Dear Colleagues,

We hope this communication finds you well.

We write to update you all on the activities and upcoming goals of the Young Lawyers Division International Law Committee (“YLD-ILC”). YLD-ILC continues to grow its presence and increase its membership due to the diverse and wide-ranging areas that our subject matter touches upon. We have a solid slate of programming in the coming months that we hope you will be able to attend and participate in.

**Pathways Program – April 12, 2016, New York City**

This year’s ABA International Law Section’s spring meeting will be in New York City from April 12 through April 16. We are happy to announce that the YLD-ILC will be partnering with the main ABA ILC Section on International Law (SIL) on the Pathways to Employment in International Law program to be held from 4pm – 5:15pm on April 12. The program will be a roundtable discussion moderated by Karthik Nagarajan, our YLD-ILC Liaison to the SIL, and will feature practitioners from diverse practice areas, dealing with international law issues. The participants will discuss their journey to their current positions, and share with attorneys of all experience levels their insights into working in a practice area with an international focus. **Our esteemed panel of speakers are:**

- Fatema Merchant - Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP
- Mason Hubbard - DLA Piper
- Joseph Khawam - U.S. State Department
- Michael Daly - Lecturer at GWU and Clerk to Charles Brower (International Arbitrator)
Our Other Events: April and May, 2016

I. International Oratory Competition & Reception - "Global Speed Networking Meet and Greet: The Far Reach of the Legal Profession." Friday, May 6th, 2016 at the YLD ABA Spring Conference in St. Louis, MO.

II. CLE Panel Discussion: “Expanding the United States’ Intellectual Property Across the Globe - The Impacts of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement on IP.” Friday, May 6th, 2016 YLD ABA Spring Conference in St. Louis, MO.

III. RESOLUTION IDEAS WANTED!!! to: Abiolaafolayan@gmail.com by April 11, 2016 on what you would like to see in a YLD International Law Committee Resolution on student loans forgiveness. Here’s our draft language: “RESOLVED, that the American Bar Association urges Congress to create and convene a taskforce on strategies, timelines, and an implementation framework for a student loan forgiveness program for lawyers. Such a taskforce shall be constituted of members from relevant ABA entities and subject matter experts in the industry, plus a special advisor to the president on the creation and implementation of a national action plan on student loan forgiveness for lawyers.

Interested in Being an Author? Get Published in Our Newsletter!

Lastly, we are excited to share that we are currently accepting articles for publication in our quarterly ABA YLD-ILC Newsletter. This is an excellent opportunity to get published within the section and have your content reach all members of the committee. Articles only need to be approximately 200-300 words and may cover any topics tangentially related to international law, or recent legal developments that affect law internationally.

Getting published in the ABA YLD-ILC Newsletter is a great way to showcase your talents, develop your resume, and build new contacts. If you are interested in having your article reviewed for inclusion in the next ABA YLD-ILC Newsletter please send finalized versions of your article to Reid Whitten at reid.whitten@gmail.com. The sooner the better, but we are accepting submissions on a rolling basis, but the next newsletter...
comes out **April 30, 2016**, so for your submission to be accepted we would need to receive your submissions by **April 25, 2016**.

While not every article is guaranteed publication, keep in mind the ABA YLD-ILC Newsletter disperses quarterly, and if you don’t get published one quarter you may have the opportunity to in another quarter.

We Look forward to seeing a lot of you on April 12th!

Very truly yours,

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