MEETING PROGRAMMING OVERVIEW

The ABA Midyear Meeting brought together over 500 young lawyers from all practice areas, practice settings, and parts of the country. During the meeting, the Division hosted a number of networking and educational sessions, debated issues of importance to young lawyers, provided much needed resume feedback and career advice to new lawyers, and discussed the importance of voting and voting rights with Dallas-area students as part of its 2012-2013 public service initiative, *The American Voter*.

Highlights included:

**Member Service:** ABA CareerLine *LIVE!* provided much needed resume feedback and career-related advice. During the two-hour event, a team of volunteers provided resume tips and answered career questions for over 150 law students and new lawyers over the phone. Tips and advice were also shared via a live tweet (#CareerLine). Additionally, we personally welcomed nearly 100 new lawyers that recently passed the bar to the profession and the ABA with a quick phone call.

**Idea Exchanges:** Diversity Dialogue, Affiliate Roundtable, and the Committee and Liaison Roundtable.

**Educational Sessions:** New Partner Workshop, Same-Sex Marriage, Drugs, and Immigration: A Recap of State Referenda from the 2012 Election; Liquor and the Law: Legal Issues Relating to the Sale of Alcohol; The Spread of Alternative Resolution Methods Within Local Courts – A Review; and Help Recover: Legal Issues in Disasters

**Committees:** Committee Showcase and Reception.

**Public Service:** On February 8, 2013, young lawyer volunteers implemented the American Voter project ([www.american-voter.org](http://www.american-voter.org)) at North Dallas High School. During an interactive session, young lawyers talked to students about the history of voting rights in the U.S. and the importance of exercising their right to vote.

**Wellness Initiative:** Cardio Hustle

Visit [www.ambar.org/yldmidyear](http://www.ambar.org/yldmidyear) for more information including pictures.
THE ASSEMBLY: Saturday, February 9, 2013

Assembly Speaker: Jennifer G. Daugherty, Minneapolis, MN
Assembly Clerk: Myra L. McKenzie, Bentonville, AR

General
The Speaker and Clerk certified 237 delegates for Assembly. The Affiliate Roll Call with Powerpoint slides was a hit! Thank you, Affiliates!

The Assembly extends great appreciation and thanks to the Assembly's special guests: Coast Guard Recruiting Office of Dallas, TX, organized by Michael Walker (Fed. & Military D.R.); ABA President Laurel Bellows; ABA President-Elect Jim Silkenat; ABA HOD Chair Bob Carlson; ABA Day Planning Chair Linda Klein; ABA Law Day Chair Patricia Refo; FJE Chair Gene Vance; YLD members Francine Bailey, Dana Hrelic, Anita Barksdale, Ireneo Reus, and Sam Edmunds; YLD Credentials Board.

Resolutions for Debate

The Assembly also extends thanks to the YLD delegates who debated resolutions, and those who submitted YL resolutions for the Assembly's consideration: Morgan L. Swing (FL) and the YLD Litigation Committee; Conor P. Cleary (OK); Mark O'Halloran (WA); Kara Johnson (ND).

YL resolutions are online:
www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers/about_us/assembly/2013_midyear_meeting_assembly.html

The HOD resolutions are available online:
http://www.abanow.org/issue/?midyear-meeting-2013&view=hod

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<td><strong>Urges the appropriate governing bodies of states and territories to enact a uniform standard procedure for juror questions during civil and criminal trials</strong>, by adopting and extending the American Jury Project Principles for Juries and Jury Trials drafted by the American Bar Association's American Jury Commission, including, and in particular, Principle 13(C).</td>
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<td>Encourages all state, local, and specialty bar associations that currently have a section or division specifically dedicated to young or new lawyers to maintain that section or division.</td>
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<td><strong>Amends Articles VI, VII, and XI of the ABA YLD Bylaws</strong>, which separates the ABAYLD Secretary-Treasurer position into two (2) positions: Secretary (which will perform current Secretary duties and generally ascend to the Chair position); and Treasurer (which will focus on financial matters including spending, budgeting and generating non-dues revenue).</td>
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Consent Calendar

All resolutions on the consent calendar were adopted by the YLD Assembly. The ABA House of Delegates (HOD) voted on the HOD resolutions during their Midyear Meeting sessions. The HOD resolutions are available online at www.abanow.org/issue/?midyear-meeting-2013&view=hod.

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2013-2014 ABA YLD Elections
The election will take place at the 2013 Annual Meeting in San Francisco on Saturday, August 10. The following candidates are running unopposed:

Secretary-Treasurer: Lacy L. Durham, Dallas, TX
Assembly Clerk: David Scriven-Young, Chicago, IL
House of Delegates Representatives: Christopher A Rogers, Dallas, TX; Jennifer G. Daugherty, Minneapolis, MN
Board of Governors Representative: Min K. Cho, Orlando, FL

NATIONAL OUTSTANDING YOUNG LAWYER AWARD CEREMONY
(www.ambar.org/younglawyerawards)

Congratulations to this year’s recipient and finalists: Clark C. Walton, Alexander Ricks PLLC, Charlotte, NC (Recipient); Karen C. Denny, Haynes and Boone, LLP, Fort Worth, TX (Finalist); and R. Carson Fisk, Ford Nassen & Baldwin P.C., Austin, TX (Finalist)

Next Assembly: August 9 & 10 at the 2013 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA

Call For Resolutions: Submit your resolution via the YLD’s online Resolution Proposal Form. YLD Speaker Jennifer Daugherty and the Resolutions Team are also available to assist you with all aspects of drafting and presenting your resolution. Contact Jennifer at JGDaugherty@rkmc.com with questions.

Delegate Certification: Make sure your state, national affiliate or military branch is fully represented:

- May 1: deadline for local affiliates to submit delegate information to their state affiliate.
- May 15: deadline for state affiliates, national affiliates and military affiliates to submit their delegate information to the ABA YLD via the online Delegate Certification Form.

Note: The following information is needed for each delegate: name, contact information including email address, ABA ID #, birth date, and whether he or she qualifies under ABA YLD bylaws or the organization’s bylaws. If you have any questions regarding delegate certification, contact Assembly Clerk Myra McKenzie at myra.mckenzie@walmartlegal.com.

Additional information about the YLD Assembly and Delegate Certification is also available at www.ambar.org/yldassembly.
2012-13 Update: Programs, Projects, and Activities

The accomplishments of our ABA YLD members this year have been nothing short of outstanding. As discussed throughout this report, we are moving forward on many significant initiatives and continued programs that continue to put the Division at the forefront of issues important to the profession and our Association.

Voice of the Profession (1)

Our efforts at speaking for the profession continue. Specifically:

- The Truth in Law School Education Committee continues to collaborate with YLD members appointed to the ABA President’s new Task Force on Legal Education. We hope to have a significant impact on the evaluation of the structure and function of legal education in our community through this collaboration.

- The YLD had several opportunities at home and abroad to promote its efforts on behalf of the profession, including at events in Oklahoma and Florida. Those efforts focused on sharing information about our Truth in Law School Education efforts as well as our affiliate benefits, listed in the 2012-2013 Affiliate Year-At-A-Glance, emphasizing opportunities for domestic and international partnerships.

- The YLD Assembly has received a large number of requests for support or co-sponsorship of important policymaking, including Ethics 20/20 and several YL (young lawyer-authored) resolutions.

Service to the Public (2)

The ABA YLD continues to serve our communities:

- Since September 1, the Disaster Legal Services program (www.ambar.org/disasterhelp) has activated seven disaster hotlines to provide legal assistance: four in connection with Hurricane Sandy in the states of Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York; two in connection with Hurricane Isaac in the states of Louisiana and Mississippi; and one in West Virginia for severe storms and straight-line winds.

- The Affiliate Project Database is ready for prime time. This resource will feature ABA YLD projects and past Award of Achievement-winning projects. The best of the best will continue to be featured in our monthly Spotlight on Service email series.

- The American Voter project has been a success. The number of states that implemented a voting rights / awareness campaign was remarkable. And the effort to educate young people about the importance of their right to vote continues, at www.american-voter.org. The website continues to offer affiliates interested in hosting a voting awareness event in their area the Vote America! video, “Go Packets” with all the information necessary to host a voting rights presentation, updates and factoids about voting rights, registration deadlines, other information, and a 50-state database containing information about how to register to vote. American Voter was our most-heavily-promoted service project on social media, ever. Hopefully the template we developed with American Voter will be a model for future efforts at nationwide service.
Meanwhile, the Public Service Team has also been hard at work preparing our Law Day Art Contest for high school students. We need your help spreading the word about the contest.

**How You Can Help:** 1. Notify local schools. 2. Reach out to teachers, parents and students you know. 3. Share information with your Facebook friends, Twitter followers and LinkedIn connections.

Visit [www.ambar.org/lawday](http://www.ambar.org/lawday) for more information including contest rules and sample promotional tools (letters and social media messages).

**Law Day Art Contest for U.S. Students Grades 9 through 12**
*Group and individual entries welcome.*

**2013 Theme:** Realizing the Dream: Equality for All.

**Submission:** Students should create an art piece that can be represented in two dimensions (including, but not limited to, drawings, paintings, films, photographs, graphic novels, comics etc.) that highlights the theme “Realizing the Dream: Equality for All.” The submission must comply with the terms of the YLD Law Day Art Contest Rules which may be found at the contest website ([www.ambar.org/lawday](http://www.ambar.org/lawday)).

**Eligibility:** All U.S. students grades 9 through 12.

**Entry Deadline:** April 1, 2013

**Recognition and Awards:** Four prizes will be awarded. Runners-up for both the individual and team categories will receive prizes with a value not to exceed $250 and winners for both the individual and team categories will receive prizes with a value not to exceed $750 in addition to a party hosted by the ABA YLD in the winners’ hometowns.

**Service to Our Members (3)**

Everything we do, ultimately, is member service:

- **Section Connect** has continued to pick up steam, as our committee leadership and liaisons continue to solicit and receive valuable programming, content, and opportunities for our members ("pieces of flair") from other parts of the ABA. These resources have already begun to be pushed out through committee newsletters and our Division-wide communications. The team is now turning to preparation of a new and innovative "Best of the ABA" member benefit. Details to be announced at the Spring Council meeting.

- We continue to evaluate and improve our efforts to serve our members through our substantive committees. After careful consideration and development of a policy to guide the implementation of Committee Newsletters, the first next-generation committee newsletters were publishing in the first weeks of 2013. In addition, we are continuing the promotion of Committee Teleconferences and hope to be able to support several chosen programs this year by offering them the opportunity to offer CLE credit.

- Finally, we are taking significant steps to evaluate and redesign our approach to our flagship publication, *The Young Lawyer*. ABA Publishing has offered us significant resources and assistance in the TYL Redesign. In addition, our communications team has completed its Social Media Audit, designed to help us assess our current social media efforts and identify opportunities for improvement, possible in concert with the TYL redesign effort.
Improving Our Profession (4)

We will continue in 2012-2013 to try to make our profession better, more inclusive, and more supportive:

- The Membership Board spearheaded the creation of CareerLine LIVE! presented by the ABA YLD, a career telethon concept where our Council members and other leaders offered career advice to law students and young lawyers in need.

- We continue to add to the Career Development Initiative (www.ambar.org/yldcareerdevelopment) by adding to the existing databank of resources about making career transitions with information about finding a legal job in the current climate. Continuing our partnership with the ABA Career Center, the updated and revised CDI website is live (with a fancy new logo!) and will be updated through the year.

- We will continue to emphasize the importance of diversity in the profession, including through our efforts at promoting the work of affiliates in supporting diversity throughout the legal pipeline. Next Steps Challenge, Season Two (www.ambar.org/nextstepschallenge), the next season of our contest aimed at incentivizing and supporting young lawyer affiliates engaged in this area, is underway. We are excited about the current entries and look forward to the results.

Future Meetings

- Spring Conference—Minneapolis, MN (May 16-18, 2013) (www.ambar.org/yldspring)
- ABA Annual Meeting—San Francisco, CA (August 8-10, 2013) (www.ambar.org/yldannual)


Contact Mario Sullivan, Chair-Elect, marioasullivan@yahoo.com, with questions.

Conferences:
2013 YLD Fall Conference—Phoenix, Arizona, October 10-12, 2013
2014 ABA Midyear Meeting—Chicago, Illinois, February 5-11, 2014
2014 YLD Spring Conference—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 15-17, 2014
2014 ABA Annual Meeting—Boston, Massachusetts, August 7-12, 2014

Special Projects:

Small groups have been formed and are starting the preparation and planning for:

The YLD 2013-14 Public Service Project – Anti-Bullying program. The project will focus on 3 key areas:

1. Educating School Administrators, Teachers, and Students. Young Lawyers will be going into schools to educate on what bullying is, the effects of bullying, and the laws and policies enacted to combat bullying.

2. Educating Lawyers. ABA YLD will provide webinars and in-person programming to educate young lawyers on representing school system, students, parents, and teachers who are faced with bullying allegations.

3. Legislation. Finally, we will provide and encourage young lawyers to lobby for laws and policies to assist in combating bullying in our schools.
Member Service Project – ABA YLD will develop a “How To” booklet on opening your own firm, working as a military lawyer, working in public interest, and working in government. The booklet will be launched in two parts, the first part will focus on new young lawyer members (0-5 years of practice) to provide them with basic information in said areas, tips, “Ask a Senior Lawyer”, mentoring, and how to. The second part will focus on young lawyers in 5-10 years of practice by providing more advanced information, tips, “business side of the practice of law,” and how to’s.

Special Project- We are developing a Law Student Competition to encourage further participation of law students in the YLD and looking into joining with the Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity on their Diversity Leadership Institute.

**Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:**

Visit [www.ambar.org/yldaffiliates](http://www.ambar.org/yldaffiliates) for more information.

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