We have many wonderful activities planned for this year. The YLD themes for this year are: the Young Lawyers Toolkit, Fit to Practice, What Do Lawyers Do?, a program focused on getting young lawyers in front of college students; and the World Wise Web: Protecting Youth from Internet Predators.

Our next newsletter is going to print on January 31, 2016. We will have four newsletters over the course of the year and if you are interested in writing an article for a later newsletter, please feel free to contact us and we will gladly add you to the list. This is a great opportunity to showcase yourself and your work. Since we serve on the Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Committee, the varieties of topics to write about are almost endless.

Additionally, if you would like to work on coordinating a CLE or teleconference or would like to work on drafting and/or researching a proposal idea, let us know. We would love to work with you and help implement your ideas. If you have any other suggestions on how to improve this committee, or suggestions for activities we should participate in, send us an email at YLD-GPSOLO@MAILAMERICANBAR.ORG.

We look forward to a wonderful year!

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Resources for New Attorneys

By AnnMichelle Hart

As a new attorney, I know it’s difficult to find the right help or resource at the right time. You don’t know what you don’t know. And if you do find a resource, you don’t know if it’s a worthwhile resource. If you’re like me, you usually find that one terrifically helpful resource about a week after you really could have used it. I’ve been locating and saving some really great legal places since I was a 2L. I’m not including any state specific websites here since this is a national publication, still I’ve amassed a few so hang on – here goes:

ABA Resources:
- **ABA List servs!!** I believe each area of law has one. The SOLOSEZ listserv is a Great Tool!
- **Virtual Pass** $795 – all the CLE you want and need for one flat price for the year. (When I was new and unemployed, I inhaled over 100 CLE credits – mostly free or almost free – in my first year. Not all those CLE’s were helpful. I WISH this had been around when I was out of work and had the time to pick and choose what I wanted to learn. YOU have that as an advantage!)

Conferences:
- **ABA Young Lawyers Division**: Since you’re new, you need to be tapping into the ABA Young Lawyers Division. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers.html)
  There are four conferences a year – all with CLE geared to the new lawyer, fun activities, and all the networking you can handle!
- **The Midyear and Annual ABA Conference** - [http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html](http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html)
  The Main ABA is a great place to go to see if your practice area holding their own conferences throughout the year. Many do!
- My favorite ABA event is the **ABA Tech Show** held in April every year. It’s like Christmas for all things Techie and Geeky! [http://www.techshow.com/](http://www.techshow.com/)
  This show has everything from Law Practice Management programs to How to Use an IPad at Trial, and literally EVERYTHING in between. The most popular sessions at the Show has to be the 60 Sites in 60 Minutes (and the corresponding 60 Apple Tools in 60 Minutes!)

Training & Other Bar Assistance:
- **The Online Bar Association**: A GLOBAL bar association [http://www.theonlinebar.com/](http://www.theonlinebar.com/)
  They have several subdivisions for training:
  - Scale (Social Capital Accelerator) [http://www.socialcapitalaccelerator.com/](http://www.socialcapitalaccelerator.com/)
- **Lawyerist**: [https://lawyerist.com/](https://lawyerist.com/)
  This site is a great starting point for all things legal: Blog, Podcasts, marketing, starting and running a law firm, legal technology, practice tips, advice, ethics, etc.
- **SPU: Solo Practice University** for both free articles and paid learning options. You don’t need to be a solo to benefit from their available training modules. [http://solopracticeuniversity.com/](http://solopracticeuniversity.com/)

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- Virtual Law Practice Steph Kimbo - a must have if you want to have the freedom to work from anywhere in the world.
- Make It Your Own Law Firm
- The Freelance Lawyering Manual

While certainly not an exhaustive list, I hope these will give you some help where you need it most, and a jumping on point to find more tools that will provide the knowledge to make your life less stressful allowing you to give your clients the best service possible.

If you have a few favorites that I didn’t mention, or discover a new one that’s not on this list, please feel free to share it with me. I’d love to pass it on to others.

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