

More Great Things to Come in 2014-2015

By: Andrew M. Schpak, ABA YLD Chair-Elect

It is an honor to serve as the 2014-2015 ABA YLD Chair and I am very excited about the year ahead. My primary goal is to deliver value and services through the YLD that help make every active member a better lawyer, better leader, and better person.



Our Public Service Project for the 2014–2015 bar year will be *Project Street Youth: Young Lawyers Advocating for Homeless Youth*.

Our Member Service Project will place a renewed emphasis on networking and business development skills including public speaking, networking, building and maintaining client contacts, and “making the ask” for business. We will also have health and wellness programming at our national conferences and via teleconference. There will be opportunities for group exercise at our national conferences as well as programming on topics ranging from meditation and exercise at your desk, eating healthy while eating out, and finding work-life balance.

In October, I am excited to welcome young lawyers from around the world to the city that I live in and love: Portland, Oregon. The conference will feature Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Oregon Chief Justice Thomas Balmer, and Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum. We will also be welcoming President Hubbard and partnering with the Commission on the Future of Legal Services to present a National Summit on Access to Justice and the Future of Legal Services.

At the Midyear Meeting, we are planning a joint program with the National Conference of Bar Presidents and the National Conference of Bar Executives at which state and local young lawyer leaders will meet with “big bar” leaders to exchange ideas and plant the seeds for future collaboration.

Our 2015 Spring Conference will take place in Tampa Bay, Florida. We’re going to stay at the beautiful Marriott Waterside, host social events at some amazing venues, and continue with our CLEs, professional skills training, and health and wellness programming.

I am excited to work with John Tarpley and all the YLD Fellows to better engage and include the Fellows in the YLD’s work. In the meantime, the YLD would appreciate your help in identifying potential sponsors and speakers for our national conferences and webinars. We also appreciate all that you do to spread the good word and support the YLD within the Association. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions

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