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## YOUNG LAWYERS' DIVISION Newsletter

### September 2009

## Welcome Message from the Chair

Welcome to the Young Lawyers' Division quarterly e-newsletter! In addition to this great e-newsletter, I'd like to outline what the YLD leadership is working on for you...

- This year and in the go-forward, YLD has expanded its leadership to include YLD Regional Captains and YLD Section & Division Liaisons. With Division membership over 700 strong, the YLD Regional Captains will make sure that the professional needs of Division members statewide are being addressed. There is a YLD Section Liaison included in mostly every Section and in the Hispanic Latino Legal Issues Division. The YLD Section or Division Liaison participates in both YLD leadership meetings and Section or Division leadership meetings, and is charged with keeping YLD leadership and Division membership updated about Section & Division happenings.
- YLD leadership hopes to provide more networking opportunities for Division members around the state not only to meet and mingle with other new lawyers but to also meet more-experienced NCAJ attorney members. Events are already scheduled for the upcoming months. *YLD leadership hopes to see you at these events!*
- YLD leadership is proposing a change to the Division name and to the Division membership requirements, all as more fully detailed below. In order to effect this change, YLD leadership needs your feedback, so I encourage you to participate and vote!

YLD leadership is always interested in your thoughts, comments and ideas for enhancing the offerings and benefits for Division members – please don't hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to an awesome year!  
**Ben Whitley**  
 Chair, Young Lawyers Division

## Upcoming Events

**YLD Networking Social with Special Guest, NCAJ President David Pishko - RSVP Today!**  
 Thursday, September 24, 2009  
 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
 Natty Greene's Pub  
 345 South Elm Street, 2nd Floor  
 Greensboro

YLD leadership is hosting a networking social in the Triad area with Special Guest, **NCAJ President, David Pishko**. In addition to President Pishko, meet and mingle with YLD leadership, new lawyers, members and non-members from the Triad area.

[Social Details.](#)

RSVP to [Andrea Davis](#), NCAJ Sections & Divisions Director.

**Juvenile Defense Section Networking Social with Special Guest Speaker, Rep. Bordsen - RSVP Today!**

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

*5:30 PM to 7:00 PM*

*NCAJ Headquarters*

*1312 Annapolis Drive*

*Raleigh*

The Juvenile Defense Section is holding a fun and informative networking social. **Representative Alice Bordsen** will be in attendance to discuss issues impacting juvenile law. The social is open to all members and non-members. **Particularly, if you practice in the area of family law, criminal law, juvenile law or latino advocacy**, you don't want to miss this social.

[Social Details.](#)

RSVP to [Andrea Davis](#).

**REGISTER TODAY! Mountain Magic**

*October 22-25, 2009*

*Grove Park Inn*

*Asheville*



Mountain Magic offers NCAJ members a unique opportunity to relax, network with colleagues and earn CLE credit while enjoying the beautiful fall colors of Western NC! This much-anticipated event offers a general session featuring a national speaker, concurrent workshops in a variety of practice areas and opportunities to enjoy networking and down-time with your colleagues from across the state.

YLD will conduct its Division meeting on **Friday, October 23 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM**, immediately followed by the **Sunset Social Hour**, with **Special Guest, Lt. Governor Walter Dalton**. RSVP to [Andrea Davis](#) if you plan to attend the YLD meeting.

## Proposal: Division Name Change

Currently, the membership requirements for the Young Lawyers' Division are an NCAJ member who is less than 35 years of age or has been practicing law less than ten years, regardless of age. With more and more Americans transitioning careers, YLD leadership appreciates that many NCAJ members, at a later time in life, have transitioned careers to the legal profession. With that concept in mind, YLD leadership is putting forth a proposal to Division membership to more accurately portray the composition of Division membership: changing the name of the Division from the Young Lawyers' Division to the New Lawyers' Division and changing the YLD membership requirement to practicing law for less than ten years (and removing any reference to age).

**YLD leadership needs your feedback about this proposal!** If a majority of Division members votes in favor of the proposal, the proposal will move on to the NCAJ Membership Committee for review and recommendation to

the NCAJ Board of Governors. If moved on to the NCAJ Board of Governors, then the Board would vote on this proposal at the next regularly-scheduled Board of Governors meeting. If a majority of Division members votes against the proposal, then the Division name and membership requirements will remain the same.

Please send an email to [Andrea Davis](#) stating whether you vote for or against the proposal. Andrea will be compiling Division member responses and forwarding on to YLD leadership. *The YLD Leadership sincerely thanks you for your vote!*

## Division Listserv

**Are you aware that the YLD has a dedicated listserv for its members?** Membership in the YLD listserv is an invaluable membership benefit.

Are you going to trial for the first time and want some pointers? Do you need an expert and want good referrals? Is your caseload across many practice areas, you have encountered something new and need some tips? You are not alone -- hop on your iPhone, your BlackBerry or your PC and query your Division listmates! With Division membership over 700 strong and Division members practicing in different areas of the law statewide, you can receive responses to mostly any topic quickly. The Division listserv is accessible 24/7 and easy to use.

Don't delay any longer! Email [Andrea Davis](#) to set-up your YLD listserv account.

## Young Lawyers Division Officers

Chair: [Ben Whitley](#) (Raleigh)

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YLD Regional Captains:

Region 1 - Eastern [Meredith Hinton](#) (Greenville)

Region 2 - Southern [Elizabeth Stewart Poisson](#) (Wadesboro)

Region 3 - Triangle [Gavin Routt](#) (Durham)

Region 4 - Triad [Helen Parsonage](#) (Winston-Salem)

Region 5 - Charlotte [Rob Heroy](#) (Charlotte)

Region 6 - Western [Steve Agan](#) (Asheville)

YLD Liaisons:

Auto Torts [Meredith Hinton](#) (Greenville)

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If you are a member of the *Consumer Areas of Practice Section, Disability Advocacy Section or Products Liability Section* and would like to be a YLD Section Liaison, please contact [Andrea Davis](#) for more details.

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