The Georgia Young Lawyers Division (“YLD”) was recognized at the American Bar Association’s Annual meeting in Chicago for the quality of its work in the 2000-2001 bar year. In the annual “Awards of Achievement” competition, the ABA’s Young Lawyers Division recognizes excellence among state and local bars in four categories: Service to the Public, Service to the Bar, Comprehensive (based on the totality of programs conducted throughout the year) and Newsletter. The state and local bars compete in divisions that are based on population. The Georgia YLD, with 8,800 members, competes in Division IA (bars having a young lawyer membership of 8,000 or more) against bars such as the Texas, California and New York YLDs.

The Georgia YLD essentially “swept” the competition and received awards in all four categories, including three, first place awards! The YLD won first place in the Comprehensive, Public Service and Bar Service categories. Georgia continued its seven-year streak of award winning newsletters by capturing second place in the newsletter competition.

The YLD received first place for all programs implemented throughout the 2000-01 bar year. Projects such as the Aspiring Youth after-school tutoring program, the Great Day of Service, and the Thirteenth Annual Legislative Affairs breakfast, were among those included in the Georgia YLD’s award application.

The Comprehensive Pro Bono Initiative won the Best Service Project to the Public. The Pro Bono Committee Chairperson Tracey Roberts of Arnall, Golden & Gregory, LLP, who was in Chicago for the awards, said “winning is a reflection of the committee’s hard work in conducting both the Associate’s

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- Kendall Butterworth

2001 Celebration of Educational Excellence Recognizes Largest Class Ever!

The 2001 Celebration of Excellence was a grand success thanks to the support of many organizations and individuals! This year’s statewide Celebration recognized children who grew up in foster care and who graduated from high school, a GED program, vocational school, and college. During their stay in foster care, many youth experience changes in placements which often means that they must change schools. The fact of their graduation is a remarkable testimony to their determination and hard work. On June 21, a record 192 graduates were honored at the Fox Theatre for their outstanding achievement, while over 600 people from the legal, child welfare, and larger community attended to cheer them on.

Each graduate received a certificate of achievement from Governor Roy E. Barnes and a gift bag full of donated items, including disposable cameras, long-distance phone cards, pen sets, and a $250 voucher toward future educational expenses. In addition, nearly 40 scholarships were awarded to qualified applicants attending post-secondary schools to continue their education. This year’s keynote speaker was Lynnette Cole, Miss USA 2000, who is herself a former foster child. She spoke powerfully about her own experience in foster care and inspired our graduates with her own achievements.

Special thank you to the State Bar of Georgia/YLD for its continued tradition of supporting the Celebration and the foster youth of Georgia. Without that support, we could not have hosted such a successful Celebration and honored these youth who have overcome so much on the road to success.
COMING UP NEXT:

The William W. Daniel Mock Trial Competition Committee is pleased to announce that the
William W. Daniel Mock Trial Competition will take place this year on November 16-18, 2001.
This competition, named for Fulton County Superior Court Judge William W. Daniel, is in its sec-
ond year as a national competition and the field of teams from law schools around the country has
expanded once again.

The committee is thrilled to report that the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
has granted the committee a $5,000 scholarship to award to the winning team’s scholarship
fund. This generous gift makes the Daniel competition the first national competition to have such
an award and will greatly enhance the reputation and development of this competition.

As a result of this award and the interest it is generating, in addition to the increased number of
participants, the committee is soliciting help from Bar members to act as judges and jurors. The
competition will have three preliminary rounds beginning on Friday night and continuing through-
out the day on Saturday. The final rounds will be held on Sunday. The competition takes place at
the Fulton County Courthouse. It is crucial to the success of the competition that we have attor-
neys to evaluate the rounds and give feedback to the participants. If you can help by evaluating the
students and sharing your professional experiences, please call Jeremy Citron at (404) 266-1416 or
e-mail at jeremy-citron@hotmail.com.

This year the committee is adding an award for ethical/civil attorney and soliciting suggestions
to name this award, along with the best advocate award, for prominent Georgia attorneys and
judges. Committee members are soliciting current and former YLD members to the YLD Office to
nominate people for this award.

Every Young Lawyers Division meeting is open to all members of the State Bar of Georgia.

For more information, contact the
YLD office at 404-527-8778

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YLD has scholarships. Starting with the meeting in Athens on November 9 (where rumor has it a pretty good team, Georgia, will be playing another—Auburn), the YLD will be awarding 10 scholarships of $200 at each meeting to recognize outstanding committee work and to promote participation and diversity within the YLD. Applications are available from Jackie Indek. This scholarship program has expanded from last year, so make sure you apply for the meeting in Athens as well as the meetings in Atlanta, Savannah, and Amelia Island. With a sched-
ule like that, you will want to get these meetings on your calendar!

Finally, no effort for recruitment would be complete without mention of the outstanding tradition of the YLD. Formed in 1947, the division was formed specifically to foster among the member of the bar the principals of duty and service to the public. Since its inception, the YLD has worked tirelessly to become the public service arm of the state bar. For its efforts, the Georgia YLD has been recognized on a national level for its innovative and successful programs and has become a perennial top YLD team in the country. Join today and come be a part of our present and future successes.
THANKS to all who made the 6th Annual-Young Lawyers Division Great Day of Service another successful venture. The project has managed to grow and expand each year, affecting more and more Georgia communities. If you take a look at the photos, you can see a bit of the magnificent work done and the success that was had. All of it kept in line with the mission of giving back to the community in which we practice-on one special day of service, designed to enhance the local area and improve the image of Georgia lawyers. Thanks to all of the volunteers, local project coordinators, and YLD members who participated with the project. Special thanks to Sharell Lewis for her hard work with South Georgia and Kendall Butterworth and Jackie Indek for their support. We’ve done it again!

On a similar note, plans are now underway to do it once more. Keep watching the newsletter and visit the YLD link at www.gabar.org, for information on the 7th Annual Great Day of Service. This year’s task force of Marc D’Antonio, Leigh Martin, Bryan Scott and Dan Snipes is working hard to make the 2002 GDS even bigger and better. For questions or information, contact Jackie Indek at 404.527.8778 or jackie@gabar.org.

“Awards of Achievement” con’t from front page

Campaign For Legal Services, which has raised more than $100,000.00 in two years, as well as the Statewide Pro Bono Initiative, and it’s an honor to receive the award.”

The YLD Membership Initiative won the Best Service Project to the Bar. The Membership Initiative Chairperson Jon Pope of Hasty, Pope & Ball, wished to thank the members of his committee who assisted in presentations to law firms and also said “a special note of thanks should be given to Judge John J. Ellington of the Georgia Court of Appeals who assisted the YLD in this important project of recruiting members to be actively involved in the various service projects of the YLD.”

The entire Georgia Delegation to the ABA meeting was especially pleased to be recognized in an awards process known for its fierce competition. Kendall Butterworth, Immediate Past President, who led the YLD during the award year, wished to express her sincere thanks to all of the committee chairs, directors, and officers who made her year such a success. She said, “I am ecstatic that the YLD received this recognition for these outstanding projects! I am particularly proud of the first place finish in the Comprehensive category. I congratulate all of the committee chairs who worked so hard during the year, and I especially thank Elena Kaplan, who prepared the awards application.” She added, “The Georgia YLD competes against several states that have budgets almost 5 times larger than ours, so it is particularly gratifying for the quality of our projects to be recognized on a national level.”

While those young lawyers present in Chicago for the awards were thrilled to have Georgia receive such high honors, everyone agreed that it was a recognition well deserved. The YLD is excited about its current committees and chairpersons and hopes to continue its tradition of excellence in the coming years. Current YLD President Pete Daughtery noted “this is the second time in five years that the Georgia YLD has been recognized nationally as the best in the country for the overall quality of all of its projects and programs, and that’s something we all plan on working hard to continue in the future.”
The following are results of the YLD Board of Directors, Executive Council Post 1, Out of State and Members at Large elections held this past June at the State Bar Annual Meeting in Kiawah Island, SC. Congratulations to our newly elected Council members!

**Board of Directors:**
- Christine S. Barker, Savannah
- James R. Doyle II, Atlanta
- Marc E. D’Antonio, Columbus
- David S. Gruskin, Atlanta
- Elena Kaplan, Atlanta
- Zahra S. Karinshak, Atlanta
- John F. Kennedy, Macon
- Leigh H. Martin, Atlanta
- Janne McKamey Lopes, Atlanta
- Jonathan A. Pope, Canton
- Tilman “Tripp” Self, III, Macon
- Bryan D. Scott, Macon
- Tracey M. Roberts, Atlanta
- Malcolm L.H. Wells, Atlanta

**Elected Committee Members/Directors:**
- Malcolm L.H. Wells, Atlanta
- Chandra C. Tutt, Atlanta
- Daniel B. Snipes, Statesboro
- Tilman “Tripp” Self, III, Macon
- Jonathan A. Pope, Canton
- Janne McKamey Lopes, Atlanta
- Leigh H. Martin, Atlanta
- John F. Kennedy, Macon
- Chandra C. Tutt, Atlanta
- Malcolm L.H. Wells, Atlanta
- James S.V. Weston, Augusta, Alt.

**District Representatives and Alternates:**

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**Out of State [01-02]:**
- Dale E. Akins, Hilton Head Isl., SC, Alt.

**Members At-Large [01-02]:**
- Michelle G. Adams, Atlanta
- Joshua C. Bell, Cairo
- Jeffrey R. Harris, Atlanta
- Sally Haskins, Columbus
- Andrew A. Lewis, Marietta
- Alicia B. Marin, Atlanta
- Hugh O. Morris, Jr., Albany
- Leslie S. Pickett, Savannah
- Emily K. Turner, Macon
- Charles K. Wainright, Albany
- Terri M. Yates, Savannah

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**Notice of Elections**

**Pursuant to the provision of Article VI, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Young Lawyers Division, notice is hereby given that the election of officers of the YLD for 2002 will be as follows:**

1. **Positions**
The following positions will be filled by election by mail-out ballot to all members of the Young Lawyers Division: President-elect, Treasurer and Secretary.

2. **Eligibility**
Active members of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing who are members of the Young Lawyers Division at the time of their election shall be eligible to hold office in the Young Lawyers Division.

3. **Nominations and Election Procedure**

   **A. Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee will meet on November 9, 2001 at the Fall Meeting of the Executive Council (as set forth hereinafter), and at such other times as the president-elect as chairperson of the committee shall determine, for the purpose of nominating one or more candidates for the offices of president-elect, treasurer and secretary. The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of all nominees nominated by it to the Election Committee of the Young Lawyers Division not less than sixty days prior to the date of the annual meeting of the Young Lawyers Division.

   **B. Nominations from Members.** Nominations for candidates for the office of President-elect, Treasurer and Secretary and for membership of the Executive Council may be made by the membership of the Young Lawyers Division in any of the following ways:

   (1) Any two members of the Young Lawyers Division who are qualified to vote in accordance with the bylaws may submit a nominating petition to the Election Committee no later than Nov. 1 of the year preceding the annual meeting of the Young Lawyers Division.

   (2) Within five days of the receipt of the report of the Nominating Committee, the Election Committee shall cause ballots to be prepared. Each ballot shall contain a notice as to the last day by which a ballot must be received at the Headquarters of the Young Lawyers Division which date shall annually be fixed by the President-elect of the Young Lawyers Division. The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of all nominees nominated by it to the Election Committee of the Young Lawyers Division not less than sixty days prior to the date of the annual meeting of the Young Lawyers Division.

**C. Election Committee.** Elections held at the annual meeting of the Young Lawyers Division and elections conducted through mail-out ballot shall be conducted by the Election Committee Chairperson, Derek J. White, 218 West Jones Street, Savannah, GA 31401. The Election Committee shall conduct such elections as follows:

   (1) The Election Committee shall receive the report of the Nominating Committee no later than Nov. 15 of the year preceding the annual meeting and shall determine if the persons nominated are eligible for office.

   (2) Within five days of the receipt of the report of the Nominating Committee, the Election Committee shall notify each nominee of such nomination and of the names of other persons nominated for the same positions and said nominees shall provide a write-in for each position. Each ballot shall contain instructions as to the method by which a vote for a particular candidate shall be indicated. Each ballot shall contain a notice as to the last day by which a ballot must be received at the Headquarters of the Young Lawyers Division which date shall annually be fixed by the Election Committee. Voter lists shall be prepared and tabulated and declaration of the
**SPONSORSHIP SECTION**

YES! I would like to help sponsor Law-Related Education at the level indicated below.

- **GENERAL SPONSOR:** $250 contribution includes partial hole sponsorship
- **SILVER SPONSOR:** $500 contribution includes partial hole sponsorship and 2 player’s fees
- **GOLD SPONSORS:** $1000 contribution includes exclusive hole sponsorship and 4 player’s fees

☐ As a sponsor I will be sending the players listed below OR,

☐ I am sponsoring as shown above but will not send players

Name of Organization ______________________________________ Contact ____________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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Make SPONSORSHIP checks payable to: LAWYERS FOUNDATION of GEORGIA, Inc. and mail with form to:

YLD ◆ c/o GA LRE Consortium ◆ University of GA ◆ N. Milledge Ave ◆ Athens, Georgia, 30602

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**PLAYER’S SECTION**

☐ I am entering the tournament- Please assign me to a team

Name ________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________

Phone _________________ Email ____________________________

☐ We’re entering the tournament- Please enter us as a team

Team Name ____________________________________________

please name your team, it helps with registration and it’s fun!

Player #1 ____________________________________________ Player #2 ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________ Address ____________________________________________

Phone ____________________ Handicap ______

Player #3 ____________________________________________ Player #4 ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________ Address ____________________________________________

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Player #5 ____________________________________________ Player #6 ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________ Address ____________________________________________

Phone ____________________ Handicap ______

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**4th Annual YLD LRE Golf Tournament**

Monday, October 8th, 2001

The Oaks Course
11240 Brown Bridge Rd.
Covington, Georgia

12 Noon Shotgun Start
Rain or Shine

$85 per player ◆ $340 per team

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**Entry Deadline:**

Monday
Sept. 24th

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Welcome to the Committee Update Corner; a new feature in the YLD Newsletter. A calendar of events in order to find out what services are being offered for both the public and the profession as well as important dates for member services.

In this issue, the Committee Update Corner gives you the opportunity to sign up for one or more of the YLD committees for the 2001-2002 Bar year. The committees offer a wide range of opportunities for you to work for your community and your profession. For a detailed description of all of the YLD Committees, please go to www.gabar.org/yld.com. Here’s just a few programs scheduled for the upcoming weeks:

Appellate Admissions: The next Mass Swearing In for the Georgia Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of Georgia and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2001.

Criminal Law Committee: A CLE Seminar is scheduled for October 12, 2001 at the Buckhead Sheraton. Contact Scott Semrau (770) 795-7751 or Sara Yeager (404) 378-9091 for more information.

Judicial Liaison Committee: Tentative Date for the Spring Meet the Judges ICLE program is Thursday, March 14, 2002. Please contact Janne McKamey Lopes at (404) 589-9000.

Career Issues Committee: This committee is looking for issues that the membership would like addressed. Call Nelson Tyrone (404) 321-1700 or Lynn Howell (727) 562-7850 to offer suggestions.

If you would like to include upcoming program announcements for your committee, please contact Laurel Landon at llandon@kilpatrickstockton.com or David Gruskin at dgruskin@partners-group.com

YLD Adds New Committee Which Promises Great Personal Satisfaction For Its Members

The Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia has added an exciting new committee to expand its service to the public. The Disability Issues Committee is an excellent opportunity to become more involved in your community, as well as the YLD. What is most appealing about this Committee is that it promises great personal reward for its members, with a minimal time commitment.

The Disability Issues Committee’s objective is to deliver legal services to persons dealing with physical and mental disabilities. However, for this upcoming year, the Committee intends to focus on legal services for the mentally ill. This year’s project is aimed at organizing a program that will provide access to quality legal advice for Georgia residents suffering from mental illness, including support for families dealing with mental health issues. In this project, volunteer attorneys assist the staff of a partner organization, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - Georgia Chapter (“NAMI”), in responding to callers with a wide variety of legal problems. The attorneys involved in the project will respond by explaining legal proceedings and providing information and advice for protecting legal rights and remedies, and by facilitating better communication between family members. In addition to providing this immediate aid to the caller, this project also encourages and educates attorneys to address the legal needs of the mentally ill in the attorneys’ daily practice.

This year’s project will certainly have an enormous impact in Georgia. A caller to NAMI who needs legal assistance or advice will be referred to a motivated volunteer attorney, who provides or coordinates an appropriate and helpful consultation or other response to the caller’s specific inquiry. This project limits its plan to coordinating a response to an initial inquiry, and does not seek to provide an attorney pro bono for full-blown legal representation of every caller. However, volunteer attorneys are encouraged to provide legal service to a caller to whatever extent the attorney believes is necessary and appropriate under the circumstances.

At this point, the project will be limited to the metropolitan Atlanta area, with the hope that it can expand to other areas in Georgia. The Committee hopes to recruit a group of motivated volunteer attorneys with a sufficiently broad range of expertise. The attorney may direct the person to available resources for legal representation, or arrange terms to represent the client him/herself. As noted, the project does not ask volunteer attorneys to agree to provide full-blown legal representation of every caller. Instead, volunteers are asked to commit to responding to an average of five inquiries a year, and are committed to providing a written or oral response to the caller’s inquiry or an appropriate referral.

This is an excellent opportunity to make an enormous impact in Georgia, with a relatively small time commitment. If you are interested, please...
COME TO THE NEXT MEETING AND SEE

In early 1999, while reading then-President Ross Adams’ column in this newsletter, it seemed to me that YLD was a great organization if you lived in Atlanta but, if you didn’t, it wasn’t really relevant. Being young and impetuous, I decided to call Ross (whom I had never met) and express this sentiment. I got more than I bargained for.

Ross very patiently listened to my complaint. He then told me that the YLD was a great organization for Atlanta and the entire state. If I wanted to help expand its reach to areas outside Atlanta, I should come to the next YLD meeting at Callaway Gardens in March and see for myself what it was all about. After I hung up, the usual thoughts ran through my head: “Oh, well, gee, I am really busy”; “Callaway is a long way from Augusta”; and “I don’t know a single soul who will be there”.

Despite my misgivings, I did go to that Callaway meeting. That experience is one I will never forget. The first night, I met the nicest people from all over the state. I was introduced to Joe Dent (then-president elect) who was from Albany (gosh, that’s smaller than Augusta and farther from Atlanta). I met several people from Savannah (who, by the way, has one of the best young lawyer groups anywhere) and Macon. I also met people from Atlanta who were truly committed to bar work. Hmm, maybe Ross was right about the YLD.

I was having a good time and meeting lots of people, but what did the YLD really do? I would find out at the business meeting. I was absolutely blown away by the reports given by one young lawyer after another concerning the quality and quantity of projects going on state-wide to benefit the profession and the public. Ross asked me later that weekend if I had seen what the YLD was all about. Yes, indeed.

Over 2 years have passed and now I am writing a column in this newsletter myself. I have been privileged to work on some of the many worthwhile projects that this organization undertakes. I have made many wonderful friends all over the state who I enjoy seeing at meetings and serving with throughout the year. My life has truly been enriched.

As many of you know, the YLD lost one of its best friends this year when Ross Adams passed away. The best way I know to honor his memory is to issue you the same challenge that he issued to me:

You don’t think the YLD has anything to offer you because you’re not from Atlanta? Come to the next meeting and see.

You’re a busy young lawyer and don’t have time for bar work? Come to the next meeting and see.

You don’t know one young lawyer who goes to these meetings and you’ll feel uncomfortable? Come to the next meeting and see.

Come to the next meeting and see. You will not regret it.

Deadline for submission to Winter Issue: September 21st