

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION ASSEMBLY**

Saturday, February 6, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Orlando, FL

AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS

Call to Order

Ethan Tidmore, Assembly Speaker, Birmingham, AL

Presentation of the Colors

Color Guard from Orlando, FL

National Anthem

Paul Neese, YLD Liaison to ABA TIPS Section, Portland, OR

Pledge of Allegiance

Jill Hasegawa, District 33 Representative, Honolulu, HI

Invocation

Maurice Ruffin, District 14 Representative, New Orleans, LA

Explanation of Mission of the Assembly, Duties of Delegates, and Standing Rules; Adoption of Rules of Debate and Agenda

Ethan Tidmore, Assembly Speaker

Credentials Report

Carlos Escurel, Assembly Clerk, Detroit, MI

Approval of Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting Assembly

Michael G. Bergmann, Secretary-Treasurer, Chicago, IL

Adoption of Consent Calendar

Ethan Tidmore, Assembly Speaker

List of Resolutions on Consent Calendar:

102J—Urging Congress to lift the proposed expiration on the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2008.

115—Urging Congress to reauthorize and fully fund the Violence Against Women Act and other similar legislation that promotes access to justice and safety for victims of domestic violence.

102G—Urging the President and Attorney General, and state and local leaders, to assure that government lawyers do not make decisions concerning investigations or proceedings based on partisan political interests and do not perceive that they will be rewarded for, or punished for not, doing so.

TBD—Urging Congress, the Executive Branch and/or commercial lenders to develop and implement various loan assistance programs for law students and recent law school graduates experiencing financial hardship due to deferred or lack of employment during a period of economic crisis.

YLD LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Report of YLD Chair

Kelly-Ann Clarke, YLD Chair, Galveston, TX

Report of YLD Chair-Elect

David Wolfe, YLD Chair-Elect, Livingston, NJ

Report of YLD Membership Director

Eric Koester, YLD Membership Director, Seattle, WA

RESOLUTIONS FOR DEBATE

Resolution 1YL

This resolution urges Congress to enact laws that provide for a Startup Visa, which would allow foreign citizens who form bona fide businesses that spur innovation and employment in the United States to obtain permanent residency.

Pro: *Eric Koester, YLD Membership Director, Seattle, WA*

Con: *Jeff Sklarz, District 2 Representative, Bridgeport, CT*

Resolution 2YL

This resolution urges Congress to amend the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 to create a safe-harbor provision from civil penalties when responsible reporting entities rely on a claimant's verified representations regarding his or her receipt of Medicare benefits.

Pro: *Asa Baker, Co-Chair YLD Litigation Comm., Memphis, TN*

Con: *Ryan Reed, ABA Nominating Comm. Rep., Bowling Green, KY*

Resolution 111C

This resolution urges the ABA to approve the Uniform Collaborative Law Act, which seeks to standardize collaborative law practice and encourages the development and growth of collaborative law as a form of alternative dispute resolution.

Pro: *David Hoffman, ABA Section of Dispute Resolution*

Con: *Larry Fox, Past Chair of Section of Litigation, Philadelphia, PA*

Resolution 177B

This resolution recommends a new dues structure for members of the ABA beginning in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Pro: *Danny Van Horn, ABA House of Delegates Rep., Memphis, TN*

Con: *Jay E. Ray, ABA House of Delegates Rep., Dallas, TX*

ABA LEADERSHIP REMARKS

Presentation

Carolyn Lamm, ABA President, Washington, D.C.

Presentation

Stephen N. Zack, ABA President-Elect, Miami, FL

Presentation

William C. Hubbard, Chair of ABA House of Delegates, Columbia, SC

Presentation

ABA Day in Washington, D.C. (April 21-23, 2010)

Laurel G. Bellows, Chair of ABA Day Planning Committee and Nominee for ABA President-Elect, Chicago, IL

Presentation

Section of Litigation Institute for Trial Training (LITT) (Chicago, IL, July 9-10, 2010), co-sponsored by ABA YLD

Paul Mark Sandler, Co-Chair of LITT, Baltimore, MD

AWARDS

Presentation of National Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

Lizz K. Acee, YLD Immediate Past Chair and House of Delegates Rep., New Haven, CT

Remarks by 2009 Award of Achievement Recipient

Jaime Hawk, Immediate Past Chair of the Washington Young Lawyers, Spokane, WA

INTRODUCTION OF UNCONTESTED CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Chair: *David B. Wolfe, Livingston, NJ*

Chair-Elect: *Michael G. Bergmann, Chicago, IL*

Secretary-Treasurer: *Christopher A. Rogers, Dallas, TX*

Assembly Speaker: *Carlos A. Escurel, Detroit, MI*

Assembly Clerk: *Latanishia D. Watters, Birmingham, AL*

Board of Governors Representative: *Michael Pellicciotti, Seattle, WA*

House of Delegates Representatives: *Kelly-Ann Clarke, Galveston, TX*

******Ethan Tidmore, Birmingham, AL*

PRESENTATION BY EUROPEAN YOUNG BAR ASSOCIATION (EYBA)

Peter Wright, Honorary Secretary of the EYBA, Sheffield, United Kingdom

PRESENTATION REGARDING 2010 YLD SPRING CONFERENCE

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, May 13-15, 2010

Lynlee Wells Palmer, Conference and Program Director, Birmingham, AL