



**Dear Fellow YLC Members,**

**“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.”**

—Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut

Each February, the country takes the opportunity to celebrate Black History Month and honor the experiences, struggles, and achievements of African Americans throughout history and today. I encourage each of you to follow the YLC's social media pages on Wednesdays this month, where we are honoring African Americans who have been influential to the legal profession. The YLC's commitment to diversity and using historical experiences to shape and improve the future extends far beyond a single month of the year. Diversity is a cornerstone of our conference and a fundamental foundation underpinning all of our goals and objectives. We are always seeking volunteers of all backgrounds and experiences and there are specific volunteer opportunities listed below. Join us as we prepare for an active 2021!



**Missy York  
President, YLC**

## Applications and Nominations Due March 19

Apply for an opening on the **YLC Board of Governors** by completing [this form](#) and help serve the profession and the public.

Recognize an exceptional young lawyer by [nominating them](#) for the **R. Edwin Burnette Jr. Young Lawyer of the Year Award**.



**The YLC is seeking volunteers for the following programs:**

- District Representative for the 9th District
- Domestic Violence Safety Project
- Rule of Law Day
- Social Media

If you are interested in volunteering in any of these roles, please fill out the [Volunteer Interest Form](#) and indicate which programs you'd like to work with.



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## Be In The Know About Pro Bono FREE Webinar CLE

February 8 – 12  
Available ON DEMAND  
1.5 hours CLE credit including (1.5 hours) ethics



This **FREE** Virginia State Bar CLE program brought to you by the Young Lawyers Conference and Access to Legal Services will cover the justice gap, Virginia's pro bono rule (Rule 6.1), statewide opportunities to get involved, and ethics/best practices to keep in mind when engaging in pro bono.

**We are offering this previously aired program as an on-demand CLE. It has been approved for 1.5 hours of pre-recorded Ethics CLE.**

The pre-recorded CLE program will be open for viewing from Monday, February 8 at 12:00 am until Saturday, February 13 at 12:00 am.

*Please note, the video will start playing immediately after you enter your name/email and click "register", so click on the link at a time when you are prepared to view the entire 90-minute program from start to finish.*

[Register Here](#)



**Once you're "In the Know", use your new found knowledge!**

Visit the [VSB's Pro Bono Resources page](#) to find direct links for pro bono opportunities!

## Programming for Spring 2021



The YLC **Bench-Bar** Conference

# PDC

Professional  
Development  
Conference

The **Professional Development**

will host its second annual program on April 30. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from judges from across the Commonwealth. Registration opening soon!

**Conference** (PDC) is a low-cost CLE program tailored to young lawyers, consisting of timely topics. This year's PDC will be offered virtually, in mid-April. More information to come!

## Distinguished Attorneys

**Shannon Kapadia** and **Nidah Majid**, the co-chairs of the YLC's Pro Bono Commission, polled YLC members to discover what they wanted to learn. Then they coordinated with the VSB's Director of Access to Legal Services, **Crista Gantz**, to conduct a pro bono webinar (still available for On-Demand credit above!) Thank you Shannon and Nidah, for your hard work!



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