

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

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Newsletter

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Young Lawyers Division Voted Utah State Bar Distinguished Section of the Year

The YLD received the prestigious 2007-08 Utah State Bar Distinguished Section of the Year Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Utah State Bar. The YLD received this award in recognition of the Division's continued commitment and service to the public and to the Bar.

The Young Lawyers Division, with more than 2,500 members, is the largest and most active section of the Bar. The 18 committees, with 32 committee co-chairpersons, are committed to serving the YLD, the general Bar membership and the community.

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2009 Mentoring Marathon

YLD and UMBA will be hosting the Third Annual Mentoring Marathon on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Law and Justice Center. Last year's event was a huge success with over forty law students and fifteen attorneys in attendance. This year we need young attorneys to serve on several 40 minute breakout sessions on:

- How to Interview
- Associates 411 (what you wish you knew as junior associate)
- Resume Review
- Professional Networking
- Going Solo

If you are interested in volunteering or speaking on a panel, please e-mail Roger Tsai at rtsai@parsonsbehle.com

UPCOMING YLD EVENTS:

January 17: Wills for Heroes - West Jordan.

January 20: Guardian Ad Litem Training

January 24: Mentoring Marathon

February 21: Will for Heroes Sunset

Read on for more information



Wills for Heroes

The Wills for Heroes Committee of the YLD provides a pro bono community service project for the benefit of police officers, fire fighters, paramedics, sheriffs, and other emergency first responders across the state. Wills for Heroes is a unique program created by the national Wills for Heroes Foundation. The program provides free wills and other basic estate planning documents to emergency first responders, their spouses and domestic partners. To date Wills for Heroes has assisted more than 8,000 emergency first responders in several states including Alabama, Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Virginia.



YLD WFH volunteers

Over the past year, the YLD WFH Committee has put on one WFH event a month in various locations across the state. On the morning of each event, attorney volunteers are trained on basic estate planning principles and the HotDocs software program provided by Lexis Nexis. After the training, attorney volunteers meet individually with emergency first responders and their significant others. After the appointment, the first responder leaves with a fully executed will, durable power of attorney, and advanced health care directive. WFH is a great opportunity for attorneys to give back to those people who risk their lives every day to protect our communities.

The next WFH event is on January 17, 2009 in West Jordan.

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Needs of Children Committee Co-Sponsors Guardian Ad Litem Training

The Needs of Children Committee is co-sponsoring Private Attorney Guardian ad Litem Training for attorneys who want to become eligible to work as a private GAL. A private GAL is a court-appointed attorney who represents the best interests of children in proceedings involving custody and parent time disputes. The court appoints the attorney and the parents pay his or her hourly fees. Any trained attorney can work as a private GAL and no prior experience is necessary to complete the training. Interested attorneys will need to complete all six training sessions to become eligible. Attorneys who have already completed the training, can take any of the classes to maintain their eligibility in the program.

GAL training sessions are free! They will take place on six Tuesday nights, beginning Tuesday Jan. 20th through Feb. 24th, from 6:30pm to 9pm, in Matheson Courthouse, Conference Room B 1st Floor. Please contact Joanna Miller to sign up and with any questions: jmiller@klmrlaw.com or 801-531-7090

A schedule of the training is contained on page eight.

Tuesday Night Bar

Since October of 1988, the Young Lawyers Division has sponsored a free legal advice program in Salt Lake City known as Tuesday Night Bar. The purpose of this program is to assist the public in determining their legal rights. Volunteer attorneys meet briefly with individuals on a one-on-one basis to provide them with preliminary counseling and general legal information at no cost. Tuesday Night Bar is held on Tuesdays between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Utah Law and Justice Center, 645 South 200 East. Appointments for this program may be scheduled by calling 297-7037 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No walk-ins are accepted. If you are an attorney interested in volunteering at Tuesday Night Bar, please contact one of the following Tuesday

Night Bar Committee chairs: Christina Micken at mickenc@aol.com, Kelly Latimer at kellylatimer@comcast.net, or Julie Ladle at Julie@haolaw.com. Additional Tuesday Night Bar programs are being developed in other regions of Utah and are in need of volunteer attorneys. For more information, please see http://www.utahbar.org/actions/yld/pro_bono.html.

toys to the shelters and have the opportunity to play games and enjoy refreshments with the



children.

Toys may be dropped off at the Law and Justice Center or with YLD representatives in your office.

March 2009: Professional Clothing Drive



The YLD will collect lightly used men and women's professional clothing to donate to domestic violence shelters and the Road Home. These organizations help homeless and displaced families get a fresh start. The clothing is used in conjunction with job training programs so that the participants have appropriate clothing for interviews and entering the workforce. Please look for more information about this event in February.

June 2009: A Mile in Her Shoes - A Walk Against Domestic Violence



The YLD will organize and host a community-wide walk against domestic violence

to raise awareness about domestic violence. All proceeds will be donated to domestic violence shelters in the Salt Lake Valley.

For more information about any of these events or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jenifer L. Tomchak 801-257-7985 - jtomchak@parrbrown.com.

Law Day's 50th Birthday Bash

On May 1, 2008, the entire State of Utah celebrated the 50th anniversary of Law Day. Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., officially declared May 1, 2008 as "Law Day," and encouraged Utah residents to "examine the rule of law, our role in its sustainability, and its role in protecting our communities, democracy, opportunities, and equities . . ."



Former First Lady Norma Matheson and YLD Law Day Chairs Tyson Snow and Gary Guelker.

President Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day in 1958 as a "day of national dedication to the principal of government under law." And, in keeping with tradition, the Young Lawyers Division of the Utah State Bar sponsored the annual Law Day Luncheon at the Little America Hotel on May 1, 2008. Numerous awards were presented and the keynote address was given by the Judge Michael McConnell of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

YLD AND THE FIGHT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This year, the YLD and the ABA have teamed up to support the fight against domestic violence. Because some of the activities we have planned for the year require advance thought, we hope you will keep the following activities in mind as you clean out your closets this holiday season.

January 2009: Toy and Game Drive and Game Night

Throughout December and January, the YLD will be collecting toys and games to donate to domestic violence shelters in the Salt Lake Valley. In January, volunteers will deliver the



10th Cir. Judge McConnell

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YLD Welcomes Its Newest Committee - The Environmental Committee

The YLD believes the Utah legal community can and should play an active role in helping to preserve and protect the environment. We are sure many firms and individuals are already taking proactive steps in this regard, and feel that Utah Young Lawyers are perfectly situated to lead out on a Bar-wide level. We plan to work with the Bar in adopting environmentally conscious initiatives and to provide resources for firms who want to become more green.

The Environmental Committee would welcome any suggestions or comments on how it can be most effective. Please contact Julie Ladle at julie@haolaw.com, Kelly Latimer at kellylatimer@comcast.net, or Karthik Nadesan at

karthik@nadesanbeck.com with suggestions or if you would like become involved with the Environmental Committee.

Monthly Environmental Tips:

- Use double-sided printing, or print two pages on a page, as often as appropriate. Or better yet, ask the question "Do I really need to print this out?" before printing.
- Consider adding an email provision to case management orders which allows parties to email pleadings and other documents to each other instead of mailing hard copies. (Obviously make sure such provisions are tailored to comply with state and local rules).

Would You Like to Be Published?

The Utah Bar Journal is seeking articles submissions from YLD members on legal topics of interest to the bar. Contact **Peter Donaldson** (pdonaldson@swlaw.com) or **Nathan Croxford** (ncroxford@lhpwplaw.com) for further information or to submit an article.

Public Education Committee



Angelina Tsu and Nate Burbidge with Students from Logan High School

The Public Education Committee is organizing and participating in a number of exciting projects. The Choose Law initiative is already in full swing. Choose Law is a nationwide ABA program designed to educate high school and junior high students about the

legal profession and promote diversity in the law by encouraging students of color to consider a legal career. We had very positive feedback from our audiences based on presentations made during the previous school year, and are looking forward to continuing that momentum into the upcoming school year. In particular, we have been working with "GEAR UP" to arrange for presentations to students involved in that program. GEAR UP is a federally-funded program that has a mission of preparing underprivileged middle school and high school students for success in post-secondary education, through education, scholarships and other means. We have found the GEAR UP students to be an ideal audience for the Choose Law initiative. Public Education Committee members recently shared the Choose Law message at the Gear Up all counselors meeting at Utah Valley University and at a school wide assembly at Logan High School – South Campus.



Students at the West High "Gear Up" presentation

The Public Education Committee is also preparing for this year's "Cinderella Project." The Cinderella Project is an effort organized by the Public Education Committee to help create a memorable prom night for high school girls from low income families that would otherwise have difficulty affording their prom night. To help create a special night for participating Cinderellas, we are seeking donations of gently used formal dresses from the public for our Cinderella Dress Boutique. We are also soliciting gift certificates and other donations (including make-up and other accessories). In order for us to make the Cinderella Project a success, we need your help to get the word out. Please contact a member of the Public Education Committee for information on how you can help with this fabulous program.



Finally, the Public Education Committee is working on a third project, the "Citizenship Project," that will be a new project this year. The purpose of the Citizenship Project will be to identify prospective immigrants that are preparing for the exams necessary to gain citizenship into the United States of America, and to help those prospective immigrants study and prepare to pass those exams. We hope to work with law students and other volunteers willing to serve as tutors and mentors for the Citizenship Project.

If you are interested in helping with any of the projects outlined above, or if you, or anyone you know, has a used formal dress to donate to the Cinderella Project, please contact Angelina Tsu at Angelina.Tsu@zionsbanco.com, Ben Bates at bwbates@stoel.com or Nate Burbidge at NBurbidge@burbidgewhit.com.

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YLD Receives National Honors

The Utah YLD received 4 1st place honors, and a 2nd place award from the ABA YLD for its 2007-2008 YLD year during the August 2008 National Convention.



Stephanie Pugsley receives Utah's ABA Awards of Excellence from ABA YLD Pres.

The American Bar Association's Awards of Achievement program recognizes outstanding local and state affiliates for the work they do during specific bar years. Utah competed against other state affiliates who have fewer than 3,000 young lawyers. In the 5 possible award categories, Utah took away five awards, including four 1st place awards, and a 2nd place award in the following categories:

- Comprehensive – 1st.** Judging the overall projects and programming of the affiliate, including new and continuing projects.
- Newsletter – 1st.** In this first year of the YLD E-Newsletter, the YLD is pleased to be recognized.
- Single Project – Service to the Bar: "Been There, Done That: Succeeding As A Woman**

Attorney" – 1st. Chairs: Cheylynn Hayman & Wendy Petersen.

Minority Project – Mentoring Marathon: 1st. Chairs: Cheylynn Hayman (YLD) & Su Chon (UMBA). This project, in its second year, is a joint effort of the Utah Minority Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Division (with a Chair from each organization). This project was judged on its ability to reach the target audience, and the work of both Bars (UMBA and YLD). The project's targeting of law students, young lawyers, and the senior bar makes it a very successful project.

Single Project - Service to the Public: Tuesday Night Bar, 2nd. Chairs: Christina Micken, Kelly Lattimer, and Matt Wride.

Bar Sharks Pool Tournament



Damon and Stefan with the coveted trophy

The 2008 Bar Sharks Pool Tournament & Social was held on October 29th and November 5th and had a record breaking year - raising over \$7,000 for civil legal aid programs in Utah. Damon Georgelas and Stefan Brutsch of Parsons Behle & Latimer won First Place and took the coveted shark trophy back to their firm for display (see photo). Shane Hillman and Derek Langton also from Parsons Behle & Latimer came in at Second Place, with Adam Johnson and Jeff Herron of Orange Legal Technologies taking Third Place. The 2009 tournament will held next Fall. Keep your calendar open and contact the YLD "And Justice For All" Committee Chairs for more information.

Check It Out!

Have you ever checked out all of the free ONLINE Legal Resources available to you through the Bar?

http://www.utahbar.org/public/useful_information.html

The site includes links to: state courts, federal courts, government websites (state and federal), legal aid agencies, codes and rules, legal research sites, and downloadable documents for consumers and attorneys. This should be a link at the top of your favorites!

Interested In Getting Involved With the YLD?

But do you have questions? Are you unsure what the YLD does, how you fit in, how much time you may have to commit? Or, do you feel like you may not know anyone? Not a problem. The YLD has something for everyone. All you have to do is let us know you are interested, and we will help find the perfect something for you.

The YLD has everything from single opportunities to network and socialize, to ongoing committee



assignments, YLD Executive Committee appointments, and elected offices. The YLD group is open, friendly, and comprised of new lawyers who are happy to include anyone interested in joining the Division.

If you have questions, please contact President Karthik Nadesan at knadesan@nadesanbeck.com. He is in the process of welcoming new young lawyers for the 2008-09 Bar year. Additional questions may be directed to President-Elect Michelle Allred at allredm@ballardspahr.com.



Summer Bar Convention

Thanks to the YLD Bar Convention Committee, the 2008 Summer Convention was yet another success. The NLCLE tracks were filled with great speakers and useful information for beginning your practice. The Bar Convention Committee also put on another spectacular Family Carnival and movie (held inside this year).



The YLD owes a big thanks to Chris Snow and Kurt Hawes for all of their hard work for making this year's carnival a big success! A big thanks to all of the volunteers for helping to staff the games.



Wills for Heroes

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On May 2, 2008 in conjunction with Law Day, the YLD, in conjunction with the Wills for Heroes Foundation held the 2nd largest Wills for Heroes event ever held in the U.S. The YLD proudly served more than 150 first responders from the Salt Lake City Police and Fire, Salt Lake County Police and Fire, Taylorsville Police and Fire, and the Utah Transit Authority Police Department. More than 90 attorney volunteers and 60 notaries and witnesses were on hand to staff the 30 laptop stations.

The Wills for Heroes Foundation, by working through state Bar Young Lawyer Division, and by using software donated by LexisNexis, is able to create basic legal documents for free for emergency medical, fire and law enforcement personnel and their spouses or partners.

On Friday, August 1st, the YLD took the Wills for Heroes program on the road again. The beautiful Logan City Justice Building hosted the attorney training and the all day WFH event. The more than 120 wills that were drafted for Logan-area first responders and their spouses were all done by

Logan and surrounding area attorneys. Most of the notaries and witnesses were also Logan-area volunteers. Thank you to all of the Cache County volunteers who made this event a great success.



Cecelia Romero works through a will.



Volunteers staffed the 30 stations.

Thanks also to Carma Harper and the Paralegal Division for their continued support of WFH. Without notaries and witnesses, the WFH program would not be complete. The YLD also would like to thank the Bar's IT Director Lincoln Mead and IT support Brooke Bruno for making the trip to Logan. Lincoln and Brooke ensure the YLD's WFH program operates flawlessly.

The WFH Committee is in need of committee members to handle numerous tasks, including assisting with planning upcoming events, attending and carrying out upcoming events, gathering donations of paper and supplies from law firms, contacting potential law enforcement and first responder agencies that have expressed interest in holding WFH events, working with presently scheduled agencies to track first-responder appointments and to answer logistical questions, and helping organize and communicate with attorney volunteers. The calendar of WFH events is available on the YLD website at

<http://www.utahyounglawyers.org>, under the Wills for Heroes tab.

The Utah YLD is planning even more Wills for Heroes events in upcoming months. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the YLD Wills for Heroes Chairpersons: Tiffany Brown or Sarah Spencer at: tbrown@dadlaw.net or sarahsoebcer@chrisjen.com. If you have more general Wills for Heroes questions, please direct them to Michelle Allred at allredm@ballardspahr.com.



All of your Wills for Heroes questions may be answered on the Wills for Heroes website: <http://www.utahbar.org/sections/yld/willsforheroes/Welcome.html>.





UPCOMING EVENTS:



WILLS FOR HEROES

Volunteers needed

January 17: West Jordan

February 21: Sunset

March 21: Kaysville

April 18: Murray

Check the website for trainings and specific info: <http://www.utahbar.org/sections/yld/willsforheroes/Welcome.html>.



WFH Co-Chairs Tiffany Brown & Sarah Spencer

Alumni Notes



Stephanie W. Pugsley

Our own YLD President Stephanie W. Pugsley was named the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law Young Alumnae of the Year for 2008, her alma matter. She received this award at the annual alumni luncheon held May 8, 2008 at the Salt Lake City Center Marriot. She was recognized for her work with the YLD, Wills for Heroes and other projects.

Distinguished Section

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Some of the YLD's highlights this past year include: a new logo and look, prominently displayed on its redesigned website and new bimonthly E-Newsletter, which is emailed to all members of the division and in-state law students; the YLD hosted the "Been There, Done That" women's forum and mentoring event; brought the Wills for Heroes program to Utah, provided more than 200 wills to Utah's first responders, trained more than 145 attorneys, and 50 notaries and witnesses in the first two of the many upcoming Wills for Heroes events; serving over 1,000 people though Tuesday Night Bar, whose co-chairs were recognized as the Bar's Pro Bono Attorneys of the Year on Tuesday Night Bar's behalf; holding a toy drive to benefit dozens of family support centers from St. George to Logan, providing toys to hundreds of children displaced by violence and neglect each year; holding a school supplies drive for low income children; hosting, with UMBA, the second annual Mentoring Marathon providing hands-on interview advice to more than 60 law students; launching the YLD blog advertising job postings, activities, and announcements; rolling

out the much anticipated On Demand Mentor video presentation website, and the continued recruiting and filming of additional mentor videos; successful fundraising activities for And Justice For All including the largest Bar Sharks for Justice Pool Tournament, and Phone-A-Thon; celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Law Day with our key note speaker 10th Circuit Judge Michael McConnell; hosting and helping run the Third Annual Young Lawyers Debate Tournament for high school debate students; conducting several activities with both in-state law schools; and the introduction of the GEAR UP program to Utah high school students, particularly minority or diverse students, to teach them that legal careers are attainable. The YLD also conducted several CLE seminars though the year and lined up NLCLE tracks at the Mid-Year and Annual Conventions. Not to be forgotten, the YLD put on a great family carnival in Sun Valley.



The Young Lawyers Division appreciates the generous support of the Board of Bar Commissioners and the YLD general membership. The YLD also appreciates the employers of each of the members of the YLD Executive Committee for their recognition of the importance of Bar service in developing service-oriented attorneys committed to giving back to their community. The Young Lawyers Division is honored to be recognized.

The Award was presented to by Bar President V. Lowry Snow to Young Lawyers Division President Stephanie W. Pugsley. Several members of the YLD Executive Committee were present at the Awards Ceremony and were also recognized for their contributions to the YLD.

2009 Guardian Ad Litem Training

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Location: Matheson Courthouse, 450 S. State, Salt Lake City (ConRm B, 1st Fl).

Date: Tuesday Evenings: January 20, 27, and February 3, 10, 17, 24.

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Topics: Jan. 20th: *Role and Duties of the GAL*

Jan. 27th: *Child Development/Attachment*

Feb. 3rd: *Conflict and Abusive Behaviors*

Feb. 10th: *Interviewing Children*

Feb. 17th: *Best Interest Criteria/Evidence*

Feb. 24th: *Dealing with Difficult People*

(CLE is pending for all classes, provided at no cost)

Attorneys who have previously completed their initial six training courses, and who are still currently eligible for appointment as a private attorney guardian ad litem, may maintain their eligibility status by attending at least one (1) class per year as offered by the Office of Guardian ad Litem or by submitting proof of attendance at a seminar/conference

class having direct relevance to PGAL work. Utah attorneys who have not completed the initial training may become eligible for court appointment as a private attorney guardian ad litem in district court cases, in which custody and/or visitation is an issue (UCA Sec. 78A-2-228), by registering for the program and completing a total of six (6) classes. These attorneys may attend any of the classes listed above in order to earn training hours. CLE credit is also provided at no cost.

Please register by emailing Craig Bunnell, Guardian ad Litem Services Administrator, craigb@email.utcourts.gov or by calling at (801) 238-7861

Law Day

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The luncheon started with the presentation of the Scott M. Matheson Award to Brendan P. McCullagh. The award is presented for outstanding contributions to law-related education for youth in the State of Utah. Judge Brendan P. McCullagh was appointed to the West Valley City Justice Court in July 2002. Previously, he served six years as the Deputy District Attorney for Salt Lake County. He received a J.D. degree from the University of Utah College of Law in 1995. Judge McCullagh has served three years on the Board of Justice Court Judges. He has served on the Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee the Rules of Evidences and the Judicial Council's Standing Committee on Interpreters. Judge McCullagh currently serves on the Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Criminal Rules of Procedure and Criminal Jury Instructions. In 2007, he was elected by his peers to serve a three-year term on the Judicial Council. For years, Judge McCullagh has judged many mock trials in the Annual Mock Trial Competition. He opens the West Valley City Justice Court for mock trials every Friday during the competition. Since the building is closed on Fridays, he also

arranges to have security available and is there to ensure that the trials being as scheduled.

Following presentation of the Scott M. Matheson Award, the Young Lawyers Division presented two awards: the Young Lawyer of the Year Award and the Liberty Bell Award.

The Young Lawyer of the Year Award was given to Margaret Plane, who is currently the co-chair of the Utah State Bar committee looking at shifting NLCLE away from a one-size-fits-all program to a mentoring based program that will help train and teach new lawyers in areas like civility, professionalism, and lawyering generally. Margaret is also on the Women Layers of Utah's board and currently serves as the co-char of the Career Advancement of Development Committee. That committee is in charge of events like the annual Fireside with Chief Justice Margaret Durham; overseeing the selection of the Christine M. Durham Woman Layer of the Year; the Banter with the Bench; and nominating women (and

those who support women in the profession) for awards and judicial nominating commissions.



Young Lawyer of the Year Margaret Plane

The Liberty Bell Award is given to a community member or organization for their significant contributions to the community. This year, the Liberty Bell Award was given to Darren Workman. In Darren's own words, "Wherever my life leads, I know that I will always be serving youth in one capacity or another." Darren currently works as a probation officer and runs a juvenile court mentor program called The Village Project. The Young Lawyers Division is proud to recognize Darren's commitment to the community and the youth of Utah.



Liberty Bell Award Recipient Darren Workman

Several other awards were presented, including those for the winners of the Utah Minority Bar Association's essay contest, the Art and Law Day contest, the Mock Trial contest, and the Judge for a Day contest.



Following the presentation of the awards, Judge Michael McConnell of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals gave the keynote address. He spoke of the Rule of Law, as established in England, in 1607, when Lord Coke refused to bow to the wishes of then King James and thus helped established the basis of what we now know as an independent judiciary. Judge McConnell emphasized the importance of an independent judiciary and encouraged those in attendance, lawyers and citizens alike, to consider how politics could have a negative impact on the judicial process.



The Young Lawyers Division was very pleased with the turnout and response it received. Thank you to all those who participated and assisted in the event.

