

YLD Matters

The Mississippi Bar



Young Lawyers Division

Winter 2015

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The 2015 year has gotten off to a busy start for the Young Lawyers Division, and the winter has been packed full of projects and events, both for the community and for our young lawyers. I want to thank everyone for voting and selecting a great group of incoming officers and directors to serve on the YLD Board for 2015-2016. I know the YLD Board will be in good hands with Jenny Tyler Baker as YLD President-Elect and Brad Reeves as Secretary. Thank you everyone for your willingness to serve The Mississippi Bar and help YLD continue to grow.

Our Public Service Committee has been busy this winter season, between Wills for Heroes and Lawyers in the Library. In the first year of organizing clinics for the Lawyers in the Library program, Chair Hunter Aikens has done a fabulous job. After an extremely successful event in Jackson in October, a second event was held in Pascagoula on January 22. Once again, the participation numbers were high – the nine volunteer attorneys were able to assist 30 participants with their questions about their legal issues. I want to give a

giant thanks to Hunter for all of his hard work and to all of our attorney volunteers from the coast. Due to the success of the first event in Jackson, we will hold a second event, in coordination with our local affiliate, the Jackson Young Lawyers Association. This event will be held on March 19. Clarence Webster, who heads up the second part of the Public Service Committee, is busy planning multiple Wills for Heroes Events in the State. On November 14, YLD partnered with the Pro Bono Committee of the Mississippi Association for Justice to draft wills for members of the Hinds County Sheriff's Department. We look forward to more events this spring.

Our new service project, which will provide legal clinics for our homeless youth is getting ready to start with some clinics this spring across the state. We look forward to the opportunity to serve our children in need.

The High School Mock Trial Competition wrapped up on February 28 with Sacred Heart Catholic High School prevailing in the Finals. I was fortunate enough to serve as a judge in the Final Round, along with Judge Linda Anderson, Robert Gibbs, Gene Harlow and LaKeisha Greer-Isaac. The winning team will travel to Raleigh, NC, in May to compete in the National Competition. As always, we could not have this competition without the generosity of our attorneys and judges in giving their time to judge the regionals and the statewide competition in January and February. A big thank you to all of our volunteers and a huge congratulations to all participants. We know Sacred Heart will make us proud in North Carolina!

This year, YLD has concentrated on offering more services for our

members. That started with the Litigation 101 Series, which has been hugely successful. This program is a series of CLEs on how to handle a case from the beginning through appeals.

We are in the planning stages of a Deposition boot camp, later this spring. Additionally, the Second Annual YLD Mid-Year Conference will be held in Jackson on March 27 at the King Edward Hotel. The event will kick-off with a reception the evening before at the King Edward Hotel, and the conference will begin the next morning. This year, the conference will feature a continuation of skills CLEs, including voir dire, opening statements and closing arguments, mediation and deposition skills. We will feature two speakers, Patrick Nelson, the founder of I'm ME, and Judge James Graves of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. Patrick Nelson will speak to our young lawyers about the need to think outside the box when giving back to the community and people in need and the necessity of public service. We will hear his personal story of how public service drove him and his brothers, including David Nelson, a professional football player, to form a non-profit organization to help the homeless children in Haiti. The day will close with an ethics hour of advice from Past Presidents of The Mississippi Bar. We are very excited about this event and hope to see you there!

We look forward to building on our active fall and winter as we head into the spring months.



YLD President
Jennie Eichelberger

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LOCAL AFFILIATE REPORTS

HARRISON COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (HCYLA)

Jaklyn Wrigley, President

Recently HCYLA hosted a forum for all candidates in the contested Harrison County judicial races. More than 100 attended. HCYLA has big plans for 2015. HCYLA will hold a bowling tournament and tennis tournament, a Wills for Heroes event, and a brewery tour. Additionally, HCYLA has three speakers scheduled to attend meetings as speakers for CLE credit, including Magistrate John Gargiulo on February 26, 2015. For more information on HCYLA events and meetings, please email President Jaklyn Wrigley at jwrigley@laborlawyers.com

JACKSON COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS (JCYL)

Kat Van Buskirk, President

Jackson County Young Lawyers (JCYL) has been very busy hosting guest speakers, having beach parties, contributing to community fundraisers, and making plans for 2015. Our guest speakers have included a circuit court judge, a chancery court judge, a solo practitioner, a State Senator, and candidates running for political office. Each speaker has given a presentation at our monthly meetings that will aid young lawyers in all aspects of the profession. Jackson County Young Lawyers and Harrison County Young Lawyers joined together to host a Family Day at the local beach in September. Members were joined by their spouses and children. While the children played at the park and swam in the Gulf, the rest of the family got to know one another around a bonfire. During the holiday season, JCYL took part in a community gift drive for the state hospital and were able to provide numerous items for the patients. Throughout the year we have had at least one new lawyer come to every monthly meeting. During 2015, we are looking forward to hosting more guest speakers, including a judge from the Court of Appeals and a justice from the Supreme Court of Mississippi. We also have a fundraiser planned in which we will show "Hot Coffee," a movie about the current legal system and tort reform.



HATTIESBURG AREA YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (HAYLA)

Matthew Shoemaker, President

HAYLA hosted its last Lunch & Learn CLE event of 2014 on Friday, October 17, in the Forrest County Chancery Courthouse featuring local attorney T. Michael Reed who delivered a presentation on the 2014 changes affecting Mississippi DUI law. On Friday, October 24, HAYLA sponsored a tour of the locally-owned Southern Prohibition Brewery in downtown Hattiesburg. Along with the South Central Mississippi Bar Association, HAYLA hosted a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 11, 2014. Toy donations were received from members at the door and donated to the Toys for Tots campaign of the U.S. Marine Corps. HAYLA will host its first Lunch and Learn event of the new year on Thursday, February 26, 2015, featuring Justice Randy G. Pierce who will deliver a Mississippi Supreme Court Update. A Wills for Heroes event is tentatively planned for the spring as well. Continuing its relationship with the Hattiesburg-based Pine Belt Young Professionals organization, plans are underway for HAYLA and PBYP's annual "Off the Clock" social event coming up in April 2015.



HAYLA Members from L to R: AJ Elkins, Nick Thompson, Justin Starling and Matthew Shoemaker enjoying the Brew Pub Tour.

LOCAL AFFILIATE REPORTS CONT'D

TRI-COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS

Nicholas Brown, President

The Tri-County YLD co-hosted (for the first time in recent years), with the Lafayette County Bar, the annual Christmas Party on Thursday, January 18. After the new year, we will meet again to discuss our spring CLE, which will likely be calendared around a home baseball weekend.

JOIN THE LOCAL AFFILIATE IN YOUR AREA

PURPOSE

The purpose of the local affiliate organizations is to aid in the administration of justice; to promote among its members higher ethical and professional standards in the practice of law; to advise, inform and educate its members in all matters relevant to the practice of law; to present programs and conduct projects to educate the public at large about the judicial system, the role of the attorney and the rights of the individual under law; to conduct seminars and other educational programs; to promote fellowship among its members and to sponsor social activities for members and their guests.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Membership is open to any duly-licensed member of The Mississippi Bar who is a resident of the area which the affiliate serves and is either 37 years of age or younger or has been a member of The Mississippi Bar for less than three years. The local affiliates charge a minimal annual membership fee.

[Click here for information on how to join or contact the local affiliate in your area.](#)

AN INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT: If you would like to become more involved with YLD, please contact Rene' Garner at rgarner@msbar.org or Jennie Eichelberger at jennie.eichelberger@splcenter.org.

LITIGATION 101 SERIES

Learn what you didn't learn in law school with the Young Lawyers Division's new CLE series "Practice in a Flash: Litigation 101." The series will take you step-by-step through the litigation process with sessions on case investigation and evaluation; depositions and discovery; mediation and negotiation; trial; appeals; and ethics and civility. The six sessions will be held monthly at the Bar Center (643 North State Street) in Jackson from 4 - 6 p.m.

[Click here to download the registration information](#)

Purchase sessions for \$25 each.

- **Trial** - Tuesday, March 24, 2015 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
[Click here to download the agenda](#)
- **Appeals** - Tuesday, April 14, 2015 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
[Click here to download the agenda](#)
- **Ethics and Civility** - Tuesday, May 12, 2015 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY

The Pascagoula Lawyers in the Library Event was a huge success. Nine attorney volunteers participated throughout the evening to assist with sign-in and advice sessions. Local news Channel 25 covered the event and ran spots on both the early and late news--complete coverage on the late airing. The volunteer attorneys provided advice to approximately 30 participants. Attorney volunteers in Pascagoula: Jeremy England, Nathan Burrow, Lee Turner, Charles and Katy Fulgham, Jonathan Franco, Adrienne Hinton, Jessica Dupont, and Kat Van Buskirk. A second Jackson event is scheduled for Thursday, March 29. If you are interested in having an event in your area, please contact Hunter Aikens at haike@ospd.ms.gov



Statewide Mock Trial Competition

Sacred Heart Catholic School Team 2 won the Championship Round of the Mississippi High School Mock Trial Competition at the Hinds County Courthouse on Saturday, February 28, coached by attorneys Don Hinton and Carey Varnado. Sacred Heart Catholic School will represent Mississippi in the National High School Mock Trial Competition in Raleigh, North Carolina, on May 14-16. Sacred Heart Catholic School Team 1 earned the second place trophy gavel, coached by Don Hinton and Carey Varnado. The following schools earned the remainder of the top six positions: Cleveland High School, third place, coached by Michael Carr and Arthur Calderon; St. Patrick Catholic High School, fourth place, coached by Judge Jennifer Schloegel and Elena Guida; MSMS Team 1, fifth place, coached by Scott Colom; and Madison Central, sixth place, coached by Rogen Chhabra and Staci O'Neal. A special thanks to all of the attorney coaches and judges that volunteered their valuable time to help with this Young Lawyers Division law related education program in its 32nd year.



The final round judges included (left to right): Gene Harlow, President of The Mississippi Bar; Jennie Eichelberger, President of the Young Lawyers Division of The Mississippi Bar; Robert Gibbs, who has judged the final round for 25 years, served as the presiding judge; LaKeysha Greer Isaac, member of South Pike High School's Mock Trial Team that won 1st at Nationals in 1993 in Atlanta and earned 3rd place at Nationals in 1992 in Madison, Wisconsin; and Magistrate Judge Linda Anderson, Southern District of MS.



Top Attorney - Sadie Henderson, Presbyterian Christian
 Top Witness - Bailey McHale, St. Andrew's Episcopal



Sacred Heart Catholic School Team 2



2015 YLD Midyear Conference

Friday, March 27, 2015 - King Edward - 235 West Capitol Street - Jackson

5.0 Hours CLE Credit, including 1 Ethics Hour

About the Seminar

The Mississippi Bar Young Lawyers Division's Midyear Conference is a statewide event designed to foster professional development and establish networking opportunities. The conference provides CLE educational seminars, informational programming, and a social event designed to enhance the skill, knowledge, and understanding of the legal profession for young lawyers. The Midyear Conference will be held on Friday, March 27, at the King Edward in Jackson. Speakers include Patrick Nelson, COO/CO-Founder of I'm ME, and Judge James E. Graves, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Past Presidents of The Mississippi Bar will share their knowledge and experience about professionalism and ethics in the practice of law. Breakout sessions will be offered addressing specific areas of your practice.

Reception at The King Edward Bar - Thursday, March 26 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

A reception to kick-off the event will be held at The King Edward Bar on Thursday, March 26 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Come connect with other colleagues experiencing the same opportunities and challenges as you. Registrants will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and one drink ticker per person.

Notes

Registration:

The registration fee is \$150.

Room Block:

A special room rate of \$109 (plus tax) is available. Call the King Edward at 601-353-KING to make a reservation. Be sure and mention Meeting Group Code "BAR" to receive our room rate.

Valet Parking:

Valet parking vouchers will be available at the registration desk for those that need to valet their vehicles.

Written Materials:

Will be provided to all registrants on the day of the seminar.

Cancellations:

Cancellations made prior to the seminar will receive a refund less a \$25 administrative fee. Cancellations on the day of the seminar and "no shows" will receive no refund.

Questions:

Contact Rene' Garner at The Mississippi Bar at rgarner@msbar.org with any questions.

Registration Form

2015 YLD Midyear Conference

Friday, March 27, 2015 - King Edward - 235 West Capitol Street - Jackson

\$150 Registration Fee

Full Name: _____ Bar #: _____

Preferred First Name for Badge: _____ City: _____

Email (required to register): _____

Make check payable to **The Mississippi Bar** and return with this registration form to:

The Mississippi Bar, Attn: Rene' Garner, P.O. Box 2168, Jackson, MS 39225-2168

Agenda

- 8:00 – 8:30 am** **Light Breakfast/Registration Check-in**
- 8:30 – 9:15 am** **Welcome and Introduction**
Jennie A. Eichelberger, Young Lawyers Division President
Eugene M. Harlow, The Mississippi Bar President
- 9:15 – 10:15 am** **The Importance of Public Service**
Patrick Nelson, COO/Co-Founder of I'm ME
- 10:15 – 10:25 am** **Break**
- 10:25 – 11:25 am** **Breakout Sessions (*you may choose to attend one session*)**
- Tips on Successfully Mediating a Case**
Bobby L. Dallas, Sessums Dallas PLLC
Donald C. Dornan, Jr., Dornan Law Office
- Talking to the Jury: Opening Statements and Closing Arguments**
James William Manuel, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP
Robert "Rocky" F. Wilkins, Rocky Wilkins Law Firm
- 11:25 – 11:35 am** **Break to Change Breakout Sessions**
- 11:35 – 12:35 pm** **Breakout Sessions (*you may choose to attend one session*)**
- Voir Dire and Jury Selection**
Rebecca L. Wiggs, Watkins & Eager
- Deposition Skills**
Amanda G. Alexander, Alexander Law PA
Cynthia I. Mitchell, Merkel & Cocke
- 12:35 – 1:30 pm** **Lunch will be provided**
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm** **Keynote Address**
Judge James E. Graves, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- 2:30 – 2:40 pm** **Break**
- 2:40 – 3:40 pm** **A Discussion About Professionalism and Ethics from Lions of the Bar**
Moderator: Nina Stubblefield Tollison, Attorney at Law
Joy L. Phillips, Hancock Bank
William "Cham" Trotter III, Garrard & Trotter
H. Rodger Wilder, Balch & Bingham LLP
- 3:40 – 3:45 pm** **Concluding Remarks**
Jennie A. Eichelberger, Young Lawyers Division President

[Click here for the YLD's webpage](#)

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WRITE FOR THE YLD NEWSLETTER

The YLD Newsletter is now accepting articles on YLD topics for publication in the newsletter. If you have an idea for an article, please submit it to YLD Newsletter Editor Andrew Stubbs at astubbs@heidelbergharmon.com.

Please include a short description of the article. The YLD Newsletter Committee will consider your proposal and will notify you of whether your proposal has been accepted. The committee reserves the right to reject proposals. Please note that when you submit your article for publication in the newsletter, you will be granting the MS Bar the nonexclusive right to publish your article.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WILLS FOR HEROES

March 18 - Tupelo Event
 April 22 - Vicksburg Event
 June 4 - JPD Event

LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY

March 19, 2015 in Jackson

YLD MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

March 27, 2015 in Jackson

SPRING BAR ADMISSIONS CEREMONY

April 30, 2015 in Jackson

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