

YLD LIAISON ENTITY INFORMATION AND EXPECTATIONS

Entity Name: Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity

Section, Division, or Forum Overview and Website

The Diversity Center is the coordinating entity for the 3 main groups within the ABA that address racial and ethnic diversity. The Center also serves as a centralized resource and advocate for diversity activity throughout the ABA. Its work enhances the ABA's diversity efforts through improved coordination, communication and utilization of resources. Through its national lens and by garnering the strength of Association-wide diversity, the Center positions the ABA to assume a greater leadership role in advancing diversity in the profession.

The Center is comprised of three main entities: Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (legal profession); Advisory Council on Diversity (pipeline); and Council on Racial and Ethnic Justice (social justice). Through the efforts of these groups, the ABA addresses the issue of diversity with a three-pronged approach focusing on racial and ethnic issues of the legal profession, advancing diverse students into the profession, and eliminating bias in the social justice system.

<http://new.abanet.org/centers/diversity>

Top 3 Benefits of Being a Liaison to Your Entity

1: Opportunity to play an integral role in diversity activities throughout the ABA.

2: Primary lead in strengthening the connection between the Diversity Center and the Young Lawyers Division.

3: Exposure to current diversity activities and information throughout the legal profession.

Entity Contact Information

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LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES

Please list the entity responsibilities for your young lawyer liaison.

- Attend Center meetings and participate in pertinent conference calls;
- Stay informed of Center activities to fully and accurately communicate to your entity about the Center;
- Stay informed of your entity's activities to fully and accurately communicate to the Center about your entity.

LIAISON GOALS

Please list three goals, including deadlines, which your entity expects your young lawyer liaison to complete.

- Beyond those listed above, the Center has no specific projects assigned to the YLD Liaison at this time. The YLD Liaison will be offered the opportunity to work on one or more Center projects this bar year.
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GOVERNANCE

Does the liaison sit on your Council or Governing Board?

Yes No

Does the liaison participate in other committees/boards/groups?

Yes No

If so, please include the name(s) of these committees/boards/groups:

YLD Liaison assignment has not been determined at this time.

PARTICIPATION

In-person Meetings

Fall Meeting

Date: October 9-10, 2009

Location: Chicago, IL

Spring Meeting

Date: April 15-17, 2010

Location: Scottsdale, AZ

ABA Midyear

Date: February 6, 2010

Location: Orlando, FL

ABA Annual

Date: August 7, 2010

Location: San Francisco, CA

Other:

Date:

Location:

Is funding available from your entity for your liaison to attend in-person meetings?

Yes

No

If so, please provide funding details (check all that apply):

Coach Airfare

Per Diem

Hotel

Ground Transportation

Other

Conference Calls

Number of conference calls your liaison is expected to participate in:

No calls scheduled at this time.

REPORTING

Written Reports

Is the liaison expected to submit a written report to your entity?

Yes

No

If so, how often?

Monthly

Quarterly (at the Center business meeting)

Biannually

Other

LEADERSHIP PATH

Do you have a formal leadership path in place for liaisons (e.g. liaison → committee member → committee chair)?

Yes

No

Not Yet

If so, please explain:

The Diversity Center is eager to work with the Young Lawyers Division to explore this opportunity.