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YLD Matters

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The President's Note:

I am honored and excited to be the YLD President for 2016-2017. Things have kicked off in high-gear. The YLD Board met for the first time in August in Starkville, Mississippi. While many a cowbell was rung, we had a productive meeting brainstorming new ideas for our committees and projects. I am so thankful for our Directors, Local Affiliates and Committee Chairs.

You can expect big things out of the YLD this year. The **Lawyers in the Library** Committee is hosting several clinics across the state; both the **Child Advocacy** and **Homeless Youth** Committees are working on websites that will be full of information and links that are helpful to the public; the **Solo and Small Firm** Committee is revising the Solo and Small Firm handbook; and the **Communications** Committee is already at work keeping you informed (check out our Facebook page and you'll see what I mean!); the **Seminars**



Jenny Tyler Baker

Committee has a great calendar of events, **Lawyer in Every Mississippi Classroom** hopes to be in more classes than ever, and our newest committee, the **Veterans Legal Assistance Program**, has already been recognized by the ABA!

Fall Feature: Getting to Know the YLD Board of Directors

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Introducing the 2016-2017 Board of Directors for the YLD!

Have you ever wondered who was making all the decisions with the YLD? Have you ever had the urge to just get to know other young lawyers who are driven by service and strengthening the Bar? Well, look no further—you are about to learn more about the YLD Board of Directors than you ever wanted to know!

The YLD is comprised of a fairly diverse group of practitioners. Our Board includes people of color, women, and men, and parents and non-parents (nevertheless, improving diversity is one of our initiatives!). Most of us are in private practice, but others of us work for the government. We work for big firms and small firms. We practice civil litigation, real estate, healthcare, labor and employment, workers' compensation defense, criminal prosecution and defense (but, not by the same person), and family law. Some of us even serve as judges! We like the practice of law because we like to help people, solve problems, learn new things, think critically and *of course* argue. But, we do more than work—we spend time with our families, travel, spend time outdoors and college football. Most of us also drink wine (though, not all of us drink and some of us prefer bourbon)! Based on a recent poll, we are most likely to recommend you a pinot noir, if you ever were to ask.

Fall Feature: Continued

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We are proud of what we do and how we do it. A favorable jury verdict, helping with an adoption, obtaining a sense of justice for the victims of violent crimes, or even just getting a hug from a grateful client after a prolonged case, are some of our favorite moments. And we do all of this while working alongside some of the best legal minds in our State and excellent support staff.

The practice of law has been kind to us, but, this journey has not been without its embarrassing moments. We have opened an estate or showed up for a hearing in the wrong county or at the wrong courthouse, we have ripped our pants while talking to a jury, we have had depositions that have gone off the rails, we've called judges "Your Excellency," and have each had numerous moments where we are reminded that the practice of law really is a practice. We look forward to working together to serve you as members of the Young Lawyers Division. We live all across your state—chances are we are in your city or town. Look us up. At a minimum, we can likely recommend a bottle of wine!



Group Discussion at the Annual Retreat for the YLD



President Baker and Secretary Reeves

2016-2017 YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- ◆ President: *Jenny Tyler Baker*; Tyler Baker Law Firm; Biloxi
- ◆ President Elect and Long Range Planning Committee Chair: *Brad Reeves*; Randall, Segrest, Weeks, Reeves & Sones; Jackson
- ◆ Past President and By-Laws Committee Chair: *Diala Chaney*; Department of Human Services; Oxford
- ◆ Secretary: *Mimi Arthur*; Forman Watkins & Krutz, LLP; Jackson
- ◆ NW District Director: *Russ McNeese*; Holcomb Dunbar; Oxford
- ◆ NE District Director: *Kristin Belvin*; MS Department of Human Services; Tupelo
- ◆ Delta District Director: *Julianne Bailey*; MS Department of Human Services; Indianola
- ◆ East Central District Director: *Ryan Taylor*; Lancaster Taylor; Winona
- ◆ Central District I Director: *Spencer Young*; Caregivers United Liability Ins. Co.; Flowood
- ◆ Central District II Director: *Catherine Bell*; Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush; Jackson
- ◆ Hinds Post I Director: *Lauren Lawhorn*; Brunini Grantham Grower & Hewes; Jackson
- ◆ Hinds Post II Director: *Corrie Cockrell*; MS Department of Corrections; Jackson
- ◆ Hinds Post III Director: *Ashley Hendricks*; Chhabra & Gibbs, PA; Jackson
- ◆ Hinds Post IV Director: *Gerald Mumford*; The Mumford Law Firm; Jackson
- ◆ Hinds Post V: *Kaytie Pickett*; Jones Walker; Jackson
- ◆ Hinds Post VI Director: *Betsy Turley*; Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy; Jackson
- ◆ SW District Director: *Sarah Moulder*; Hazlehurst
- ◆ SE District Director and Solo & Small Firm Public Service Committee Chair: *Matthew Shoemaker*; Zachary & Leggett; Hattiesburg
- ◆ Coastal I District Director: *Katie Van Camp*; Daniel Coker; Gulfport
- ◆ Coastal II District Director: *Lauren Hillery*; Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush
- ◆ Director at Large and Lauderdale Co. Young Lawyers President: *Kassie Coleman*; Prosecutor for the 10th Circuit Court District; Meridian
- ◆ ABA YLD Representative: *Hank Spragins*; Hickman Goza & Spragins; Hernando
- ◆ Delta Young Lawyers President: *Arthur Calderon*; Carr Calderon; Cleveland
- ◆ Harrison Co. Young Lawyers President and Lawyer in Every MS Classroom: *JD Johnson*; Brown Sims; Gulfport
- ◆ Hattiesburg Area Young Lawyers President: *Justin Starling*; Law Clerk for the Honorable Michael T. Parker; Hattiesburg
- ◆ Jackson Co. Young Lawyers President: *Shon Ellerby*; District Attorney's Office; Pascagoula
- ◆ Jackson Young Lawyers President: *John Dollarhide*; Butler Snow; Jackson
- ◆ Lee Co. Young Lawyers President: *Maria House*; Maria House Law; Tupelo
- ◆ NW Miss. Young Lawyers President: *Nick Smith*; Chatham Pittman; Hernando
- ◆ Oxford Area Young Lawyers President: *Julia Jimenez*; Daniel Coker; Oxford
- ◆ Warren Co. Young Lawyers President: *Patrick Everman*; Vicksburg
- ◆ Bar Admissions Ceremony Committee: *Alicia Hall*; Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy; Jackson
- ◆ Child Advocacy Committee Chair: *Jessica Dupont*; Attorney for the Jackson County Board of Supervisors; Pascagoula
- ◆ Communications Committee Chair: *Jaklyn Wrigley*; Fisher Phillips; Gulfport
- ◆ Disaster Legal Assistance Committee Chair: *Jessica Bates*; 16th District Chancery Court Staff Attorney; Pascagoula
- ◆ Diversity in the Law Committee Chair: *Roslyn Griffin*; Deputy City Attorney for the City of Jackson; Jackson
- ◆ Homeless Youth Committee Chair: *Adrienne Aikens*; Schwartz & Assoc.; Jackson
- ◆ Local Affiliates Committee Chair: *Ann Marie Pate*; Clerk for the County Court of Bolivar County; Cleveland
- ◆ Mock Trial Committee Chair: *Christy Malatesta*; Daniel Coker; Jackson
- ◆ Nominations, Elections & Awards Committee Chair: *Lane Staines*; Brunini Grantham Grower & Hewes; Jackson
- ◆ Public Service Committee and Seminars Committee: *Austin Stewart*; Adams & Reese; Jackson
- ◆ Veterans Legal Assistance Program: *Jeremy England*; Speed Seta Martin Trivett & Stubble; Ocean Springs

What's Going On?

Nov. 18: Veterans Legal Assistance Program Expungement Clinic, Biloxi

Dec. 1: Bridge the Gap; Oxford

Jan. 12-13: Deposition Academy, Jackson

Jan. 21: Jackson Regional Mock Trial Competition

Jan. 28: Oxford Regional Mock Trial Competition

Feb. 4: Coast Regional Mock Trial Competition

Mar. 3-4: Statewide Mock Trial Competition

Mar. 8: Litigation 101 Series; Jackson



Lawyers speak to classes across the state through the Lawyer in Every Mississippi Classroom Program. Know teachers who would be interested in having lawyers come speak to their classes? Let us know!



Want to stay up to date? Follow us on Facebook!



What Else Is Going On



At a recent Lawyer in the Library event, members of the Bar volunteered to assist with civil and chancery legal matters. Interested in bringing this program to a library near you? Let us know!



KUDOS!

The Jackson Young Lawyers Affiliates raised over \$9,000 through a Legal Beagle 5k run/walk

The Northwest Mississippi Young Lawyers affiliate is continuing its support of the MVLP's pro se legal clinics, which are hosted on a reoccurring basis at the DeSoto County Courthouse

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

I am thrilled to be able to keep the members of the YLD up to date with all the great things happening under President Jenny Tyler Baker's leadership (trust me, it's a lot!). If you have questions, want to know how to get your information in this newsletter, or how to get more involved, let me know! We will be issuing three more newsletters this year, and are constantly publishing additional content via our Facebook page.



Peace, Love and Kittens,

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