



The Affiliate Network:
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Message from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great honor to chair the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (ABA YLD) and to outline our plans for the 2010–2011 bar year and the resources available to the Affiliate Network.



Like your young lawyer organizations, the Division takes pride in making a positive contribution to communities in which we practice and the profession and helping young lawyers succeed. For over three decades now, the ABA YLD also remains committed to helping young lawyer organizations thrive. 2010–2011 will be no different.

During the bar year we have four key initiatives that we hope you join us in implementing, supporting and/or promoting:

- The Serving Our Seniors (SOS) Public Service Program
- The Civics and Law Academies
- The Law Day Video Contest
- New Partner Focus

As part of the Affiliate Network we also encourage you to take advantage of the many resources available to you and your young lawyer organizations:

- Publications
- Virtual and In-person Forums
- National recognition for your projects and members
- The ABA YLD Website
- Affiliate Assistance Team

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with you and your organization, and we look forward to further collaboration this year and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Wolfe".

David Wolfe
2010–2011 Chair

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Join us in implementing, supporting and/or promoting the following initiatives:

- **The Serving Our Seniors (SOS) Public Service program** provides low-income seniors with pro bono legal services in the form of simple wills, powers of attorney, and advance healthcare directives.
- **The Civics and Law Academies** are part of the comprehensive ABA Presidential civic education initiative that targets high school students. Conducted over the 2011 President's Day Weekend when possible, the curriculum is organized into core and elective offerings that provide an interactive learning experience.
- **The Law Day Video Contest** educates 9th through 12th grade students on the importance of discourse, participation, and the effect of the law in their daily lives. Each 3-minute video will be judged on criteria such as originality, creativity, quality, relevance/adherence to the contest theme, and extent to which the video provokes reflection, discussion, debate, and/or critique regarding the topic. Winners will be invited to attend the ABA Law Day celebration in Washington D.C. where the winning video will be recognized.
- **The 2011 New Partner and In-House Counsel Conference, 2011 New Partner Teleconference Series and 100 Plus Pointers for the New Partner** provides new partners and those on the partner track with a number of learning opportunities and resources to help them as they take on this new role.
 - The conference, scheduled for February 25–26, 2011 in Philadelphia, PA, offers new partners the opportunity to learn from the experts, to share ideas and discuss important issues with their peers and to build relationships and expand their network.
 - The teleconference series, scheduled to start in January 2011, provides live and on demand learning opportunities.
 - *100 Plus Pointers* which is currently available as a download from the ABA Webstore, includes such tips as understanding your firm's governance, structure and economics, personal strategies for business and client development, and the skills and knowledge needed to step up into a leadership position.

Tips for Making the Most of Your Affiliation

1. **Ensure that your Affiliate profile and contact information is updated.**
2. **Know your District Representative (DR) or National Affiliate Representative (NR).** State and Local Affiliates elect a DR from their YLD district to serve a two-year term. National Affiliates either elect or appointed a NR. These individuals serve as your Affiliate's personal connection to the Division, disseminating Affiliate projects and relevant issues to the ABA YLD Council, while also keeping you updated on Division activities. Additionally, they may offer assistance on project implementation, coordinate disaster legal service efforts, and provide input and vote on policy positions.
3. **Take advantage of the many tools and resources available.**

Visit: www.abanet.org/yld for more information.

Tools and Resources

Take advantage of the many tools and resources available to you and your young lawyer organizations:

- **The Affiliate and The e-Affiliate**, a newsletter published six times a year and its electronic companion, covers the important issues and trends affecting young lawyer state, local, and specialty bar associations.
- **Turnkey initiatives like Serving Our Seniors** equip organizations with projects that can be easily implemented in their communities.
- **Virtual and in-person forums** supply opportunities for connecting, collaborating and learning.
 - Facebook Fanpage, LinkedIn Group and Twitter stream
 - Teleconferences and on demand learning experiences
 - Meetings and Conferences
 - October 14–16, 2010
Fall Conference—Santa Fe, NM
 - February 10–12, 2011
ABA Midyear Meeting—Atlanta, GA
 - May 12–14, 2011
Spring Conference—Las Vegas, NV
 - August 4–6, 2011
ABA Annual Meeting—Toronto, Canada
- **Award programs** supply national recognition for your projects and members.
 - The Subgrant Program provides funding to young lawyer organizations for activities that benefit local communities, leaders or members. The deadline is March 1 of each year.
 - The Awards of Achievement Program recognizes young lawyer organizations for activities that benefit local communities, leaders, members and the profession. The deadline is June 15 of each year.
 - The Child Advocacy Award honors lawyers for distinguished service on the behalf of children. The deadline is April 30 of each year.
 - The Outstanding Young Military Service Lawyers Award recognizes the dedication and excellence of young military attorneys in each of the five uniformed services. The deadline is April 15 of each year.
 - The National Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recognizes an ABA young lawyer in good standing who exhibits: professional excellence; service to the profession and the bar; service to the community; and/or a reputation for or the advancement of legal ethics and professional responsibility. The deadline is August 31 of each year.
- **The ABA YLD website** (www.abanet.org/yld) provides convenient access to a vast array of information and tools designed to help bar leaders and organizations succeed.
- **The Affiliate Assistance Team** offers bar leaders support and serves as an additional conduit for connecting bar leaders and organizations to relevant tools and resources.
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Important Dates and Deadlines

Date	What
October 1, 2010	Subgrant Program Application Process Opens
October 14–16, 2010	Fall Conference—Santa Fe, NM
October 15, 2010	Serving Our Seniors Project Launch
October 24–30, 2010	National Pro Bono Celebration
November 1, 2010	Law Day Video Contest Submission Process Opens
December 1, 2010	ABA Midyear Meeting: Assembly Delegate Deadline for Local Affiliates 2011–2012 Leadership Appointment Application Process Opens
December 15, 2010	ABA Midyear Meeting: Assembly Delegate Deadline for States and Specialty YL Affiliates and Military Branches ABA Midyear Meeting: Assembly Resolution Proposals Deadline
February 10–12, 2011	ABA Midyear Meeting—Atlanta, GA
February 15, 2011	2011–2012 Leadership Appointment Application Deadline Child Advocacy Award Nomination Process Opens
February 25–26, 2011	New Partner and In-House Counsel Conference—Philadelphia, PA
March 1, 2011	Law Day Video Contest Submission Deadline Subgrant Program Application Deadline
March 15, 2011	Outstanding Young Military Service Lawyer Award Nominations Process Opens
April 1, 2011	Even Numbered 2011–2013 District Representatives and National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Bar Association and National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
April 1, 2011	Awards of Achievement Nomination Process Opens
April 15, 2011	Scholarship Application Process Opens Outstanding Young Military Service Lawyer Award Deadline
April 12–14, 2011	ABA Day—Washington, DC
April 30, 2011	Child Advocacy Award Deadline
May 1, 2011	Law Day ABA Annual Meeting: Assembly Delegate Deadline for Local Affiliates
TBD	Law Day Celebration—Washington, DC
May 12–14, 2011	Spring Conference—Las Vegas, NV
May 15, 2011	ABA Annual Meeting: Assembly Delegate Deadline for States and Specialty YL Affiliates and Military Branches
June 3, 2011	ABA Annual Meeting: Assembly Resolution Proposals Deadline
June 15, 2011	Awards of Achievement Program Nomination Deadline
July 1, 2011	National Outstanding Young Lawyer Award Nomination Process Opens
August 4–6, 2011	ABA Annual Meeting—Toronto, Canada
August 31, 2011	National Outstanding Young Lawyer Award Nomination Deadline

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About the Division

The American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (ABA YLD) is the home for young lawyers. With over 150,000 members and 300 affiliated groups, the ABA YLD is the largest young lawyer organization in the world.

The Division is committed to assuring it is best able to represent the newest members of the profession, ensuring that it reflects the society it serves, and providing young lawyers and young lawyer organizations with the tools and opportunities for professional and personal success.

Individual membership is open to American Bar Association members under 36 years old or admitted to practice for five years or less. Affiliate membership is open to young lawyer organizations and special interest bars. There are no additional membership dues.

Visit www.abanet.org/yld for more information.



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