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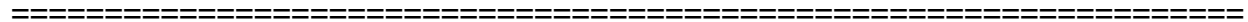
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YLD YEAR STARTS OFF WITH A BANG IN CHATTANOOGA

The TBA YLD recently kicked off the 2004-2005 year with a Planning Meeting in Chattanooga. The meeting was a mixture of hard work and great social events. On Friday afternoon, the Executive Committee of the Board and invited guests spent several hours addressing a variety of issues of importance to the TBA YLD, including CLE, membership and YLD publications. That evening, the board enjoyed a reception hosted by Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz PC, and dinner at Big River Grill, which was hosted by Husch & Eppenberger LLC. On Saturday, the entire board met, spending substantial time mapping out plans for the upcoming year for each of the TBA YLD committees. In addition, President **Cindy Wyrick** gave the board an update on the TBA YLD partnership with CASA, our key public service project for the year. The board was especially pleased to have TBA President **Charles Swanson** in attendance and appreciated his remarks at the meeting. On Saturday evening, the board convened for a dinner sponsored by Miller & Martin PLLC at the Renaissance Commons in the Bluff View Art District. For several brave souls on the board, the meeting concluded on Sunday with a rafting trip down the Ocoee River.

The board has welcomed a number of new members this year, and it is not too late for you to become involved! If you would like to join one of the TBA YLD's many public or member service committees, we could certainly use your help. We have a great deal of challenging and rewarding work ahead of us this year. Please contact Stacey Shrader at sshrader@tba.org or Cindy Wyrick at crwyrick@aol.com for more information.

The next TBA YLD meeting will take place October 29-31 at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, North Carolina. Please join us to learn more about the exciting work of the TBA YLD, and to participate in great social events, like dinner at the Biltmore Estate, followed by a candlelight tour.



TBA YLD WELL REPRESENTED AT ABA ANNUAL MEETING

A delegation of Tennessee young lawyers recently headed to Atlanta to attend the ABA's Annual Meeting. Leading that delegation was our very own **Jonathan Cole**, who has served as chair of the ABA Young Lawyers Division over the past year. Jonathan ended his term as chair in Atlanta by winning not one but two prestigious Section Officers Conference Awards of Merit. That marked the first time that any ABA entity has won more than one SOC Award of Merit in the same year. Congratulations to Jonathan on a fantastic year.

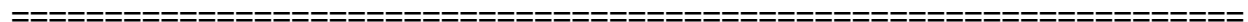
In addition to Jonathan Cole, attending from Tennessee were **Cindy Wyrick, Danny Van Horn, David Johnson, Stan Graham, Stacey Cason, Beth Dunning, Jonathan Steen, David Changas** and **Cynthia Cutler**.

Our delegation had an opportunity to represent our state in the Young Lawyers Assembly, where resolutions regarding tort reform, the Alternative Minimum Tax, mandatory disclosure of attorney malpractice insurance, and a variety of other subjects were addressed. Delegates were also able to earn free CLE credit through the ABA YLD on a wide range of topics.

In the coming year, Jonathan Cole will be campaigning for a position on the ABA Nominating Committee (the body that actually elects all national officers in the ABA), and Danny Van Horn will be running for ABA YLD Assembly Clerk (a position that becomes ABA YLD Assembly Speaker).

“I am extremely pleased to have two highly qualified Tennesseans running for these important offices,” said TBA YLD President Cindy Wyrick. “Both Jonathon and Danny have the experience necessary to be effective in these positions, and both would represent the ABA YLD and our state very capably.”

The next ABA YLD meeting is the October 7-10 Fall Conference in Austin, Texas.



LAW SCHOOL OUTREACH GEARS UP FOR NEW YEAR

The Law School Outreach Committee has a busy fall on tap. Liaisons are being recruited at Nashville School of Law, The University of Memphis, The University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University. Thanks to the support and enthusiasm of the TBA and its staff, the committee hopes to make its resume database a reality in the very near future. This database will allow law school students who are members of the YLD to search for job openings (based on criteria such as area of practice, law firm size and geographic preference) posted by TBA-member law firms and practicing attorneys. Likewise, those attorneys and firms will be able to search for potential candidates to fill their positions. The committee also is preparing for visits to the four law schools in Tennessee to share information about the YLD and spend some quality social time with the law students.

For more information about this Committee, please contact **Laura Steel** at lsteel@hslaw.com or **Lee Bowles** at lee@bussartlaw.com.

RICHARDSON AND BRYANT TAPPED AS DISTRICT REPS

Valerie Richardson of Chattanooga and **Wes Bryant** of Columbia were unanimously approved as District 5 and District 11 representatives, respectively, at the Summer Planning Meeting in Chattanooga. Those posts had been vacant prior to the meeting. Congratulations to Valerie and Wes.

THE QUARTERLY SETS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

The Quarterly, the official publication of the TBA YLD, has chosen its publication dates for this year's editions. They are: November 15, 2004; January 20, 2005; March 30, 2005; and June 30, 2005. If you have any interest in contributing to this informative publication, contact Editor **Jason Long** at jlong@latlaw.com.

VOTER AWARENESS PROJECT SET TO GO

The Voter Awareness Committee, under the leadership of **Ed Stanton** and **Wade Hinton**, continues to make plans for fall visits to Tennessee's colleges and universities. In conjunction with campus student groups, the YLD will participate in "get out the vote" efforts, distribute voter information guides and provide voter registration forms to students. In addition, the committee is in the process of contacting each of the state's

school district superintendents offering to host classroom discussions on the American electoral process and providing resource material for teachers to use in their classrooms. The high school program is designed to encourage young people to take an active interest in the electoral process and value the right to vote. The committee could use some helping hands for the college and university visits. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Wade Hinton at whinton@srhwlaw.com.

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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW LIAISON NEEDED

The YLD is in need of a liaison to the TBA Environmental Law Section. If you are interested in serving in this role, please contact Cindy Wyrick at crwyrick@aol.com for more information.

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YLD ADDS NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The YLD recently welcomed several new committee members. **Bridgette Stahlman** in the Nashville office of Husch & Eppenberger has agreed to serve on the Children's Issues Committee. Bridgette, who already is a CASA volunteer, brings some great experience to the committee. Also joining the Children's Issues Committee is **Marjorie Bristol** of the Tennessee Justice Center in Nashville. In addition, **Carol Anne Long**, chair of the YLD CLE Committee, announced that she has recruited two additional members for that committee. **April Berman** will be the coordinator for CLEs in Nashville while Dan Coughlin will plan events in the Tri Cities area. The committee still needs representatives from Chattanooga and Jackson. If anyone is interested in being the point person for YLD CLEs in these cities, please contact Carol Anne at carol.anne.long@tscmail.state.tn.us.

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NEW ADDITION TO TBA FAMILY!

There is a new baby at the TBA! CLE Administrator **Kathleen Cailloutte** gave birth to a little boy on Monday, August 2. She was here in the office for the weekly staff meeting Monday morning (talk about dedication!) and started feeling "a little not right" after lunch. By 4:30 p.m., Samuel Byrd Caillouette had entered the world. Weighing in at 6 lbs 12 oz and almost 20 inches long, you would never guess that he came a month early. He is welcomed by proud papa Bill and big sister Anna, who will be two years old in November. Congratulations to the Cailloutte family!

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TBA YLD IS ONLINE!

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