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# 2009 - 2010 YLD Committee Involvement Sign-Up Form

I want to get involved in the activities of the NCBA Young Lawyers Division. I have marked my first, second, and third choices for committee membership and/or I have checked the box indicating that I am willing to be placed wherever my help is needed. If you have questions, please e-mail Jacquelyn Terrell, YLD staff liaison, at [jterrell@ncbar.org](mailto:jterrell@ncbar.org) at the North Carolina Bar Center or call (800) 662-7407. For committee descriptions, please visit <http://www.ncbar.org/download/YLD/committeeSignUpForm.pdf>.

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## **ABA District 9 & Disaster Legal Services**

Consists of the ABA District 9 Representative and officers of local young lawyer county bar associations; creates or coordinates joint projects to be implemented by the NCBA YLD & local YLD bar associations; and provides volunteer legal services to the victims of disasters, including hurricanes, floods, and tornados.

## **Bar Exam**

Conducts projects to assist those taking the North Carolina Bar Exam, including: preparation and distribution of pamphlets with tips for preparing and taking the exam, writing clinics for law students in conjunction with the February and July bar exams, and assembling/distributing "care packages" for examinees.

## **Citizen Lawyer**

Promotes recognition of the accomplishments of outstanding Citizen Lawyers by interviewing and publishing articles regarding such individuals.

## **CLE and New Projects**

Coordinates and/or develops CLEs for the quarterly YLD meetings; brainstorms new projects throughout the year that could be undertaken by the various YLD committees.

## **Communications**

Communicates with all YLD Committees and the NCBA Communications Department to publicize young lawyer events, projects, and volunteers.

## **Community Relations**

Plans and promotes an annual statewide YLD Public Service Day, which includes Ask-a-Lawyer events and the 4-All project.

## **Domestic Issues**

Addresses the legal needs of victims of domestic violence; and increases public awareness of domestic issues; implements projects including helping individuals seeking custody or visitation, clothing & toiletries drives, cell phone collections, compiling self-help legal forms, and other projects addressing domestic issues.

## **Internet Communications**

Oversees development of content for the YLD Web site and seeks ways to enhance communication to YLD members via the Internet, including providing monthly email of YLD calendar and the YLD Blast.

## **Law and Aging Committee**

Conducts workshops and clinics for senior citizens, publishes a senior citizens handbook and seeks other avenues for assisting the elderly with legal issues.

## **Law-Related Education**

Promotes civic awareness in high schools regarding rights and responsibilities that come with adulthood; conducts a course for interested citizens entitled "Law 101"; conducts PEP Rallies (Peer-Evaluated Problem Solving Rallies) at middle schools teaching alternative dispute resolutions through custom-scripted vignettes that are acted out by volunteer athletes, lawyers, and the students; conducts panel discussions at high schools and colleges on careers in law; publishes *Law School & Beyond* booklet; and operates an e-mentorship program that pairs foster children with attorney and law student mentors.

## **Law Student Activities**

Publishes the YLD's *Law Student Bulletin & Surviving II* publication; conducts law school tours to increase law student participation in the NCBA YLD; encourages law student participation in YLD projects; partners with SBA & law student liaisons for projects; determines needs of out-of-state law students returning to NC; and conducts panel discussions at law schools on alternative careers in law, clerkships, etc.

## **Law Week/Liberty Bell Award**

Conducts moot court competitions, essay, art and photo essay contests for students; coordinates Law Week activities; and presents the YLD's annual Liberty Bell Award.

## **Legislative**

Promotes education about and interest in the legislature through various projects, including CLEs to help lawyers learn the process of seeking public office, lobbying, and serving as a lawyer legislator.

## **Meetings and Conventions**

Plans and coordinates YLD meetings, including Executive Council quarterly meetings, the annual YLD Leadership Conference, and YLD activities at the NCBA Annual Convention; and sponsors exhibit and silent auction of attorney art and other items at the NCBA Annual Meeting to benefit LANC Foundation.

## **Membership & Networking Services**

Promotes participation in the YLD; plans joint socials with local YLD county bars; identifies quality of life, professionalism, and effectiveness issues that young lawyers face and implements projects to address those issues; and encourages

young lawyers to participate and volunteer by conducting law firm visits to discuss the benefits of NCBA membership.

**Mentorship**

Operates mentoring programs that pair law students, new attorneys, and minorities with practicing attorneys who can serve as mentors.

**Military Issues**

Works with military communities to develop projects that support service members and their families including a new project designed to train attorneys to mediate Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act disputes.

**Minority Focus**

Promotes understanding of the struggles and successes of minority and female attorneys and promotes the minority attorney mentoring program; implements projects for minority communities including speaking to underprivileged Hispanic children and Ask-A-Lawyer events for Hmong & Hispanic communities; and participates in the "Street Law" program through the Charlotte Law School.

**New Lawyers in Practice**

Conducts panel discussions at the annual Practical Skills Course for newly admitted lawyers; conducts panel discussions at the North Carolina law schools on how to open a law firm; develops publications on topics of interest to new lawyers, including "New Associates Survival Guide"; creates

Nuts & Bolts CLEs; works on "Ask Atticus" articles for the newsletter; and addresses issues of importance to young lawyers in small firms and solo practices including preparation of marketing and trust account informational booklets.

**Newsletter**

Solicits and writes articles for the YLD's quarterly newsletter, *The Advocate*, including publication of the "Ask Atticus" column, and coordinates authorship and publication of practical, nuts & bolts articles written by young lawyers, for young lawyers, in the newsletters of the different NCBA Sections.

**Pro Bono/Poverty Issues**

Conducts legal clinics in homeless shelters, substance-abuse treatment centers and other venues on different areas of the law; creates and implements outreach projects designed to promote pro bono legal services; facilitates an e-mentorship program designed to pair attorneys with foster children; solicits nominations for the Young Lawyers Pro Bono Award; presents the Young Lawyers Pro Bono Award at the NCBA Annual Meeting.

**Scholarship**

Coordinates a scholarship program for children of slain or disabled North Carolina law enforcement officers.

**Wills for Heroes**

Conducts clinics to prepare wills for first responders, police officers, fire fighters, and EMTs, etc.

**PLEASE ASSIGN ME TO ANY COMMITTEE WHERE MY HELP IS NEEDED.**

(This box may be checked in addition to or in lieu of specific committee selections.)

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NCBA Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I was a member of the YLD's \_\_\_\_\_ Committee during the 2008-2009 N.C. Bar Association year and DO / DO NOT (circle one) desire to serve again on that committee.

**PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2009.**