

Young Lawyers Conference

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The YLC: A Brief Overview

AS I WAS DECIDING what to write about in my first *Virginia Lawyer* column, I thought it might be nice to give an overview of the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference for those of you who are not familiar with us. A lot of this information is on our website and appears in our *Docket Call* newsletters, but it is worth repeating here for a larger audience. Below are a few facts about our conference and an introduction to our 2010–11 board members.

Lots of Lawyers. In November 2010, when our newest lawyers are admitted, the YLC will have more than ten thousand members. That's a huge number! If you are aged thirty-six and under or have been practicing three years or fewer, you are automatically a YLC member.

Board of Governors. The YLC board is made up of nineteen lawyers from across the commonwealth. Board members serve for up to four years; ten represent the VSB's districts and five serve at large. We also have four officers, including me as president for this bar year. Board members serve as liaisons for all of the YLC's programs. I am incredibly proud of their work, and I want to thank them for their support and their many contributions. Our 2010–11 board members are:

Jennifer B. Shupert of Virginia Beach — first district;
Megan Bradshaw of Norfolk — second district;

Mollie C. Barton of Richmond — third district;
Demian J. McGarry of Alexandria — fourth district;
Maureen E. Danker of McLean — fifth district;
Nathan J. Douglas Veldhuis of Fredericksburg — sixth district;
Kenneth L. Alger II of Woodstock — seventh district;
Brooke C. Rosen of Roanoke — eighth district;
Rachael A. Sanford of Danville — ninth district;
Gerald E. Mabe II of Wytheville — tenth district;
Andrew G. Geyer of Richmond — at large;
Macel H. Janoschka of Roanoke — at large;
Trevor A. Moe of Danville and Washington, D.C. — at large;
Nathan J. Olson of Fairfax — at large;
Glen H. Sturtevant Jr. of Richmond — at large;
Christy E. Kiely of Richmond — president-elect;
Brian R. Charville of Arlington — secretary; and
Lesley Pate Marlin of Arlington — immediate past president.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of these individuals. If you know them from practice or from school, or if they are in your area, I know they would love to hear from you and provide you with information about our programs. Their contact information is at <http://www.vsb.org/site/conferences/ylc/view/board-of-governors/>.

Our Programs. The YLC has almost twenty programs. Emergency Legal Services, No Bills Nights, the Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Prelaw Institute, the Professional Development Conference, and Wills for Heroes are just a few. Each program is led by a chair or cochairs, with assistance from dedicated volunteers from all over the commonwealth. We also have circuit representatives, who are nominated by local bar presidents in each of Virginia's thirty-one judicial circuits. Our program chairs and circuit representatives are all listed on our website as well.

Our Mission. The goal of the YLC is service — to our members, the bar, and the community. Please visit our website, <http://www.vayounglawyers.org/>, and read about our programs, projects, and initiatives. We are always looking for new volunteers and leaders. If you want to get involved, please contact me at (202) 551-1809 or carsonsullivan@paulhastings.com, or contact our membership chair, Nathan Olson, at (703) 934-1480 or nolson@cgglawyers.com.

As I hope to highlight this year in my upcoming columns, Virginia's young lawyers are incredibly dedicated — not just to their practices, but also to the bar and their communities. The YLC is looking forward to a great year, and I am looking forward to reporting back to you on our successes.

Where will you make your mark?

Will it be on the mind of a child who decides to pursue law after attending the Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Prelaw Institute?
Will it be on the heart of a family who gains some peace of mind from Wills for Heroes?
Will it be on the comfort of a cancer survivor facing legal difficulties?

Through the Young Lawyers Conference, you have the opportunity to make a difference in your profession and community, but chances are the difference you will feel will be within yourself.

Young lawyers are making a difference. It's rewarding, it's a great way to get to know people, and it's fun. Join your fellow young lawyers today and make your mark.

HELP WANTED:

We need your help. The Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference (YLC) needs circuit representatives, program and commission chairs, and committee members and other volunteers for many of its programs in the 2010–11 bar year.

Becoming a circuit representative, program or commission chair, or committee member or other volunteer is an excellent way to get involved in the YLC and to serve the profession and the public. If you are interested in any of the leadership positions or volunteer opportunities listed below, please contact:

- Nathan Olson at (703) 934-1480 or nolson@cgglawyers.com, or
- Carson Sullivan at (202) 551-1809 or carsonsullivan@paulhastings.com.

More information about each of these opportunities may be found on the YLC's website at <http://www.vayounglawyers.org/>.

The YLC seeks circuit representatives for the following circuits:

4th Circuit (Norfolk)

6th Circuit (Emporia and Hopewell; Prince George, Surry, Sussex, Greenville and Brunswick Counties)

8th Circuit (Hampton)

21st Circuit (Martinsville; Patrick and Henry Counties)

28th Circuit (Bristol; Smyth and Washington Counties)

The YLC seeks chairs for the following program and commissions:

Community Law Week

Children and the Law Commission

Health and the Law Commission

The YLC seeks regional chairs for the No Bills Night program in the following areas:

Abingdon

Charlottesville

Fredericksburg

Lexington / Staunton

Lynchburg

Tidewater

The YLC seeks committee members and other volunteers for all of its programs and commissions. A complete list of programs and commissions and their respective chairs is at <http://www.vsb.org/site/conferences/ylc/view/programs/>.

Get involved now:

- View committee descriptions at http://www.vsb.org/docs/conferences/young-lawyers/Cmte_Descriptions.pdf.
- Mail in the volunteer form at <http://www.vsb.org/docs/conferences/young-lawyers/VolunteerForm.pdf>.