that the program will include a wide range of important issues to be debated. He is excited to hear about the great successes of affiliates around the country during the awards ceremony.

The awards ceremony will feature the ABA YLD Awards of Achievement Program. The program recognizes young lawyer organizations for activities that benefit local communities, leaders, members, and the profession. In addition, the Assembly will include the presentation of the ABA YLD Outstanding Young Military Service Lawyer Award. The award recognizes the dedication and excellence of young military attorneys in each of the five uniformed services.

In addition to ABA YLD programming, the Annual Meeting offers programming hosted by most of the ABA's sections and divisions. These entities are developing more than 220 CLE programs that will help you improve your professional skills and expertise. There will be abundant opportunities to network with lawyers and judges from around the world.

The ABA YLD portion of the Annual Meeting begins on Thursday, August 5, and ends on Saturday, August 7. The meeting also will feature the world's largest legal expo, which provides a showcase for an array of goods and services pertaining to the practice of law. The expo will be held in the Moscone West Exhibit Hall.

No matter the area of practice, young lawyers are sure to find a program of interest to attend. Throughout the conference, networking opportunities will be plentiful. Young lawyers will have the opportunity to mingle with the movers and shakers of the legal community.

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The ABA YLD hotel will be The Palace, located downtown and adjacent to the Financial District. It's within walking distance of Union Square, the famous cable cars, the Embarcadero, Chinatown, and the Moscone Convention Center. San Francisco offers a host of tourist attractions to see. Plan to visit Pier 39, ride a cable car, and take a trip to Alcatraz. Tours will be available, including a tour of Yosemite National Park and a Golden Gate Bridge walking tour. This year's Annual Meeting is sure to have something for everyone. For more information, check out the Annual Meeting website at [www.abanet.org/yld/annual10](http://www.abanet.org/yld/annual10).

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### Top 5 reasons to Attend the ABA Annual Meeting

5. **It's in San Francisco**—The Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Chowder in a Sour Dough Bread Bowl! Need I say more.
4. **Learn about Affiliate Projects and Programs**—the ABA YLD Awards of Achievement will feature successful programs and projects put on by different affiliates to benefit their members or to serve the public. You can get great ideas for your affiliate.
3. **Earn CLE Credits** and attend great programming that will help improve your skills.
2. **Network**—Meet and network with successful young lawyers from across the country and abroad.
1. **Let Your Voice Be Heard**—Make certain your state has a full delegation at the ABA YLD Assembly so that your voice can be heard on the important issues being addressed.

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