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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Young Lawyers Division has always been focused on public service. Our members serve the public through a variety of projects including Wills for Heroes, Lawyers in the Library, Homeless Youth Clinics, Lawyers in Every Mississippi Classroom, Bullyproof, and the High School Mock Trial Competition. We are very proud of our commitment to public service and to helping members of our communities and the public. We strive to better our commitment to public service each and every year. However, this year, in addition to our commitment to public service, I sought to develop more services and programs for our members, so that we can serve our YLD members, as well as the public.

The planning phase to better the commitment to our membership and offer more services to our members began with planning sessions in Pittsburg last May at the ABA YLD's spring conference. It was in Pittsburg that I was able to participate in brainstorming sessions about how to better serve our membership. Out of that conference, the idea to have the Litigation 101 CLE Series was born, as well as the idea to further develop YLD's mid-year meeting.

Our Litigation 101 Series consisted of six 2-hour CLE sessions which took the participants step by step through the litigation process with sessions of case investigation and evaluation; depositions and discovery; mediation and negotiation; trial; appeals; and ethics and civility. The series was a success and we look forward to continuing this CLE series in the future. A special thanks to our speakers - Aafram Sellers, Andrew Neely, Clarence Webster, Graham Carner, Charlie Swayze, Craig Robertson, Corey Hinshaw, Matt Eichelberger, Michael Bentley, David McCarty and Missye Martin.

The Second Annual YLD Mid-Year Conference was held in Jackson on March 27, 2015 at the King Edward Hotel. The event kicked off with a reception at the King Edward Hotel the evening before the Conference. The conference featured a continuation of skill-based CLEs, including voir dire and jury selection; opening statements and closing arguments; tips on successfully mediating a case and deposition skills. We were honored to have accomplished practitioners teach the CLEs, including Bobby Dallas, Donald Dornan, Will Manual, Rocky Wilkins, Rebecca Wiggs, Amanda Green Alexander and Cindy Mitchell. Patrick Nelson, COO and co-founder of I'm ME, spoke to the membership about the importance and necessity of public service. The Honorable James E. Graves, Jr., delivered the keynote address during the lunch hour. The day concluded with a panel discussion about professionalism and ethics from four Past-Presidents of The Mississippi Bar, Nina Stubblefield Tollison, Joy Phillips, Cham Trotter and Rodger Wilder. As special thanks to all of the speakers that contributed to making the event a success. We look forward to continuing to offer more services to our members in the future.

On April 30, 2015, another successful Bar Admissions ceremony was held and we welcomed 96 new attorneys to our noble profession. Oaths were administered to the new admittees by Justice James W. Kitchens, Judge J. Dewayne Thomas, Judge Jane Virden, Judge Daniel P. Jordan, III, and Judge Rhesa H. Barksdale. Dean Richard Gershon recognized the new admittees from the University of Mississippi School of Law and Dean Wendy Scott recognized the new admittees from Mississippi College School of Law. I had an opportunity to address the new admittees, along with Mimi Arthur, Chair of the Bar Admissions Ceremony and Eugene Harlow, President of the Mississippi Bar.



**YLD President
Jennie Eichelberger**

We are looking forward to finishing our year in Destin at The Mississippi Bar's Annual Meeting. During YLD's General Assembly on Friday, July 10, the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year will be recognized. I am excited to announce that the keynote speaker at the YLD Assembly will be Edward W. Hayes, a well-known attorney, memoirist and political commentator from New York. Mr. Hayes is well-known for his role as the subject of Tom Wolfe's novel, *Bonfire of the Vanities*. I hope that you will join us in Destin.

As we move forward, if you would like to become more involved with YLD, please contact Rene Garner at rgarner@msbar.org or me at jennie.eichelberger@splcenter.org

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LOCAL AFFILIATE REPORTS

HARRISON COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (HCYLA)

Jaklyn Wrigley, President

The HCYLA has had a busy few months. For the regular meeting in February, the Honorable Judge John C. Gargiulo attended and spoke to a large group about the differences in state and federal practice and his expectations as a new member of the federal bench. In February, representatives of the HCYLA attended Career Day at Biloxi High School, where they promoted the practice of law and advised high school students on how to become attorneys. On March 27, 2015, HCYLA teamed up with the Jackson County Young Lawyers to host an annual bowling tournament – a fun, family-friendly event. HCYLA now turns to planning its annual tennis tournament and facilitating additional speakers at upcoming meetings. For more information on HCYLA events and meetings, please email President Jaklyn Wrigley at jwrigley@laborlawyers.com



A photo from the Harrison County v. Jackson County Bowling Tournament.

HATTIESBURG AREA YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (HAYLA)

Matthew Shoemaker, President

The Hattiesburg Area Young Lawyers Association (HAYLA) partnered with the Hattiesburg-based Pine Belt Young Professionals organization on Thursday, April 16, 2015, in co-hosting their annual “Off the Clock” social event at the Chesterfield’s restaurant in Hattiesburg. HAYLA will host its second Lunch & Learn CLE event of 2015 in the Forrest County Chancery Courthouse on Thursday, May 21, 2015, featuring Judge Larry Primeaux of the Twelfth Chancery District who will present Top Ten Tips and Slip-Ups in Chancery Practice. The inaugural “Cinco de HAYLA” fiesta social event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015. HAYLA was recently awarded a subgrant through the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division’s Public Service Project Subgrant Program. The project to be implemented by HAYLA will be the development of a “Child Support Collection Packet,” aimed at providing materials and information to single parents who are parties to an existing child support order which is not being honored.



A photo from Cinco de HAYLA. Manion Anderson, Arman Miri, KJ Lockley and Cory Ferraez.

JACKSON COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS (JYCL)

Kathlyn Van Buskirk, President

Jackson County Young Lawyers (JCYL) kicked off the New Year by hosting the “Lawyer in the Library” program for the local community. With the help of the Law Library of Pascagoula, Jackson

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County Young Lawyers were able to provide assistance to over twenty members of our community. In February, Youth Court Judge Sharon Sigalas spoke to JCYL about her experience as a female lawyer and judge. She provided helpful information about what she expected from members of the bar while in her courtroom. JCYL partnered with the Jackson County Bar and hosted Court of Appeals Judge David Ishee as the guest speaker in March. Judge Ishee spoke about professionalism and ethics during his presentation. The event was attended by several members of JCYL, members of the bar, and fellow judges. Also during the month of March, JCYL and Harrison County Young Lawyers had a bowling tournament. It was well attended and provided an opportunity to meet our fellow young lawyers from Harrison County. In April, with the help of some local firms, JCYL was able to host a showing of the film, "Hot Coffee," a documentary about tort reform, and former Supreme Court Justice Oliver Diaz was on hand to answer questions about the film. JCYL looks forward to several events planned during the summer months.

JACKSON YOUNG LAWYERS (JYL)

Lindsay Dowdle, President

JYL's Spring speaker meetings have focused on a practice based theme. In January, we welcomed an in-house counsel for an insurance company and this month we heard from a local practitioner on how to build a solo practice and best market yourself in the current legal climate. In May, JYL will offer a CLE ethics credit when Professor Donald Campbell addresses the group. In March, JYL hosted the annual Legal Beagle 5-K race where we raised \$7,288 for the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project. JYL has also chosen to award its annual outreach grant to a joint program between the Mississippi Children's Museum and Stewpot Community Services for a pilot puppet-play program for underprivileged youths in the Jackson area. JYL also recently awarded its annual LSAT scholarship. In April, JYL elected its 2015-2016 Executive Committee. In May, JYL will co-host an Evening Honoring the Judiciary along to honor our local state and federal judges, as well as other distinguished lawyers. In June, JYL will sponsor a Wills For Heroes event with the YLD of the Mississippi Bar.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS (LCYL)

Amanda Glover Evans, President

The Lauderdale County Young Lawyers have continued their partnership with the Lauderdale County Bar Association, and have been holding joint meetings at Weidman's Restaurant in Meridian, Mississippi on the last Friday of the month at 12:00 p.m. Our speakers for the first quarter of the year were as follows: Lisa Howell and Philip Weinberg with Criminal Law Update On House Bill 585; Cecil Brown on Hot Topics in the 2015 Legislative Session and Update on Plant Ratcliffe, Kemper County Coal Plant; and Judge Veldore Young on the 10th District Drug Court. Our committees have been addressing two relevant issues: the renovation of the Lauderdale County Court-

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house in Meridian, Mississippi and the revitalization of the county law library. Both committees are scheduled to report progress and next steps at the July 2015 meeting. The Lauderdale County Young Lawyers and Lauderdale County Bar had a Joint Meet and Greet with wine, cocktails, and heavy hors d'oeuvres at the Meridian Museum of Art. The event served as a great time for members to mingle off the clock. The occasion was sponsored by Brooks Court Reporting, Meridian, Mississippi. The Lauderdale County Young Lawyers assisted 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. Additionally, Lauderdale County Bar Members David Stephenson, Stephenson Law Offices, and Bill Ready, Jr., Ready Law Firm, served to critique student technique in order to better ready the students for the State competition. Both teams competed at the State Mock Trial Competition in Jackson, Mississippi. The Lauderdale County Young Lawyers and Lauderdale County Bar invite any newly barred attorneys in Lauderdale County or surrounding counties to attend our meetings. Additionally, during the summer months law students which are clerking or working in Lauderdale County or surrounding counties are also regularly invited as guests to attend our meetings. We invite anyone that has questions about the activities of the Lauderdale County Young Lawyers or Lauderdale County Bar to please contact one of the officers.

TRI-COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS

Nicholas Brown, President

Tri-County hosted a CLE on Friday, April 24 at the Oxford Conference Center covering ethics, federal practice, chancery practice and municipal practice. The CLE, hosted annually, is also our Spring Fundraiser. We always have a good crowd and great presenters and this year was no exception.

INVITATION: If you could not make it, please plan on attending next year. It is a great opportunity to meet some great attorneys, and judges, network, have fun in Oxford and get some CLE while you're at it! We look forward to seeing you next year!

Below are some photos of this year's event. They show attendees listening to President Nick Brown (left) introduce Rhea Tannehill (right).



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.

[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 me at jennie.eichelberger@splcenter.org

MAKING NEWS

On April 7, Griffith & Carr attorneys Mike Carr and Arthur Calderon were invited as guest lecturers to the spring meeting of the Mississippi Physical Therapy Association and Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association at North Sunflower Medical Center in Ruleville, MS. At this Continuing Medical Education event, Mike and Arthur discussed current ethical issues encountered by physical therapists and occupational therapists, particularly those practicing in the Mississippi Delta. Topics included employer liability, risk management, corporate structuring, and independent contractor issues surrounding those in the medical field.



SPRING 2015 BAR ADMISSIONS CEREMONY

The Spring Bar Admissions Ceremony was held Thursday, April 30, at the Supreme Court Courthouse in Jackson. Ninety-six new admittees were certified to practice in the State of Mississippi.



Program participants administering the oath to practice law in Mississippi included (front row), Judge J. Dewayne Thomas, representing Hinds County Chancery Court; Justice James W. Kitchens, representing the Supreme Court; Eugene M. Harlow, President of The Mississippi Bar; Dean Wendy B. Scott, Mississippi College School of Law; Judge Jane M. Virden, representing the US District Courts for the Northern District of Mississippi; Reverend Ricky James, St. Luke's United Methodist Church; (second row), Mimi Reeves Arthur, Chair, YLD Bar Admissions Ceremony Committee; Jennie A. Eichelberger, President of the Young Lawyers Division of The Mississippi Bar; Judge Daniel P. Jordan III, representing the US District Courts for the Southern District of Mississippi; Judge Rhesa H. Barksdale, representing the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; Dean Richard Gershon, University of Mississippi Law School.



The Spring Bar Admissions Ceremony sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division was held Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Supreme Court Courthouse in Jackson. Representing the Young Lawyers Division Bar Admission Ceremony Committee were Brent Cole; Alicia Hall; Mimi Arthur, Chair; Adria Hertwig; and Elizabeth Crowell.

The Mississippi Bar 2015 Annual Meeting YLD General Assembly - Friday, July 10

All attendees of convention are invited to join the Young Lawyers Division during their 79th Annual General Assembly and hear Edward (“Eddie”) Hayes. The Outstanding Young Lawyer Award will be presented to Jeremy England for his outstanding service to the YLD at the General Assembly. Jennie A. Eichelberger of Jackson will pass the gavel to incoming Young Lawyers Division President Diala Chaney of Oxford.



Edward (“Eddie”) Hayes

Edward (“Eddie”) Hayes is a celebrated lawyer, memoirist, and political commentator. Born in Queens, New York, Hayes’ family moved several times throughout his childhood, but every location had the same characteristics – predominantly Irish and Italian, working class, and rough. Despite the abuse he suffered at the hands of his father, who was a violent alcoholic, Hayes finally escaped when he graduated high school and left home to attend the University of Virginia. Eddie worked odd jobs to support himself throughout his four years of college. Hayes then went on to attend Columbia Law School, where he discovered his charm and streetwise ways made him a natural fit for the business of criminal law. After law school, Eddie worked as an assistant district attorney in the Bronx County homicide division, which in 1972 was an action-packed job with its crime-ridden environment. After spending five years putting criminals behind bars, Hayes switched gears and opened his own private practice, specializing in criminal defense. He soon became a celebrity in his own right in New York, the go-to guy for anyone in trouble; he was known for his phrase “I can get ya outta anything,” which more often than not proved true.

Hayes also became famous for his sartorial flair, favoring bespoke suits and shoes. His eye for style became so well-known that he was featured in magazines like *GQ*, and was eventually inducted into *Vanity Fair*’s best dressed hall of fame. His close friend, author Tom Wolfe, dedicated his 1987 best-selling novel, *Bonfire of the Vanities*, to him and created a character in the book that was based on Hayes, an Irish criminal defense lawyer named Tommy Killian. In 1986, Hayes married Susie Gilder, a successful model and actress, and they eventually had a daughter and son, settling in a town house on the Upper East Side while keeping a summer home in Long Island. In the 1990’s, Hayes became embroiled in a personal battle with the Andy Warhol Foundation, over fees owed to him for work he had done for Warhol’s estate. Though the conflict lasted 13 years and almost bankrupted him, Hayes didn’t just survive, but bounced back full force, representing pro bono several 9/11 police widows in their fight to receive money due to them from the NYC’s 9/11 fund. He also represented architect Daniel Libeskind, who was commissioned to create the master plan for ground zero. Hayes then went on to team up with good friend Bruce Cutler, best known for being John Gotti’s lawyer, to defend two cops accused of being hit men for the mafia. In 2006, he released his memoir, *Mouthpiece: A Life in—and Sometimes Just Outside—the Law* (written jointly with Susan Lehman), which received critical acclaim in publications such as the *New York Times*. Most recently, Hayes was portrayed by Christopher McDonald in the Broadway smash play, *Lucky Guy*, starring Tom Hanks who played Hayes’ beloved and deceased Pulitzer Prize winning friend, journalist Mike McAlary. Written by Nora Ephron and premiering after her death, the play was nominated for six Tony Awards, taking home two. Hayes is also known for his contributions as a commentator on subjects such as law and politics, holding a position as an anchor on Court TV for several years; he was also a weekly contributor on the Sunday Supplement Show on Irish radio station Today FM until 2010. He can now be heard weekly on the John Batchelor Show on 770 WABC-AM in New York. In his spare time he enjoys reading, gardening, visiting museums, and going to the gym.

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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

June 4 - JPD Event

June 11 - Desoto County Event

HOMELESS YOUTH CLINIC

June 6 - Methodist Children's Homes - Jackson

THE MISSISSIPPI BAR ANNUAL MEETING

July 8 - 11

YLD General Assembly - July 10 at 8:00 am

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