A Welcome to Attorneys Pursuing Their Dreams
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Welcome back YLD GPSOLO Members – delighted each of you have made it another year paving your own path forward. And to all of our new members – we hope you will enjoy becoming part of the YLD GPSOLO community (and possibly beginning your career as a liberated attorney)!

This will be another exciting year as we begin working in conjuncture with the larger ABA GPSOLO Committee; we introduce our co-sponsored Happy Hours (aka networking events) at the coming year’s conferences; and we continue to grow our committee and its reputation as one of the most practical committee forums for young attorneys practicing in the solo, small firm, and general practice settings.

As you may have noticed, we have shortened our name a bit (from the Young Lawyers Division, Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Committee – wow that is a mouth full) to YLD GPSOLO Committee.

This year’s Co-Chairs are myself, Adam Ansari (aka The Rookie Co-Chair), and Jeremy Epstein (aka The Veteran Co-Chair). We also have two amazing Vice Chairs this year, John Rice and Kenzie Rakes (who are also this year’s editors for the quarterly newsletters and will publish your work for exaggerated flattery).

Building on last year’s success, we are again focused on providing attorneys with practical advice for running your firm – from ‘SEO (Search Engine Optimization) Media Guidance – What is the Big Deal’, to ‘Accounting for Lawyers – the Down and Dirty of Reviewing your Own Books.’

Maybe more importantly, if you think you have practical advice (anything from ‘Why You Should Not Date Your Local Judge’s Daughter – Tales from Cell Block E’, to ‘Why You Should Date Your Local Judge’s Son – Tales from the Governor’s Mansion’) submit your idea or article to John (jrice@esc-law.com) or Kenzie (kenzie@mnlaw-nc.com). More than likely they will appreciate your ideas and not lament you for wasting their time.

We hope you enjoy another fun year, and if you are trying to get involved on a more substantial level, PLEASE feel free to reach out to me (I can think of at least five awesome projects you could run). Also, make sure to peruse our website as we continue to beef up our content! (www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers/committees/solo.html). GO CUBS!

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