



2019 May News



Dear Young Lawyers,

It has been a pleasure serving as your president for the last bar year. It afforded me the opportunity to not only lead some of the brightest and best young lawyers in the country, but also to participate and volunteer with YLC programs that directly assist our community and profession.

At the annual meeting, I will be passing the reigns to my successor, Farnaz Thompson, who is ready to continue the upward trajectory of the YLC. With the assistance of a great board of governors, including six newly appointed members, this body will continue with the vigor necessary to retain our crown as one of the most preeminent young lawyer conferences in the country.

My last requests of you? 1. Get or stay involved with the YLC. 2. Protect and maintain your mental health and wellness. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your YLC President this bar year, and I look forward to seeing all of you at Virginia Beach in June.

Brian Wesley
President

Mentorship Survey

The **Young Lawyers Conference Mentorship Program** – in partnership with the Senior Lawyers Conference – is asking that interested members [complete a quick survey](#) intended to identify and pair mentors and mentees, as well as gauge interest in mentorship-related activities.



Hampton Roads Volunteer Opportunity Wills for Heroes Saturday, May 18

The Wills for Heroes Program provides free basic estate planning documents to first responders and their spouses, which are prepared by volunteer attorneys using the “HotDocs” document assembly program. All Virginia-licensed attorneys are encouraged to participate. NO estate planning experience is necessary!

RSVP for the Mandatory Volunteer Meeting on Thursday, May 16, and to specify your preferred shift(s) for Saturday, May 18.

[Learn More](#)

[RSVP](#)

Richmond Volunteer Opportunity June Admissions & Orientation Ceremony

Remember your swearing in? This [bi-annual ceremony](#) welcomes newly admitted lawyers into the Virginia State Bar. The summer ceremony will take place on June 5 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

If you are interested in volunteering for the June A&O Ceremony, please contact [Jasmine McKinney](#), committee chair, or [Blaire Hawkins](#), volunteer chair.



Annual Meeting

Network with colleagues, gain CLE credit, and mingle with prominent attorneys and judges – all at the [Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting](#) held June 12-15 in Virginia Beach. YLC activities slated for this year include:



Friday, June 14

- Run in the Sun 5K
- CLE: *Immigration: Contradictory or Complementary to the Rule of Law?*
- YLC Members & Fellows Lunch & Annual Meeting (ticketed event)

- CLE: *True Collegiality: A Study of How Young Family Lawyers Can Reverse the Trend of Hostility and Return to the True Calling of Service*
- YLC Membership Reception

Saturday, June 15

- Judicial Squares CLE
- Kickball Tournament (**NEW**)

Also, check out CLE VI – *Proactive Wellness: How to Identify, Understand, and Mitigate Lawyer's Occupational Risks* at 10:10 am on Friday, June 14th. This CLE will incorporate the newly released report of the VSB President's Special Committee on Lawyer Well-Being.

[Register Now](#)

Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Pre-Law Institute

Congratulations to the team behind the Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Pre-Law Institute! [They were awarded 1st place](#) in the ABA YLD's 2019 Embracing Diversity Challenge, which recognizes top young lawyer organization programs that increase diversity in the legal profession. The Hill/Tucker Institute is a joint program between the YLC and Diversity Conference.

The next program is scheduled for July 7-12, 2019, at the University of Richmond. [Email the organizers](#) for more information and volunteer opportunities.



Hill/Tucker Pre-Law Institute co-chairs **Wesley Allen** and **Courtney Frazier** join YLC Past President Chris Fortier to accept the award at the Library of Congress on May 3.

Stars of the Month

Congratulations to **Marc Franco** and **Brittany Johnson**, our YLC Stars of the Month. Brittany and Marc co-chaired the Northern Virginia Minority Pre-Law Conference at George Mason University in April. This annual conference attracts undergraduate students from around Virginia to expose them to law school curriculum, the LSAT, and future careers in the legal field. Great job Brittany and Marc!



R. Edwin Burnette Jr. Young Lawyer of the Year:

Congrats to **Nicolle Vasquez Del Favero** on being selected as this



year's R. Edwin Burnette Jr. Young Lawyer of the Year. This award honors an outstanding Virginia young lawyer who has demonstrated dedicated service to the Young Lawyers Conference, the legal profession and the community and is presented at the VSB Annual Meeting in June. Congratulations, Nicolle!

Significant Service Awards

Each year, the YLC recognizes the hard work and dedication of young lawyers who have made significant contributions to the YLC, the legal profession and the community. These awards are presented at the Annual Meeting in June. Congratulations to all of our YLC Significant Service Award winners and thank you for your hard work and dedication to the YLC. This year's award winners are:

- **Harrison Powell**
 - **Graham Bryant**
 - **Carteia Basnight**
 - **Ra Hee Jeon**
 - **Dustin Narcisse**
- **Melissa Moser**
 - **Christy Stierhoff**
 - **Amanda Newins**
 - **Courtney Frazier**
 - **Wesley Allen**

NEW YLC BOG Members and Outgoing Board Members

Welcome to the incoming members of the YLC Board of Governors. Each candidate was thoughtfully nominated by his or her peers and carefully selected to serve.

District	Incoming	Outgoing
1 st District	Harrison Powell	
4 th District	Victoria Walker	Melissa Little
5 th District	Matthew Perushek	Helen Chong
6 th District	Benjamin Shute	Joshua Parrett
At-Large	Breanna West	Melissa Alfano
At-Large	Christina Parrish	

The YLC Board of Governors would like to thank a number of outgoing governors for their years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the YLC. The YLC also thanks Immediate Past President **Chris Fortier** for his years of dedication and service on the YLC's Executive Committee. It has been a pleasure working with each of you and we wish you continued success in your personal and professional endeavors!



A new, updated *Docket Call* format is on the way! Stay tuned for this exciting development to more easily search and keep up with your favorite Young Lawyers publication. If you are interested in contributing, please contact [Andrew Selman](#).

Practice Tips

Do you need a few tips to assist you in your law practice? Can you give a couple of tips to other young lawyers? Consider our Practice Tips Series, short (500 words max) articles designed to instruct how to accomplish tasks in the office, guide you through your first action, or provide general advice. [Learn more here](#). Contact [Alex MacDonald](#) if you have questions or are interested in submitting an article for consideration.

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