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Introduction and Notes from the Committee

The ABA YLD Family Law Committee is looking forward to a great new year in 2016. Last quarter, the Family Law committee co-sponsored a live CLE on Alternative Fee Structures at the ABA YLD meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. This quarter, the Family Law Committee will be co-sponsoring a teleconference entitled "Taking Down the Shingle: Legal, Tax and Ethical Considerations for Unwinding a Law Firm Practice" on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., EST. Please join us if you are interested; and, if you have not done so already, please plan to visit with us at the upcoming ABA conferences. The next scheduled conference is the ABA Mid-Year Conference, which will be held in San Diego, California on February 3-9, 2016. The Committee will host a table at the Committee Showcase and highlight features of committee membership. We hope to see you there!

As always, I would love to know your thoughts about these articles and this newsletter. Feel free to contact me directly at jacqueline@epsteinattorney.com with your comments.

Committee News and Announcements

As mentioned above, our committee leaders will be attending the ABA’s Mid-Year Conference in San Diego in February. We would love to hear from you if you plan to attend. Please reach out to us by email at jacqueline@epsteinattorney.com if you will be there.

Also, if you have any ideas on content or programming you would like to learn about, please let us know. We are currently seeking short articles under 600 words related to trending family law topics for publication by the committee. If you have a submission you would like to have reviewed by our content editor, please visit our website at: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers/committees/family_law.html
ABA YLD News and Announcements

Social Media Team Update

The Social Media Team is pleased to announce the new Social Media Policy! The purpose of this policy is to provide direction on appropriate and effective ways to utilize social media on behalf of the ABA YLD when delivering content, facilitating engagement, and communicating with both members and non-members. The policy includes such information as sample posts, proper use of our social media channels, and of course directions for using the online spreadsheet we set up to capture posts from across the division. The new policy can be found at http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/young_lawyers/leadership_portal/social_media_policy.authcheckdam.pdf

Disaster Legal Services Team Update

The DLS team is currently implementing DLS in Mississippi, Texas, South Carolina, and California. Earlier this year, we implemented DLS in Texas, Wyoming, Saipan, and Kentucky. We expect this to be a busy year on the DLS font, as NASA predicts that this year’s El Nino is going to be the worst ever.

The DLS team encourages all young lawyers to be prepared in the event of an emergency or disaster, and to coordinate with your local or state bar association to help disaster survivors.

More information about the DLS program can be found on our website.

National Conferences Team Update

In addition to the regular activities of the ABA YLD National Conferences Team during the ABA Midyear meeting, the Team is putting together a social media photo scavenger hunt. New attendees will have the opportunity to be a part of a scavenger hunt that allows them to meet seven YLD leaders, receive their business cards, and also take a selfie and post it to their social media accounts with the hashtag #YLDmidyear16. The first person to have a selfie with each YLD leader and receive their signature on a business card will receive a generous gift from the ABA YLD National Conferences Team.

Here is information about upcoming conferences:

YLD Spring Conference
May 5 – 7, 2016
St. Louis, MO

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Member Services Project Update

The Member Services Project is proud to launch the Young Lawyer Toolkit at the ABA Midyear Meeting. The Toolkit is a curated collection of ebooks, tutorials, and online resources, intended to be a one-stop-shop for lawyers in their first years of practice. The Toolkit contains resources covering trial practice, the business of law, going solo/opening a firm, financial wellness, diversity and inclusion, and first-year lawyers. At launch, the Toolkit will include materials for lawyers with one to three years of experience, with materials for more experienced lawyers to come.

To access the Toolkit, please visit http://www.ambar.org/younglawyertoolkit. The Young Lawyer Toolkit is free for ABA Members.