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Dear Fellow YLC Members,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president this year. Next month, **Missy York** will become the new YLC president. I have enjoyed working with you this past year, and wish you all the best. May you continue to do good and be well!



**Farnaz Thompson**  
President, YLC

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### Take part in the Lawyer Wellness Challenge: June 18-28



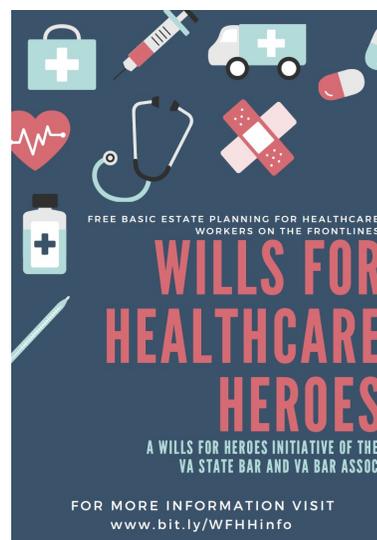
Get details and express your interest now in this friendly 10-day competition for the health of your body, spirit and mind. The **Lawyer Wellness Challenge** is an activity of the Young Lawyers Division's Wellness Task Force, the VBA Public Service Committee, the OES Lawyers Wellness Initiative, the Virginia Judges & Lawyers Assistance Program and the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference.

## Pro Bono Opportunities

Do you speak a second language? Maybe even a third or fourth? Join the YLC's [Database of Foreign Language Speaking Attorneys](#) and help serve in a new capacity.

### Wills for Healthcare Heroes

Wills for Healthcare Heroes is an initiative of Virginia's Wills for Heroes Program. **Volunteer attorneys prepare basic estate planning documents, consisting of a Will, Power of Attorney, and Advance Medical Directive, free of charge, for active healthcare workers on the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic.** Through this program, the legal community to show support of and appreciation to healthcare workers for their service and sacrifices during this unprecedented time.



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# YLC Awards

Defense attorney **Jamilah D. LeCruise** of Norfolk has been awarded the 2020 R. Edwin Burnette Jr. Young Lawyer of the Year Award by the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference.



The award recognizes young lawyers who demonstrate dedicated service to the conference, the legal profession, and the community.

**The following attorneys will receive Significant Service Awards for their dedication and commitment to the YLC and its programs during the past year:**



**Graham Bryant:** Bench-Bar Conference  
**Emily Hedrick:** Bench-Bar Conference  
**Ra Hee Jeon:** Children & the Law  
**Bailey Michener:** Children & the Law  
**Jasmine McKinney:** Admission & Orientation Ceremony  
**Andrew Selman:** Docket Call Editor  
**Lindsay Powell:** District Representative  
**Andy Gerrish:** District Representative  
**Drew Sarrett:** Rule of Law Day

## Best Program Award

This award goes to the **Wills for Heroes program**, co-chaired by **Melissa N. Moser, Nicole Vasquez Del Favero, and Erin Conway Yates**. The program was not only successful in its normal capacity to serve first responders, but was also adapted to serve Virginia healthcare workers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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