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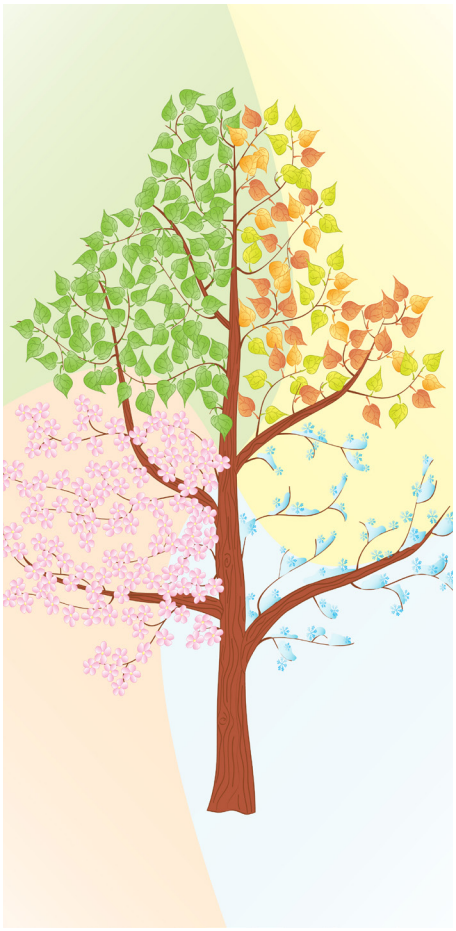
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From the President

Another Wonderful Season



Virginia Josey


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It is another wonderful season for the Young Lawyers Division.

By the time this article reaches its audience, many of my updates will be old news, hopefully surpassed by even more excitement as the year continues.

Here is what I am excited about today. We have sponsors rolling in for our Signature Fundraiser. We have enthusiastic leaders at all levels, creating and enhancing YLD events across the state. We have so much of the year ahead of us to enjoy. Our progress as an organization continues to impress, and I continue to be grateful to share a seat at the table.

As we approach another year of leadership together, here are my candid thoughts on this season of the YLD and leadership. Outside of the events, conferences, Zoom meetings, fundraising and adventures, I hope this year is remarkably and unexpectedly impactful for our members. I hope we are all provided with opportunities to rise to the occasion and lead. I hope we take advantage of these opportunities to do our best and most meaningful work for others.

Part of my focus this year personally and professionally is to be fully present. The immense gratitude I feel to lead this organization, alongside outstanding colleagues, places on me a substantial responsibility. To feel comfortable that I did my best, I need to enter each room focused on being fully present. Whether the room is a YLD member navigating a new leadership role, a Zoom meeting finalizing financial details of an upcoming conference or welcoming first-time attendees, I need to ensure my focus is in the moment.

For me, and I suspect many of you reading this article, you are busy with a number of interests and obligations. I hope you will join me in being fully present this season and this year. YLD

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From the Editors

Your Ideas Are Welcome Here



Carlos Fernández



Meagan R. Hurley



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Every year, one of us runs into a young lawyer at a Bar function who says, "I have an idea, but it's not really an article."

Then they describe the idea. It's the story of the first time a judge cut them off in open court and what they did with the next 10 minutes. It's a conversation with a mentor that changed how they take depositions. It's a video walking through what a motion calendar actually looks like from the well, for the benefit of everyone who has never stood in one, went looking for writers outside the metro-Atlanta corridor. They dragged the design out of the 1997 CLE handout era. None of them announced a revolution. Each one moved the thing a few degrees. A few degrees a year adds up. What they've handed us is a publication with far more room in it than most of our members imagine.

So we would like to use that room.

Send us video with your article. If you are writing about remote depositions, record two minutes of your actual setup, cables and all. If you are writing about trial technology, show us the demonstration instead of just describing it. A young lawyer reading about a technique on a page will nod. A young lawyer watching you do it badly the first time and then well the second time will remember it in six months when they need it.

Send us true stories. Not case notes. The case that fell apart on you. The client you could not reach. The week you realized you had picked the wrong specialty and what you did about it. Our training often strips the human being out of everything we write, sometimes for good reason, and then we forget that there is another kind of writing available to us. For example, nonfiction storytelling is a real form and lawyers are unusually well positioned to do it. You already know how to build a narrative under pressure. Try it without the caption and the certificate of service.

Send us interviews. Sit down with a judge, a court reporter, the clerk who has been running the calendar for two decades, the partner who tried 60 cases before you were born, the solo who hung a shingle at 28 with no regrets. Ask real questions, keep your questions in the transcript and let the answers run. A good Q&A carries more practical wisdom than most bar journal features and takes less time to produce than you would guess.

And send us the thing we cannot describe here, because you have not sent it yet. A photo essay from a courthouse in a county nobody writes about. An illustrated guide to a procedure you had to learn the hard way. A piece written in Spanish with an English version running alongside it. A comic about your first calendar call. If you can look another young lawyer in Georgia in the eye and say "this is honest and this is useful," that is our entire editorial standard.

Here is why this year, in particular.

The YLD has spent the past several years becoming something specific instead of something generic. Committees organized around what members actually do all day. Programming built for rural practice and government practice and immigration practice, not only for the associate track at a large firm. Leadership that keeps asking who is not yet in the room. That work has been quiet and cumulative and it has changed the division into something close to tailor-made.

The YLD Review is the place where all of that is written down and archived. It should look like the YLD looks. Right now, it looks like a fraction of it, because the people with the most interesting things to say are the same people who assume *The YLD Review* is not for them.

So, a few things worth saying plainly: You do not need a thesis. You do not need footnotes, though we will happily print them when the piece calls for them. You do not need to be the leading authority on anything (if you were, you would probably be writing for a journal that pays). Word counts are more flexible than you think. If your idea is 400 words and it lands, it is 400 words. If it is an eight-minute video with a two-paragraph introduction, we can figure out how to publish that too.

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The Front Door: What Your Firm Says About You Before You Say a Word



Colin Adebayo



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The compliments I hear most often about The Adebayo Law Firm have nothing to do with a case I handled. They are about my website or a video I posted.

Usually someone mentions the opening screen, the photography or a piece of content they came across. I certainly appreciate the compliment. I put a lot of thought into all of it. However, what interests me is that people notice at all. No one has ever stopped me to praise a deposition outline.

When I started my firm, I learned quickly that opening a law practice and building a law firm are separate things. You can form an entity, lease an office, buy malpractice insurance, set up a trust account and start taking cases. At that point, you technically have a law firm. Building something people recognize, remember and trust takes time.

Like most young lawyers, I spent my early years trying to become a better lawyer. I learned how to handle cases, how to deal with opposing counsel, how to communicate with clients and how to manage the hundred problems that never appeared in a law school casebook. What I did not fully appreciate at the time was that if I ever wanted my own firm, being a good lawyer would only be part of the job.

The day I founded The Adebayo Law Firm, I became a business owner too. Marketing, hiring, technology, finances, client experience and every other decision that comes with running a business landed on my desk, whether I liked it or not.

So did the firm's appearance.

First Impressions Happen Before We Meet

Lawyers know how much preparation goes into what we do. A potential client does not.

Before someone hires us, they usually have never watched us prepare for a deposition or trial. They have not read our briefs or seen us negotiate. They do not know how quickly we return calls or how seriously we take our clients' problems. They have almost nothing to go on.

What they can do is search our name. In a few minutes, a stranger has looked at the website, read the bio, studied the photographs, checked whether the site works on a phone, skimmed the reviews, watched a video or two, and glanced at the social media accounts. An opinion has formed before we have said a word.

Fair or Unfair, Appearance Matters

That realization shaped how I approach my website and the content I put out. I did not want a website simply because law firms are supposed to have one. I wanted the presentation to reflect the kind of practice I was trying to build. I handle personal injury cases, often for people who have suffered serious injuries and whose lives have changed without warning. I wanted the firm to feel professional and resolute so those clients would understand their cases would be treated that way.

None of that required pretending the firm was something it was not. Good branding, I have come to believe, requires the opposite.

Branding Is Not Pretending

The word "branding" makes some lawyers uncomfortable. It can sound superficial. It calls to mind slogans, billboards and whatever is trending on social media.

I think about it differently. Branding is consistency between what you say you are and what people experience when they actually work with you.

A polished website followed by an unanswered telephone is not a strong brand. An impressive logo means very little to a client who cannot receive an update on their case. Professional photographs will not rescue a lawyer who shows up unprepared. The visual presentation creates an expectation. The work must fulfill it.

That may be the most important lesson I have learned about marketing a firm. Your website tells people who you say you are.

Your practice eventually tells them whether it is true. I do not want my marketing to promise anything the practice cannot deliver. I would rather build the reputation first and let the marketing reflect it.

You Do Not Have to Market Like Everyone Else

One of the interesting things about becoming a solo practitioner is that every decision suddenly becomes yours. That freedom is exciting. It can also get you into trouble.

There is no shortage of people telling lawyers what they need to do to grow. Post more. Make videos. Build a bigger social media presence. Advertise here, then advertise there. Get a slogan. Do whatever that successful firm across town is doing.

Some of that advice may be good. Some of it, I have even taken. I make videos myself. However, I do it because it fits the firm I am trying to build, not because everyone else seems to be doing it. Just because something works does not mean it works for me.

I have been intentional about how my firm is presented. I do not want a practice built on gimmicks. I want the firm's public image to match how I approach the practice of law. That does not make my approach right for every firm. It makes it right for mine.

That distinction matters for young lawyers in particular. We spend our first several years learning from other people. We watch experienced lawyers, borrow what works and learn what does not. Eventually, though, we must decide what kind of lawyer we want to be. And if you start your own firm, you also must decide what sort of business to build.

Your Name Is Still the Brand

The longer I practice, the more I believe the most valuable marketing a lawyer can have is a good reputation. Websites change. Logos change. Marketing strategies change. Platforms come and go. Your reputation follows you.

For a young lawyer, that reputation is built much earlier than we realize. It is built in how we treat opposing counsel, whether

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Officers' Block

If the Court had to settle all disputes through a competition, other than oral argument, what should it be?



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Bake-off (I like my odds).



KINDALL BROWNING-RICKLE | YLD President-Elect

Arm wrestling.



CALEB RATLIFF | YLD Treasurer

Conventional wisdom here is rock, paper, scissors. However, I'm going to go with the card game War. Each side draws a card—highest card wins.



KELSIE MATTOX | YLD Secretary

Capture the Flag—except the flag is the case file. Each side would have to strategize, defend its case file, and attempt to capture the opposing party's case file and bring it safely back to its own side without getting caught. Essentially, litigation meets field day.



VERONICA R. COX | YLD Immediate Past President

Bobbing for apples.



CARLOS FERNÁNDEZ | YLD Newsletter Co-Editor

An IKEA furniture assembly contest (no instructions).



MEAGAN HURLEY | YLD Newsletter Co-Editor

Trivia—legal dramas edition.

Everything I Know About Client Counseling, I Relearned From a Toddler



Meagan R. Hurley



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I am the parent of a very independent one-year-old. And boy, has she given me a crash course in counseling skills lately.

In my professional life, I'm a law professor and post-conviction criminal defense attorney. While my toddler and my clients generally have little in common, parenting has forced me to confront an uncomfortable truth about lawyering: explaining something is not the same as making it understandable.

Lawyers are trained to identify problems, assess risks and move efficiently toward decisions. A toddler has very little interest in that agenda. She has her own priorities, limited patience for legalistic explanations and strong opinions about matters I mistakenly believed were not negotiable.

To be clear, clients are not children. They are adults entitled to dignity, candor and control over their own cases. The comparison is not between them; it is between the communication habits that both parenting and lawyering expose, especially when another person is frightened, frustrated or struggling to express what they need.

Here are a few lessons my daughter has taught, or perhaps re-taught, me.

Listen Before Trying to Solve the Problem

Lawyers like solutions. We hear the first few facts and begin sorting them into claims, defenses and procedural obstacles. Sometimes we are so busy preparing an answer that we fail to hear the question.

Toddlers are remarkably effective at exposing this habit. Respond to the wrong problem, and they will let you know. Loudly.

Clients may be less direct. A question about a hearing date may really be a question about whether they will see their family again. Anger over an unanswered call may reflect fear that they have been forgotten. A seemingly irrelevant story may contain the fact that changes the whole case.

Good counseling begins with enough patience to discover what the conversation is actually about.

Do Not Mistake Difficulty Communicating for Difficulty Understanding

My daughter often understands far more than she can say. That imbalance reminds me how easily we equate polished expression with intelligence, credibility or comprehension.

The legal system rewards people who tell their stories chronologically, use familiar vocabulary, regulate their emotions and answer only the question asked. Many clients do not do those things consistently—particularly when they are navigating things like trauma, incarceration, disability, limited literacy or an unfamiliar legal system. That does not mean they don't understand what happened to them or that they aren't capable of helping us help them.

Our job is not to reward the person who speaks most like a lawyer. It is to create the conditions in which the person we represent can understand us and be understood by us.

Prepare People for Transitions

Toddlers do not appreciate abrupt transitions. Neither, frankly, do most adults.

Lawyers routinely move clients from one bewildering event to another: intake interviews, court appearances, negotiation discussions, testimony preparation and final decision-making. Because these events are familiar to us, we may forget that our clients do not know what the room will look like, who will speak and when, or even what will happen next.

A short preview can transform an experience.

"I will speak first in court today."
"The judge may ask you this question."
"We may not get a decision today."

These details seem small until you are the person walking into the unknown.

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Preparation is not just strategic. It is an act of care that helps manage expectations.

Offer Meaningful Choices, Not False Ones

Toddlers appreciate choices: the blue cup or the green cup, this book or that one. They also recognize when the supposed "choice" is not really theirs to make.

Clients do, too.

Client-centered representation does not mean pretending every option is equally good or that legal constraints do not exist. It means identifying the decisions that genuinely belong to the client, helping them play out every option before them, explaining both the benefits and consequences of those options honestly and resisting the temptation to manipulate the client toward an outcome we may prefer.

When a client says to "do what you think is best," it may sound like trust, but it can also signal that we have not made the options understandable enough for the client to exercise autonomy. That means we need to do something differently and try again.

Keep Your Promises

If I tell my daughter we will read one more book, she remembers. If I tell a client I will call on Friday, the client remembers.

Lawyers sometimes treat these commitments as minor compared with filing deadlines, hearings and emergencies. But reliability is how trust is built. For someone who has repeatedly been disappointed by institutions or lawyers, the promised phone call may be evidence that *this* relationship will be different.

And when circumstances prevent us from doing what we promised, acknowledging it matters.

Never Underestimate the Value of a Snack

This lesson requires little elaboration.

Difficult conversations rarely improve when everyone is hungry, exhausted and uncomfortable. Sometimes, naming those feelings, addressing them and resetting is necessary.

Back to Basics

Parenting has not given me a revolutionary new theory of client counseling. It has made familiar principles harder to ignore. Slow down. Pay attention. Explain what comes next. Respect autonomy. Keep your word. And, if it is allowed, bring snacks.

The law often asks people to make life-altering decisions on their hardest days. The least we can do is ensure they feel heard, prepared and treated like people while they make them. YLD

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We will also say the unglamorous part. Some of this will not work. We are going to accept a few pieces that turn out flat on the page, and a video or two will be harder to produce than anyone expected. We would rather take that trade than fill a volume with competent articles nobody finishes. A first-year associate in Valdosta reading one odd, imperfect, honest piece twice is worth more to us than 50 polite skims.

One more thing. Don't wait until the idea is fully formed. Pitch it while it is still rough, let us help you find the shape. That is the part of this job we like most. That is the part that never happens when a member talks themselves out of the pitch on the drive home.

Send us the idea you already talked yourself out of. We will make room for it. YLD

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Member Spotlight | Northern District

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Sean Robinson

Tell us about yourself.
I am an attorney at Morgan & Morgan, where I represent individuals and families on the plaintiff's side. Prior to my current position, I represented personal injury victims as a partner at Monge & Associates. I spent the majority of my career at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith representing defendants, primarily product manufacturers and other Fortune 200 companies, in high-stakes civil litigation matters across the country. Making the transition to the plaintiff's side was a significant professional leap, but it has given me a broader perspective on litigation and a renewed sense of purpose. Throughout my career, I have striven to remain personable, professional, courteous, approachable and willing to help—whether through mentoring someone, asking for guidance myself or creating opportunities for others to succeed.

What is your practice area?
I specialize in trucking litigation involving tractor-trailers and other large commercial motor vehicles. I have now practiced on both sides of the "v," which is about as close as a lawyer gets to being ambidextrous. My prior experience has facilitated a proactive approach to litigation that helps me anticipate the defense's response, while keeping my attention where it belongs: telling my client's story clearly and pursuing meaningful accountability and financial recovery for the harm they have suffered.

What is your involvement with the YLD?
Primarily through mentorship. I have no immediate family members in the legal industry, so I have always made it a point to mentor others and facilitate their success in any way possible just as others have helped me along the way. At Lewis Brisbois, I proactively sought involvement in the Summer Associate Program. Within two years, I became the Atlanta office co-chair, where I spent four years refining details of the program, including obtaining candidates to matching summer associates with mentors and offering full-time employment. Mentoring has always been a priority for me, including interns, summer associates, young lawyers and new hires. To me, mentorship is more than having an open-door policy; it means a proactive approach of checking in, personal and professional growth and development, answering questions and being reliable. I also believe mentorship should include giving others a platform: creating opportunities for them to contribute, demonstrate their abilities and receive recognition for their work. In addition, I give back to my alma mater, Georgia State University College of Law, in a number of ways. I have spoken on several prospective law student panels. I am an annual guest lecturer for an adjunct professor's Advocacy (Trial Skills) Class regarding civil discovery. I also help facilitate an annual dinner for Order of Barristers with each new class inducted.

What advice do you have for young lawyers?
Two things. First is the advice I received at Georgia State University College of Law during orientation week: your reputation is everything.

The legal community is much smaller than you think, whether you're talking about metro-Atlanta; Georgia as a whole; the Southeastern United States or beyond. I see examples of this tight-knit and interrelated legal community at least weekly.

With opposing counsel, be a zealous advocate for your client but always remain professional, courteous and never compromise your reputation. Within your own firm, be accountable, dependable and never let anyone question your work ethic. Not to be understated, treat every person as if their name is on your firm's letterhead and your professional future depends on it, whether it be the support staff, court reporters, courthouse employees or vendors.



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As Warren Buffett says, "It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently."

Second is to be your own biggest advocate by being proactive and taking your shot. Tell that prospective employer that your goal is to work with them and you will accept the job if offered. If you want to be in trial, ask to be a third or fourth chair for the exposure and experience. Tell your managing partner that you don't just want to be another lawyer; you want to be an equity partner.

Do not just wait to be noticed or for opportunities to fall into your lap; actively seek them out and ask. I cannot begin to list the number of opportunities afforded to me throughout my career, but I believe every single one was due to this approach or followed because of it.

Find me a lawyer that does not appreciate this approach, and I'll find some ocean-front property to sell you in Iowa. YLD

Member Spotlight | Middle District

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Ciré Foston

Tell us about yourself.
I am the founder of The Law Office of Ciré P. Foston, LLC, and a proud native of Sparta and Milledgeville, Georgia. My journey into the legal profession has always been deeply connected to the community that raised me.

Before opening my own firm, I served as a public defender where I gained invaluable courtroom experience and developed a deep commitment to ensuring that every person—regardless of background, income or circumstance—has an advocate who is prepared to stand beside them when the stakes are high.

In January 2026, I took the leap into full-time private practice. Building a law practice from the ground up has been one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of my career. My goal has been to create a practice where clients receive not only strong advocacy, but also accessibility, communication and compassion during some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

Outside of practicing law, I am a mother, mentor and someone who remains deeply invested in the communities that shaped me. I believe that becoming an attorney was never simply about obtaining a title; it was about gaining the ability to advocate, create opportunities and show others from small communities like mine what is possible.

What is your practice area?
My primary practice area is criminal defense. I represent individuals facing charges ranging from traffic offenses and DUIs to serious felony matters, probation revocations and other cases where a person's freedom and future are at stake. I also handle select family law and personal injury matters.

Criminal defense is especially meaningful to me because it allows me to advocate for people at moments when they may feel judged, overwhelmed or unheard. I believe strongly that a criminal charge should never define a person. My responsibility is to protect my clients' constitutional rights, challenge the state's evidence where appropriate and ensure their stories and circumstances are fully heard.

My practice is also heavily courtroom-focused. The experience I gained as a public defender taught me the importance of being prepared to litigate rather than simply process cases. I have carried that philosophy into private practice and strive to approach every case with the preparation, professionalism and determination I would want if the person sitting beside me were someone I loved.

What is your involvement with the YLD?
The Young Lawyers Division has been an important part of my development as a young attorney because it provides opportunities to connect with other lawyers, remain engaged in the profession and serve beyond the walls of my own practice. As a relatively new attorney, my involvement has primarily consisted of seeking mentorship and learning from more senior YLD members.

As my practice continues to grow, I hope to become even more involved in the YLD, particularly in opportunities involving mentorship, service, criminal law and supporting young attorneys navigating the early years of practice or considering entrepreneurship.

What advice do you have for young lawyers?
Give yourself permission to build a legal career that actually fits who you are.

There is no single path to becoming a successful attorney. You do not have to follow someone else's timeline, practice in the area everyone expects or wait until you feel completely ready before pursuing an opportunity.

Some of the most important growth in my career has come from accepting that I could be both a student of the profession and confident in what I already brought to it.

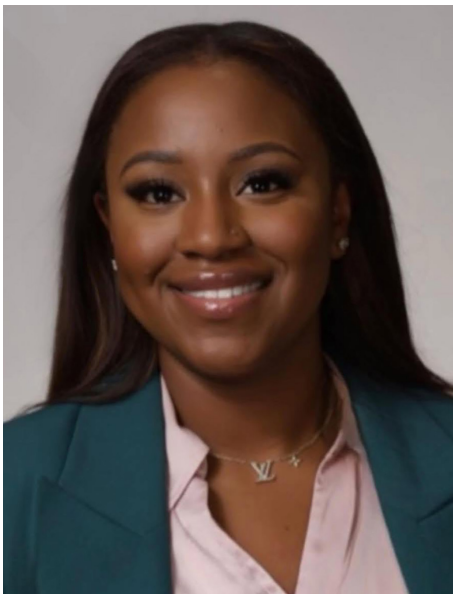


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I would also encourage young lawyers to value relationships and their reputations. Be prepared. Be respectful. Return the phone call. Treat court staff well. Keep your word. Ask questions and never allow pride to prevent you from learning from another attorney. The legal community is much smaller than it sometimes seems, and professionalism will follow you throughout your career.

Finally, remember the people behind the cases. It is easy to become consumed by calendars, filings, deadlines and outcomes, but for the client sitting across from you, their case may be the most important thing happening in their life. You may not be able to give every client the outcome they want, but you can always give them preparation, honesty, dignity and your best advocacy.

For me, that is ultimately what being a lawyer is about. YLD

Member Spotlight | Southern District

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Tiera Williams

Tell us about yourself.
I was born and raised in Augusta, Georgia, and am proud to call it my hometown. When it was time for college, I knew there was only one place that I wanted to go: the University of Georgia. My time at UGA was some of the best years of my life. After graduating with a B.S. in Biology, I decided to take a year off. Once that year was over, I decided to attend Mercer University School of Law. It was easily one of the best decisions that I could have made. Once I graduated, I realized how much I missed my family and decided to move back home to Augusta.

What is your practice area?
Since graduating law school, I have exclusively worked as an assistant public defender in the Augusta Judicial Circuit. Growing up, I always knew I wanted to practice criminal defense, but I wasn't quite sure what that would look like. While at Mercer, I had the opportunity to become a member of the Public Defender Clinic. Because of the clinic, I was able to spend my 2L summer at the Macon Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office, in addition to my entire 3L year.

In the beginning, I did not know what my time at the public defender's office would entail, but in the end, I was able to truly find my passion representing indigent clients. Because I knew that I wanted to move back to Augusta after law school, and I knew that I wanted to be a public defender, I only applied to the public defender's office in Augusta. Thank goodness that decision worked out.

Being a criminal defense attorney can be a tough job at times, but the sense of fulfillment I receive from knowing that I am helping those who don't have other resources completely outweighs the hard days. I am beyond thankful for my time at my office because it has shaped me to be the attorney I am today.

What is your involvement with the YLD?
I first heard about the YLD through colleagues at work. Through them, I've learned that it is filled with lawyers from many different backgrounds, which is nice since I'm typically around lawyers who practice criminal law. The YLD regularly has events in Augusta, making it that much easier to connect with lawyers from a variety of different practice areas in my city.

What advice do you have for young lawyers?
I would tell anyone to do what they love and to just be yourself. Doing what you love makes the hard days more bearable and the successes that much greater. Also, always be true to yourself—because it helps clients see that you are an average person just like them, which in turn allows them to confide and trust in you more. In my line of work, I'm typically dealing with very serious cases, which sometimes comes with delivering not-so-great news. However, over time, I've learned that it's okay to share a joke, to lighten the tension and be a person that my clients can rely on. YLD



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we keep our word, how we communicate with clients, whether judges can trust what we tell them, and how we treat staff and other lawyers when there is nothing to gain from the interaction.

It shows up in how we present ourselves professionally too. However, the website, the videos and the photographs are simply the front door. If someone visits mine and comes away believing The Adebayo Law Firm is serious about its work, the front door has done its job. The far more important responsibility begins when that person calls the office. That is the moment the branding must become reality.

For young lawyers thinking about starting a firm, and even for those who never will, the lesson is the same: be intentional about what your name represents. You are building a professional reputation whether or not you have a marketing plan.

Make sure what people see on the outside matches what they will find when they walk through the door. YLD

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Law schools should require students to complete a practical course on the business of practicing law before graduation.

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MORGAN LYNDALL

I can see both perspectives. Because not every attorney aspires to become a managing partner or own a firm, this may be more appropriate as a bar-level requirement.



ALEX CLARK

While law school courses are designed to help law students begin to think like lawyers, without a course on the business of practicing law, there is little exposure to information about the day-to-day operation of a law practice, leaving new lawyers often feeling like they've been thrown into the ring without any training. Even worse, without guidance as to the business of the practice, a young lawyer may be at risk of running afoul of any number of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct



ADDISON GANTT

Often, law students graduate without understanding practical realities. They know the law, but they don't understand how things work in real life. As someone who teaches a public defender externship class, I see firsthand how useful practical experiences can be. The practice of law is different for every person, but I believe that anything we can do to close the gap between academic training and real-world practice is necessary so that new lawyers can succeed, raising the bar for the whole profession.



HOLLY STEPHENS

I think there's a lot more to practicing law than the legal work itself, and most of it you end up learning on the fly. A practical course on things like firm finances, hiring and managing people, marketing, client relationships and creating a good workplace culture would give new lawyers a much better understanding of what it actually takes to build and sustain a successful practice.

From Outside Counsel to Inside Voice: An Attorney's Move In-House



Matthew Caudell



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You've heard the familiar expression: *the grass is always greener on the other side.* In the legal profession, the phrase often surfaces when young lawyers begin considering a move from one employer to another. The story is familiar: an associate leaves a stable law firm for what appears to be a better opportunity with better culture or higher pay, only to find it has its own unique, unexpected problems.

When I was presented with an opportunity to move in-house, I found myself asking a different question: *What if the grass isn't greener on the other side?*

For many young attorneys, the prospect of leaving private practice can be daunting. Private practice is the only professional environment most lawyers know. While both law firm attorneys and in-house counsel serve as advisors, the similarities begin to fade once you look beyond that basic function. The transition is not simply a change of employer; it requires a different approach to problem-solving, decision-making and professional value creation. Appreciating those differences helps explain why many attorneys find an in-house role to be a rewarding next step in their careers.

In private practice, attorneys typically serve as external advisors. Clients retain counsel to navigate disputes, transactions, investigations and a wide range of legal challenges. The lawyer's role is to identify risks, analyze relevant authority and provide strategic guidance grounded in the law. Success often depends on thoroughness. Complete information, comprehensive analysis and careful documentation are central to the work.

The in-house environment operates differently. Instead of advising an organization from the outside, the lawyer becomes part of the organization itself. That shift changes both the nature of the attorney-client relationship and how the legal advice is delivered. In-house lawyers remain responsible for identifying legal risk, but they must also consider operational realities, commercial objectives and organizational priorities. The legally optimal answer is not always the most practical one. Effective in-house counsel understand how to balance risk with business needs and provide advice that allows the organization to move forward.

One of the most noticeable adjustments for attorneys transitioning in-house is the breadth of responsibilities. Private practice often encourages specialization. Many lawyers spend years developing expertise within a particular practice area. Corporate legal departments, particularly smaller ones, rarely afford that luxury. An in-house attorney may negotiate contracts in the morning, advise on employment issues before lunch, review marketing initiatives in the afternoon and address a regulatory matter before the day ends. The variety can be energizing, but it also requires intellectual flexibility and a willingness to continuously learn.

The way legal advice is communicated also changes when transitioning in-house. Law firms frequently reward exhaustive analysis and detailed written work. In-house clients, by contrast, generally need concise and actionable guidance. Business partners are usually less interested in every possible legal outcome than they are in understanding the relevant risks and available options. As a result, successful in-house counsel become skilled translators, distilling complex legal concepts into practical recommendations that non-lawyers can readily understand and implement.

Another significant difference involves how attorneys think about time. The billable hour largely disappears in-house, removing one of the defining features of private practice. Many attorneys welcome the opportunity to focus on outcomes rather than time entries. The absence of billing requirements, however, should not be mistaken for an absence of pressure. Demands still exist, but they arise from business priorities, internal deadlines and organizational initiatives rather than monthly billing targets. Work-life balance often improves, though the extent of that improvement depends heavily on the industry, the company and the size of the legal department.

Beyond these practical differences, many attorneys find satisfaction in the opportunity

to participate more directly in business decision-making. Rather than being consulted after an issue arises, in-house counsel are frequently involved at the earliest stages of planning and strategy. This level of engagement allows attorneys to develop a deeper understanding of the organization and to see the long-term impact of their advice. Over time, in-house attorneys become not only risk managers, but also trusted business partners.

None of this is to suggest that an in-house role is inherently better than private practice. The right path depends on an attorney's professional goals, preferred working style and personal priorities. Some lawyers thrive in the pace, specialization and advocacy that define law firm practice. Others are drawn to the broader scope of responsibilities, collaborative environment and business-focused nature of in-house work.

So, Was the Grass Greener on the Other Side?

The answer depends on what you value. For me, the move offered an opportunity to serve in a role that was less adversarial and more collaborative. I was attracted to the prospect of building long-term relationships, gaining a deeper understanding of a single business and contributing to decisions before problems materialized. I also hoped to find a position that shifted the work-life balance equation a little further toward life. The decision was the right one for me, but that does not mean it would be the right choice for every attorney.

Career satisfaction rarely comes from finding a perfect job. Every professional environment involves tradeoffs. The attorneys who find the greatest fulfillment are often those who understand what matters most to them and seek opportunities that align with those priorities.

After all, the grass is not always greener on the other side. More often, it is greener where you choose to invest your time, energy and attention. YLD

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2026 State Bar Annual Meeting Recap



Alex Clark



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(L-R) 2026-27 YLD Officers: Treasurer Caleb Ratliff, President-Elect Kindall Browning-Rickle, Immediate Past President Veronica Cox, President Virginia Josey, Secretary Kelsie Mattox, Co-Editor Meagan Hurley and Co-Editor Carlos Fernández.

The YLD wrapped up another successful Bar year at the 2026 Annual Meeting, June 11-14 at the Omni Amelia Island Resort & Spa in Fernandina Beach, Florida. The weekend was filled with continuing legal education, networking, wellness and plenty of opportunities to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year while looking ahead to another exciting Bar year.

The Annual Meeting kicked off Thursday afternoon with a variety of CLE opportunities, including the YLD-hosted program "Torts in Real Estate: More Than Just Land." YLD members discussed torts and other legal issues that arise in real estate law, including civil conspiracy and fraud, strategies for managing unconventional discovery, and the challenges and benefits of using artificial intelligence to support litigation strategy and preparation.

After an afternoon of learning, YLD members put on their best carnival outfits and headed to the Opening Night Festival, where there was delicious food, music from a live DJ, stilt walkers, a balloon artist, face painting and carnival games. The festival was the perfect opportunity for all the little ones—and adults (I saw you, Justice John Ellington)—to show off their competitive spirits. Bar members had a chance to mingle before the business of the meeting began the next day.

Friday morning started with the Mike Monahan Memorial Wellness Hour, hosted by the YLD. Formerly known as the YLD/Pro Bono Fun Run, this year's event was renamed in honor of former Pro Bono Resource Center Director Mike Monahan and his commitment to wellness, service and community. Attendees chose between a guided 5K run or walk around the resort or yoga followed by sound bath meditation. It was a wonderful way to honor the resilience and fighting spirit of such an important member of our Bar community.

Word on the street is that YLD member Derek Centola gave Justice Andrew Pinson a run for his money as the fastest 5K finisher—not quite sure where Carlos Fernández placed this year, though. Justice Carla McMillian held it down in the walking group, whose members received a tour of the beautiful island from a local guide.

After the Wellness Hour, Bar members gathered for the Board of Governors meeting. 2025-26 President Chris Twyman presented awards recognizing the hard work of Bar members throughout the year, and Immediate Past President Ivy Cadle congratulated him on his year as president.

Friday afternoon brought even more opportunities for learning and connection. Members attended a variety of CLE programs before heading to the YLD General Session. During this year's session, officers and members reported on the year's events and previewed what to look forward to in the coming year. Joy Bonner announced the final Sports Law event of the year—a night at a Braves game in the Hank Aaron Terrace.

We also celebrated this year's graduating members of the YLD Leadership Academy and all the work they completed, both in service to the community and in their own development as leaders. We congratulated 2025-26 President Veronica R. Cox on a successful year for the YLD, recognizing that none of the division's work would have been possible without her leadership, encouragement and support.

Following the General Session, members headed to the Leadership Academy Mixer, where the celebration of the newest class of Leadership Academy alumni and the YLD's many accomplishments over the past year continued.

On Friday evening, Georgia's law schools hosted alumni receptions, and our (slightly) older and wiser sister organization, the Senior Lawyers Division, hosted its first reception before the YLD Dinner and Swearing-In Ceremony.

At dinner, President Cox presented awards to YLD members and we celebrated the year's successes and Cox's hard work. President-Elect Virginia C. Josey and the

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Hon. Stephen Dillard, Court of Appeals of Georgia, administers the oath of office to the 2026-27 YLD officers.



(L-R) Jenn McNeely, Veronica Cox and Christopher P. Twyman.



(L-R) Simran Modi, Jessica Luegering and Sara Lim.



YLD Past Presidents Hon. Ronald Daniel (L) and Bert Hummel (R) with Alexander Adams.



(L-R) YLD members participated in the Mike Monahan Memorial Wellness Hour including yoga and a 5K fun run and walk.





L-R: Javion Thomas, Jansen Killian, Matt Caudell and Alexa Dato-Caudell.

A Solo Practitioner's Point of View



Kayla Kudratt



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I knew how to practice law when I opened my law firm. I spent more than five and a half years as a prosecutor at the district attorney's office. In my role as a senior assistant district attorney, I helped lead the Crimes Against Women and Children, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Units. I tried dozens of cases and spent years developing my courtroom skills.

I quickly learned that being a good lawyer and running a successful law firm are two completely different jobs. As a solo practitioner, you are not just the attorney. You are the business owner, the decision-maker, the problem-solver, the IT person and, whether you realize it or not, the marketing department. That last role has become one of the most important lessons of my journey.

Everywhere You Go, You Are Marketing

When people hear the word "marketing," they often think about billboards, commercials, social media ads or how much money a firm spends on advertising. But I have learned that some of the most valuable marketing does not look like marketing at all. Everywhere you go, you are marketing yourself. The way you treat people at the courthouse matters. The way you interact with another attorney matters. The way you respond to someone who asks you a legal question at an event matters. The way you treat your clients, your staff, court personnel and even people who may never hire you matters.

Before someone needs an attorney, they may already be forming an opinion about who you are. For a solo practitioner, that is incredibly powerful because we may not have the advertising budget that many larger firms have, but we can "touch the people" and build genuine relationships that people remember. I never want someone to simply recognize my firm's logo. I want them to know what the firm represents and how we truly care about our clients.

Social Media Should Still Feel Like You

While social media has been one of the most powerful tools for growing my firm, I do not believe every post has to say, "Hire me."

I think people connect with you more when it does not. Of course, I share case results, information about the law and the work we are doing at the firm, but I also allow people to see my personality, my team, our community involvement and pieces of my life outside of practicing law.

There was a time when attorneys were expected to present a very specific image: serious, polished and professional. Professionalism is still incredibly important, but professionalism does not require an erasure of your personality. Potential clients want to know who they are hiring. By the time some clients call my office, they have followed me on social media for months or even years. They have watched the firm grow. They have seen our wins. They have seen our community work. They have probably laughed at something I posted or learned something about me that had absolutely nothing to do with the law. Clients have even called to congratulate me on my engagement. In a strange way, they already feel like they know me and that familiarity builds trust.

As a solo practitioner, you are the brand. Clients are choosing the person they trust to help them through what may be one of the most difficult periods of their lives. Social media gives us an opportunity to introduce that person before the first consultation ever happens.

Community Involvement Has to Be More Than Marketing

Some of the work I am most proud of has very little to do with what happens inside my office.

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I grew up in DeKalb County, and one of the things I am most proud of is having the opportunity to give back to the same community that helped shape me. My firm now sponsors the football team, as well as both the girls' and boys' basketball teams at Stephenson High School, my alma mater. As a former student-athlete who served as captain of the girls' basketball team, this sponsorship means so much to me. There is something truly special about coming back years later, now as a business owner, and being in a position to pour into the same school and community that poured so much into me. It is one of those full-circle moments that reminds me why giving back will always be an important part of what we do as a firm. We have also sponsored events at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, where I earned my law degree, as well as Bar association events and other organizations in our community. All these investments and relationships matter.

It is easy to say that your law firm is "part of the community." It means something different when your firm shows up for the community. Sometimes showing up means writing a sponsorship check. Sometimes it means mentoring a student, supporting another lawyer's event, volunteering your time, serving in a Bar organization or simply being present. Community involvement can lead to referrals and name recognition, but if that's the only reason you're doing it, people can tell. For me, the greater reward is looking at something that once poured into me—whether it was a school, an organization, or a community—and now be in a position to pour something back.

Relationships Have Helped Me Build What Advertising Alone Never Could

My involvement with the Young Lawyers Division has reinforced another lesson: relationships are invaluable.

Being active in organizations like the YLD has placed me in rooms with attorneys from different practice areas, different parts of Georgia and different career stages. Those relationships have created friendships, mentorship opportunities, referrals, resources and access to people I can call when I simply don't know the answer. That is important as a solo practitioner. I'll be the first to tell you that I do not know everything and am constantly learning. Having a network of attorneys willing to answer a question, make an introduction, share an experience or simply offer encouragement can make entrepreneurship feel a lot less lonely.

Build Something People Can Believe In

Opening my own firm has taught me that growth is not just about getting more clients.

It is about building something people believe in. Marketing matters. Social media matters. Branding matters. But none of those things can substitute for doing good work, treating people well and genuinely caring about the communities you serve.

My advice to other young lawyers, especially those considering opening their own firms, is simple: be a good person and don't be afraid to let people know who you truly are.

Talk about your accomplishments but also tell your story. Share your results but also share your personality. Attend the networking event. Join the organization. Support the school. Sponsor the team. Introduce yourself to someone new. And when you become successful enough to give back to the places and people that helped you get there, do it.

Because as a solo practitioner you are representing your business everywhere you go, but more importantly you are representing yourself. I have found that when people genuinely connect with the person behind the firm, the marketing tends to take care of itself. YLD

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other YLD officers for the 2026-27 Bar year were then sworn in for their terms of service by Hon. Stephen Dillard.

Saturday morning began with the final Board of Governors meeting of the weekend, presided over by 2026-27 State Bar President William C. "Bill" Gentry. Following the meeting, many YLD members spent the afternoon relaxing by the pool.

Saturday evening began with a reception honoring the justices of the Supreme Court of Georgia and the judges of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, followed by the installation of officers, where Gentry was sworn in as the 64th president of the State Bar of Georgia, officially beginning his term for the 2026-27 Bar year.

After the ceremony, attendees headed to the Georgia Bar Beach Royale Gala for dinner and an evening of entertainment. We danced to music from the Heather Hayes Experience, relaxed in the Pour Garden Bourbon and Cigar Lounge, and escaped to the State Bar Speakeasy for a more intimate evening with friends.

From CLE and wellness programming to networking, service, leadership and celebration, the 2026 State Bar Annual Meeting highlighted the many things that make the Bar community so special. The YLD is grateful to everyone who helped make this year's Annual Meeting a success and, of course, to 2025-26 YLD President Veronica Cox for her leadership throughout the year.

We also look forward to supporting 2026-27 YLD President Virginia Josey and the 2026-27 YLD leadership team as they begin what promises to be another fantastic year for the Young Lawyers Division. YLD

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Looking at the Mechanics: Building a Private Legal Library with AI



Carlos Fernández



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Every research platform you use is a black box. You search a case and several come back, ranked by some algorithm. You did not write the algorithm, you cannot inspect the algorithm and you take what the algorithm gives you. You write the brief. Then you close the tab, and everything you worked out about how those cases fit together goes with it.

Pry the lid off any research platform and you will see a network of connections. Every opinion is a node, and every citation inside it is an edge pointing back at an earlier node. The common law is a graph made up of these connections, and it has been under construction for centuries.

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What a Private Legal Library Actually Does

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Notice what none of that requires. The model does not have to be right about the law from memory. It has to be right about a document you handed it, which is a much smaller ask.

Why This Matters Most to the Lawyer Holding the Pen

In most firms, institutional knowledge lives inside the heads of partners who have been trying cases for 20 years. Associates get it in fragments, at 6:15 p.m. on a Thursday, when someone walks past the door and says, "Try looking at *Robinson*, a 2018 case. It talks about prior knowledge."

A private library is that knowledge written down, searchable and yours. It moves with you when you change firms. It compounds. Your third motion to compel is faster than your first only if the first is retrievable at the level of the argument rather than the level of the file name, and a folder full of PDFs named MTC_final_v3 is not retrievable at any level.

Young lawyers draft. Drafting is where the leverage sits, and a library built over two years of drafting is the closest thing to seniority you can build on purpose.

Reading the Law as Motion

Stare decisis is not a snapshot. Put dates on the edges and you can watch a doctrine move.

Georgia gives a clean example. Before Aug. 1, 2020, a Court of Appeals decision carrying a concurrence in the judgment only, or a dissent, was physical precedent and persuasive at best. After that date, any decision in which a majority of judges fully concurs in both the judgment and the

reasoning binds. The precedential weight of an authority therefore turns on its date and its vote breakdown, which is metadata, not text. Keyword search cannot see it. A structured library sees it every time and flags the problem before you build an argument on sand.

Erosion shows up the same way. Track how often courts cite a rule and how they treat it, and a doctrine under pressure announces itself well before it falls. By the time the Supreme Court discarded *Apodaca* in *Ramos v. Louisiana* in 2020, the ground under it had been eroding for years. The signal sat in the citation graph long before it reached a holding.

Prediction lives there too, and it is ordinary rather than mystical. A concurrence flagging an issue nobody briefed. A dissent other courts keep quoting. Two panels drifting apart on the same rule. Keep records and you notice those pressure points about two years before the lawyer who does not.

The Rule That Keeps You Out of Trouble

In 2023, a federal judge in the Southern District of New York sanctioned two lawyers $5,000 for filing a brief built on opinions ChatGPT invented. *Mata v. Avianca* is the cautionary tale in every CLE on this subject, and it should be.

A private library is the structural answer to that failure. Nothing enters the collection unless you hold the opinion. The model summarizes and connects documents you possess rather than reconstructing citations from memory, which is the thing it does badly. Verify each authority once, on the way in, and check treatment again before you file.

How to Start

Do not architect anything. On your next brief, stop closing the tab. For every authority you pull, write down the case and one line on why it mattered. Upload that information into your AI of choice so it can pull the case's proposition, holding, court information, etc. Keep it in plain text so no vendor ends up owning your work. Do that for 90 days. The first answer will be ugly. Fix it and run it again next quarter.

The precogs in *Minority Report* never actually see the future. They see patterns in the present that nobody has bothered to assemble. That is what this is. The machine finds the pattern. You still decide what it means, and you still sign the brief. YLD

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YLD Mass Swearing-In



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The Young Lawyers Division will host a mass swearing-in ceremony for the Supreme Court of Georgia and Court of Appeals of Georgia on Friday, Jan. 15, 2027, at the Omni Hotel at The Battery Atlanta. The ceremony will be held immediately after the YLD General Session at the 2027 Midyear Meeting.

The ceremony will include one oath for admission to both courts. Applicants admitted to the Supreme Court of Georgia will sign the roll book and receive their certificates on site. Applicants admitted to the Court of Appeals of Georgia will receive their certificates by mail.

Scan the QR code below to register. The deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 1. You must submit separate admission applications for both courts. That deadline is Friday, Dec. 4.

Additional details will be provided closer to the ceremony date. Direct questions about the admission process to the respective court(s). Email yld@gabar.org with questions. YLD

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