Welcome from the Committee Chair

Dear Young Lawyers Division Elder Law Committee Members,

Welcome to a new ABA year! I am honored and excited to serve as your Elder Law Committee Chair this year. My hope for this coming year is to build membership of the Elder Law Committee, provide educational opportunities for members, and engage our members in opportunities provided by the Committee and the Young Lawyer’s Division as a whole.

I welcome your suggestions and concerns regarding committee activities and hope to hear from many of you throughout the year. I encourage you to volunteer to serve as a Vice Chair or submit an article for our newsletter, the 101 Practice Series, or The Young Lawyer. For more information on Elder Law Committee activities and educational opportunities, check out our website http://www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers/committees/elder_law.html. Feel free to reach out to me at any time. I look forward to working with you all!

Sincerely,

Kristin A. Buckner
Chair, ABA YLD Elder Law Committee
Call for Leadership Volunteers

The Young Lawyers Division Elder Law Committee is in need of Vice Chairs! Please consider volunteering to participate in the leadership of this committee.

Responsibilities of Vice Chairs include
- Assisting the Chair with completing reports and communicating with committee members,
- Soliciting articles and other information for the quarterly committee newsletter,
- Planning educational opportunities for committee members,
- Assisting the Chair with other committee operations, and
- Participating in monthly telephone conferences with the Chair and other Vice Chairs.

In addition to Vice Chairs, we are in need of a person or two to serve as Content Editor(s) for the Committee. The Content Editor is responsible for obtaining content for the quarterly committee newsletter and drafting committee newsletters on a quarterly basis. Other Vice Chairs and the Chair will assist the Content Editor in these responsibilities.

The time commitment for each of these positions is 5-10 hours per month at most (most months will likely be much less). If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please contact Kristin Buckner at kristin@mclamblawfirm.com.

Young Lawyers Division 2015-2016 Initiatives

Below are the initiatives for The Young Lawyers Division as a whole for this year. Contact Renee Lugo at renee.lugo@americanbar.org for more information about these initiatives and to become involved.

- World Wise Web: Protecting Our Youth From Internet Predators
  - This year’s Young Lawyers Division national public service project is World Wise Web: Protecting Our Youth From Internet Predators. This project will provide young people and adults with resources designed to educate them on making smart, safe choices while online, in a targeted relatable manner.

- What Lawyers Do
  - During the 2015-2016 bar year the ABA Young Lawyers Division is partnering with the Texas Young Lawyers Association to expand What Lawyers Do into a national resource.
  - What Lawyers Do is a web-based tool for undergraduate students, particularly racial and ethnic minorities, that shares nuts and bolts information on the legal profession, steps to take to prepare for law school, and other ways to navigate your way to becoming an attorney.

- Young Lawyer Toolkit
  - Partnering with other ABA divisions the Toolkit will be a user-friendly web-based resource center for young lawyers, regardless of practice area. The Toolkit will
include five main categories: Diversity & Inclusion; Law Practice Management; Solo Practitioners; Litigation; and Transactional. Launch of this resource will be February 2016.

- Ongoing Initiatives: Click here to view other ongoing initiatives of YLD and become involved in making these initiatives possible.

**News and Events**

- October 19, 2015 at 1pm: Diversity and Discrimination as Legal Ethics Issues: In this program, a panel of distinguished experts will survey the current landscape and proposals and provide a variety of perspectives in response to a series of hypotheticals reflecting difficult questions that lawyers may encounter in practice related to ethics obligations, and their relation to other law, to further nondiscrimination, diversity, and inclusion.

- Looking for a career change? Check out the Job Board in the ABA Career Center. There are more than 450 high-quality legal jobs nationwide waiting for your application!

- New Resources for YLD members:
  
  - **Smartphones/Mobile/Tablets: The Ethical and Effective Use of Mobile Devices to Manage Your Practice (Webinar and E-Book)**
    
    This session is designed to provide you with all the knowledge and insight that you need to protect the sensitive and confidential information that you juggle every day on all your devices. You'll learn how to protect the information on your mobile devices, secure your Internet connections, encrypt data, and much more. This session is taught by David Ries, esteemed technology law attorney, and John Simek, renowned computer forensics expert.

  - **Lawyers and Mental Health: Removing the Stigma and Eliminating the Silence**
    
    In recent years, several media outlets have reported on the emerging mental health crisis among lawyers. Indeed, increased instances of depression, substance abuse, and suicide plague the profession. In this recording, a panel discusses the trend among state bar associations to include mandatory CLE mental health programs as a component of a lawyer's professional development, the stigma surrounding mental health generally and lawyers impacted by mental health issues specifically, and identify ways lawyers can receive help.

- **Upcoming Events**
  
  - October 15-17, 2015, Little Rock, AR: YLD Fall Conference—Register Here
  - February 4-7, 2016, San Diego, CA: ABA Midyear Meeting
  - May 5-7, 2016, St. Louis, MO: YLD Spring Conference
  - August 4-7, 2016, San Francisco, CA: ABA Annual Meeting

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