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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Welcome to our very first YLD Newsletter and a big thank you to Andrew Stubbs for making this newsletter happen. I am honored to serve as the President of the Young Lawyers Division for 2014-2015 and am excited about events and programs that we have planned in the upcoming year.

This year's Young Lawyers Division activities began with the swearing in of newly-elected officers during The Mississippi Bar's Annual Convention in July. Shortly after the new officers were sworn in, a contingent from our division attended the ABA's Annual Meeting in Boston. I am pleased to announce that during the convention, the Jackson Young Lawyer's Division received an award of excellence for its achievement with its newsletter -- congratulations to JYL for the honor.

On September 25, 2014, the Fall Admissions Ceremony was held at Thalia Mara Hall in Jackson. The Bar Admissions Committee, led by Mimi Arthur, organized the admissions ceremony for the 166 newly admitted members. I was also honored by the opportunity to address the admittees, their family and friends.

This year, our public service committee will focus on two programs -- Wills for Heroes and Lawyers in the Library. The Wills for Heroes program, chaired by Clarence Webster, has events

planned in Hinds County and in Hattiesburg this fall. Wills for Heroes is a program which offers free Wills, Advanced Healthcare Directives and Powers of Attorney for first responders across Mississippi. Hunter Aikens is leading the charge in the Lawyers in the Library program. Under his leadership, the first event was held at the Eudora Welty Library in Jackson on October 23 and our volunteer attorneys assisted 40 individuals. We have programs planned in Pascagoula and in Meridian. During the program, volunteer attorneys meet with individuals one-on-one and help to guide them on their legal concerns.

Under the leadership of Matt Eichelberger, Chair of the Seminars Committee, a new CLE series has been created, "Practice in a Flash: Litigation 101 Series." This series is geared towards young lawyers and led by young lawyers and covers the steps of the litigation process from the beginning to end with sessions on case investigation and evaluation; depositions and discovery; mediation and negotiation; trial; appeals; and ethics and civility. Plans for a deposition bootcamp are also underway.

The Mock Trial Committee's chair, Austin Stewart, posted this year's case on September 26, 2014. Competition dates are Saturday, January 17 for the Jackson Regional; Saturday, January 24 for the Coast Regional; Saturday, January 31 for the Oxford Regional and Friday and Saturday, February 27-28 for the Statewide competition. Judges are needed for all rounds of the competition. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rene Garner by email at rgarner@msbar.org.

The Diversity Committee is has been hard at work this year already. Chaired by Catoria Martin, the committee co-hosted a CLE for newly licensed attorneys in partnership with the Magnolia Bar on October 3. The CLE featured Doug Minor and was held at the offices of

Bradley Arant. Additionally, the committee hosted a fall social on October 24th at Sal & Mookies on October 24 which was open to the new admittees and fellow members of The Mississippi Bar.



**YLD President
Jennie Eichelberger**

Our YLD has adopted the newest public service project of the ABA's Young Lawyers Division, entitled "Project Street Youth." In bringing this project to Mississippi, we have created a committee to deal with issues facing the homeless youth in the State of Mississippi. Carlyn Hicks is hard at work in creating a program in which our young lawyers can participate in clinics across Mississippi designed to help our homeless youth deal with the problems that they face on a daily basis. Another committee, the Child Advocacy Committee, under the leadership of Brad Reeves, is focuses on the service project "Bullyproof." We hope to create a video and educational program to best assist children in Mississippi in the issuing with bullying they face on a daily basis.

Last year, under the leadership of Julie Gresham, our young lawyers had the opportunity to participate in a Mid-Year Conference. Mark you calendars for March 26 and 27 for The Young Lawyers Division's Second Annual Mid-Year Conference. Corey Hinshaw, Chair of the Mid-Year Conference is busy putting together a fabulous program.

The Young Lawyers Division wants to have your involvement to help make our division and our programs a success. If you are not involved in the YLD and want to be involved, please contact me. We want this to be your YLD. We look forward to an exciting fall and upcoming 2014-2015.

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LOCAL AFFILIATE REPORTS

HARRISON COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Jaklyn Wrigley, President

HCYLA recently elected officers for its 2014-2015 year. Jaklyn Wrigley was elected as President; Chris Smith was elected as Vice President; Shundral Hobson Cole was elected as Secretary; and Brett Richards was elected as Treasurer. In August, President Jaklyn Wrigley attended the ABA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. On September 6, 2014, HCYLA co-hosted a "Family Day" with Jackson County Young Lawyers on the beach in Ocean Springs. It was well attended by lawyers from both organizations, as well as their spouses, children and pets. Next, HCYLA hosted a Judicial Forum for candidates in contested judicial office elections on September 30, 2014, from 6:00 until 8:00 at Lookout Steakhouse and Seafood in Gulfport, Mississippi. Over 100 were in attendance. HCYLA is currently planning a tennis tournament, as well as a bowling tournament with Jackson County Young Lawyers. HCYLA meets in Harrison County on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact President Jaklyn Wrigley at jwrigley@laborlawyers.com.

HATTIESBURG AREA YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (HAYLA)

Matthew Shoemaker, President

HAYLA hosted its first Lunch & Learn CLE event of the year on Friday, August 22, 2014, featuring Chief Justice William L. Waller, Jr., who delivered a presentation on Mississippi appellate practice to the HAYLA membership in the courtroom of U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael T. Parker. HAYLA will host a Lunch & Learn on Friday, October 17, 2014, in the Forrest County Chancery Courthouse featuring local attorney T. Michael Reed who will deliver a presentation on the 2014 changes affecting Mississippi DUI law. On Friday, October 24, 2014, HAYLA is sponsoring a tour of the locally-owned Southern Prohibition Brewery in downtown Hattiesburg. On Wednesday, November 12, 2014, HAYLA is conducting a Wills for Heroes event in the Lamar County Chancery Building serving the Lamar County Sheriff's Department. Currently, a gathering in celebration of the holiday season is also being planned for December. Continuing its relationship with the Hattiesburg-based Pine Belt Young Professionals (PBYP) organization, plans are underway for HAYLA and PBYP's annual "Off The Clock" spring social event in early 2015.

JACKSON YOUNG LAWYERS (JYL)

Lindsay Dowdle, President

The JYL Executive Committee for 2014-2015 is comprised of the following: Lindsay Thomas Dowdle (President), Lane Staines (President Elect), Michael Bentley (Immediate Past President), Betsy Turley (Secretary), Hunter Aikens (Treasurer), Kaytie Pickett (Director), Sabrina Ruffin (Director), John Dollarhide (Director), and Graham Carner (Director). At the May membership meeting, JYL proudly awarded the Community Outreach Grants of \$1,500 each to two deserving non-profit organizations: the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project and the Boys and Girls Club of Central Mississippi. Additionally, JYL awarded three LSAT scholarships for \$325 each at the May membership meeting. In August, Lindsay Dowdle attended the ABA Annual Conference in Boston, MA where she proudly accepted a first place award for JYL's newsletter!! Earlier this month, JYL co-hosted a social event with the Capital Area Bar Association to welcome the new members of the Mississippi Bar.

The theme for the fall membership meetings is agents of change for Mississippi. In September we heard from the Executive Director of Mississippi First, Rachel Canter. Additionally, JYL is proud to host Governor William Winter as our speaker at the September 24th membership meeting. Finally, JYL is gearing up for a fundraising cornhole tournament aptly named, Costumes and Cornhole, on October 28th. All proceeds will go to the Boys and Girls Club of Central Mississippi.



Lindsay Dowdle accepted a first place award for JYL's newsletter at the ABA Annual Conference in Boston

LOCAL AFFILIATE REPORTS CONT'D

LAUDERDALE COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS

Amanda Evans, President

The Lauderdale County Young Lawyers have been holding monthly joint meetings with the Lauderdale County Bar Association on the last Friday of every month at Weidman's Restaurant in Meridian, Mississippi at Noon. Bar members in Lauderdale County and surrounding counties are invited to attend the meetings. Since June 2014 each monthly meeting has provided members with the opportunity to earn one (1) hour of Continuing Legal Education (CLE), with the following speakers: Judge Lawrence Primeaux, 12th Chancery Court District; Care Lodge Domestic Violence Clinic; Richard Courtney, Esquire, Courtney Elder Law Associates, Frascogna Courtney, PLLC; Agent Jesse Fairchild, East Mississippi Drug Task Force; and Chip Glaze, Director of Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program. Our October 31, 2014, meeting will conclude our monthly meetings for 2014, and Sheriff Billy Sollie, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department, will be our speaker to close out the year.

The Lauderdale County Young Lawyers are assisting with two (2) mock trial teams at Lamar High School, Meridian, Mississippi, by providing attorney coaches, Amanda Glover Evans, Evans Law Firm, PLLC, and Kathryn McNair, The McNair Firm.

Members of the Lauderdale County Bar Association have also offered assistance with the teams. For example, Grace Mitts, Witherspoon and Compton, and Frances Stephenson, Stephenson Law Offices, assisted in judging tryouts for the mock trial teams.

The Lauderdale County Young Lawyers are also promoting the Lawyer in Every Classroom project. We have had attorneys volunteer to participate, and two (2) members will be attending Career Day at Southeast High School on October 29, 2014. Members are in the process of contacting schools in Lauderdale County to encourage teachers to participate in the program.

The Lauderdale County Young Lawyers and Lauderdale County Bar will be holding a Christmas party for bar members at Northwood Country Club, Meridian, Mississippi, on December 18, 2014. The Christmas party will have a community service component, whereby members will be asked to bring a donation for an elected charity.



Frances Stephenson and Grace Mitts, Lauderdale County Bar Members, assisting with mock trial tryouts. Please let me know if you need anything else.

TRI-COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS

Nicholas Brown, President

The board met for the first time on October 14, 2014, to set goals for the year. The nearest goals to be met are: membership drive(s) and working in conjunction with the local Bar Association for a yet-to-be determined event.

JOIN THE LOCAL AFFILATE IN YOUR AREA

PURPOSE

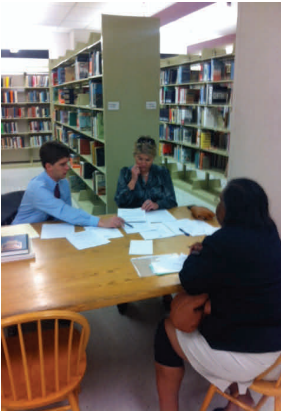
The purpose of the local affiliate organizations is to aid in the administration of justice; to promote among its members higher ethical and professional standards in the practice of law; to advise, inform and educate its members in all matters relevant to the practice of law; to present programs and 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.

YLD LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY PRO BONO EVENT

Committee Chair, Hunter Aikens is leading the charge in the Lawyers in the Library program. In honor of National Pro Bono Week, The Mississippi Bar Young Lawyers Division hosted a very successful Lawyers in the Library event on Thursday, October 23, at the Eudora Welty Library in Jackson. The attorney volunteers advised about 40 participants on topics including Criminal Law & Expungements, Family Law, Disability & Social Security, and Estate Planning. Each volunteer attorney met with patrons in a 20-minute, one-on-one session to provide limited legal advice and information on pro bono resources available in Mississippi. The event was Co-sponsored by the Jackson Young Lawyers Association, the Capital Area Bar Association, The Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project, and the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission in partnership with the Jackson Hinds Library System. The next event will take place in Pascagoula at the Pascagoula Library on Thursday January 22, 2015, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. If you have expertise in any of these areas and would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Hunter Aikens at haike@ospd.ms.gov. We need your help to make this event a success!



LAWYER IN EVERY MISSISSIPPI CLASSROOM

*Are you looking for a great way to participate in a statewide educational project in your area?
 Would you like a chance to visit with students in your area about different legal topics?*

A Lawyer in Every Mississippi Classroom is a program sponsored annually by The Mississippi Bar Young Lawyers Division. This program offers classrooms throughout Mississippi a visit from a lawyer during the school year. Any teacher, kindergarten through 12th grade, is invited to have a lawyer visit for one class period (approximately 55 minutes). Teachers in your area are signing up to participate in this program. To ensure your participation in this educational program, please fill out the registration form below (it is a fillable PDF), and we will pair you with a teacher in your area. If your teacher has requested that you speak about a certain topic, The Mississippi Bar's Young Lawyers Division will furnish you with information regarding that topic. For additional information about the program and a link to the registration form, click [here](#).



Dustin Uselton spoke to Michelle Barrow's gifted class at Bel-Aire Elementary



Judge Smith Murphy spoke to the Law and Public Safety class at the North Panola Career and Technical Center

PRACTICE IN A FLASH: 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 go the Litigation 101 Series Webpage](#)

Purchase sessions for \$25 each.

- **Mediation and Negotiation** - Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- **Trial** - Tuesday, March 24, 2015 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- **Appeals** - Tuesday, April 14, 2015 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- **Ethics and Civility** - Tuesday, May 12, 2015 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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

FALL 2014 BAR ADMISSIONS CEREMONY WELCOMES 166 NEW ATTORNEYS

The Fall Bar Admissions Ceremony was held Thursday, September 25 at Thalia Mara Hall in Jackson. 166 new admittees were certified to practice in the State of Mississippi. Program participants included, Chief Justice William L. Waller, Jr. (MS Supreme Court); Judge Patricia D. Wise (Hinds County Chancery Court); Judge Michael P. Mills (US District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi); Judge Carlton W. Reeves (US District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi); Judge Leslie H. Southwick (US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit). In addition, Dean Richard Gershon recognized new admittees from University of Mississippi Law School and gave the invocation, and Dean Wendy B. Scott recognized new admittees from Mississippi College School of Law. Gwen Baptist-Hewlett (Member of the Board of Bar Admissions); Jennie A. Eichelberger (YLD President); and Mimi Reeves Arthur (Chair of Bar Admissions Ceremony Committee) also participated in the Ceremony. Eugene M. Harlow, President of The Mississippi Bar, gave the Admission Address, and Representing the Young Lawyers Division Bar Admission Ceremony Committee were Matt Williams, Elizabeth Crowell, Adria Hertwig, Christy Malatesta and Alicia Hall.



Program participants administering the oath to practice law in Mississippi included (front row), Dean Richard Gershon, Dean Wendy B. Scott, Gwen Baptist-Hewlett, Eugene M. Harlow, Judge Leslie H. Southwick, (second row), Judge Carlton W. Reeves, Judge Patricia D. Wise, Mimi Reeves Arthur, Judge Michael P. Mills, Chief Justice William L. Waller, Jr., and Jennie A. Eichelberger.



Representing the Young Lawyers Division Bar Admission Ceremony Committee were Matt Williams, Elizabeth Crowell, Adria Hertwig, Christy Malatesta and Alicia Hall.

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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

MOCK TRIAL

Saturday, January 17, 2015 - Jackson Regional
 Saturday, January 24, 2015 - Coast Regional
 Saturday, January 31, 2015 - Oxford Regional
 Friday and Saturday, February 27-28, 2015 - Statewide

LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY

January 22, 2015 in Pascagoula

YLD MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

March 26 and 27, 2015 in Jackson

SPRING BAR ADMISSIONS CEREMONY

April 30, 2015 in Jackson

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