

Exciting times ahead for the TBA and YLD

By TBA President Charles W. Swanson

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I am pleased to have an opportunity through this publication to express how valuable the Young Lawyers Division is to this association and how much we all appreciate the countless hours YLD members devote to our profession as a whole and to this association in particular. As I look around the table at our Board of Governors meetings, it immediately becomes apparent to me that the majority of our TBA leadership team has roots deep in the YLD. As a charter member of the Fellows of the YLD, I cannot tell you how gratifying it is to me to see what great things the YLD continues to accomplish. It also warms my heart to see you having a lot of fun at the same time.

A primary reason for the existence of the Tennessee Bar Association is to serve as the voice of the Tennessee lawyer. This is a theme you can expect to hear many times throughout the coming year. The voice of the Tennessee lawyer is heard loud and clear through the energy, work, dedication, and many activities of our Young Lawyers Division. In fact, our Young Lawyers Division is the primary voice of our profession in our schools and home communities. The TBA YLD speaks to the community outside of our profession through its continued award-winning work such as the annual high school mock trial competition, the many law week projects sponsored in schools across the state, and sponsorship of public service days across the state. The YLD shows its concern for those in need through its authoring of the *Basic Legal Resources Handbook*, as well as through its disaster relief program. Our members have come to depend upon the YLD for exceptional community outreach programs.

Additionally, I have been thrilled to observe the success the YLD has achieved in providing value and service to its members. The YLD produces many professional educational seminars and programs, including the very popular "Bridge-the-Gap" seminars, that are

designed and implemented by folks who have "been there, done that." These seminars serve as a valuable tool available to newly-graduated law students. I would like to express the gratitude of the association to those YLD members who take the time from busy, often hectic, schedules to produce and present these great educational programs.

Next year we are going to implement a new and different type of "Bridge-the-Gap" program to bridge the gap between the boards of the YLD and the "Big Bar." I am so excited about the dynamic leadership of incoming president Cindy Wyrick and many other YLD leaders. It is important to me that the board of the senior bar experiences this type of high energy and youthful leadership. Since I am too old these days to provide youthful leadership myself, we are going to provide this exposure by having our boards work together whenever and wherever possible. This will all get started with a joint TBA and TBA YLD board meeting at the beautiful and historic Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC, on the weekend of Oct. 29-31.

In a second effort to infuse our Board of Governors with the youthful vigor of the YLD, I have raided your board! During the annual TBA convention earlier in June, I appointed your very own Cecilia Barnes to serve both as TBA Board of Governors secretary and as a member of the TBA BOG executive committee for the coming bar year. I have been very impressed with the great job Cecilia has done on the YLD board and I look forward to great things from her as she moves on to her new position with the Board of Governors of the TBA.

There will be many opportunities throughout the year for other leaders in the YLD to step up to additional responsibilities in our association, and I hope that, like Cecilia, you all will be eager and willing to answer the call. With more than 8,665 members, the Tennessee Bar Association continues to be the largest professional association in the state of Tennessee. Working together with the YLD, I have no doubt that we also shall retain our status as the best! ■

2004-2005 YLD Board

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Newly sworn in TBA YLD President Cindy Wyrick (right) takes the gavel from Immediate Past President Beth A. Dunning during the YLD's annual meeting at the TBA Convention in Nashville. Photo compliments of Lisa Richter.

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Law Day 2004

By Tasha C. Blakney, Eldridge & Blakney PC, Knoxville

For more than 40 years, the American Bar Association has sponsored annual Law Day programs on May 1. While local bars vary greatly in their activities and programs, the common goal for the Law Day program is to promote legal education and service to the public by the legal community.

This year, the theme for Law Day was a very special one: "To win equality by law, celebrating the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*." Bar associations across the country took advantage of this anniversary to educate the public about the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision and its continuing legacy in American jurisprudence. The Tennessee Bar Association was no exception.

As part of the Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division's Law Day activities, we sponsored a statewide art competition for elementary students and a statewide essay competition for Tennessee's high school students. The results were impressive — both in quality and quantity.

Ultimately, the statewide winners of the Law Day art competition were:

- First Place — Rachel Welsh of Knoxville's Sequoyah Elementary;
- Second Place — Emma Loyer of Nashville's West Meade Elementary;
- Third Place — Ian Odom of Nashville's West Meade Elementary.

The winning entry, submitted by Rachel Welsh, depicted a before-and-after scene. With vibrant colors, we saw into the mind of a child as she illustrated what it would have been like to wait for separate buses to go to separate schools. All of the elementary students' entries revealed similar creative, thoughtful, and artistic impressions of the impact of the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.

In the essay competition, the results were as follows:

- First Place — Cyrus Rahnema of Knoxville;
- Second Place — Martha Elizabeth Lovell of Brownsville;
- Third Place — Stephen Paris of Bells.

Thank you to each of the Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyer Division district representatives and local committee chairs who helped to make this year's Law Day competition such a success. In celebrating the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, we are reminded of both how far we've come and how much work we still need to do. Perhaps most importantly, however, we have educated the students in the state of Tennessee and have taught them the lesson that separate can never be equal.

In the words of our winning essayist, "this landmark decision was more than an issue concerning young Linda Brown and her education; it was beyond the focused efforts of the NAACP lawyers, above the traditions and opinions of the closed-minded factions who opposed it; the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education* is a testament to the importance, the impact, and the undeniable step towards greater equality in this nation." ■



"Then and Now" — the winning submission in the 2004 Law Day art competition. Painted by Rachel Welsh of Knoxville's Sequoyah Elementary.



Knoxville High School student Cyrus Rahnema (left) receives the award for his Law Day Essay from Knoxville attorney John Winemiller during the Knoxville Barristers Association Law Day Luncheon. Winemiller is chair of the KBA Law Day Committee.



First place art contest winner Rachel Welsh of Knoxville's Sequoyah Elementary School receives her prize from teacher and Knoxville Barrister's President Robin Gresham.

Knoxville Barristers

By Penny Arning

The Knoxville Barristers is pleased to report that it has several worthy projects currently ongoing. Recently, our Habitat for Humanity Committee sponsored a work day at the local KBA Habitat house where volunteers participated in painting and putting on finishing touches for the new homeowner. The Hunger and Poverty Relief Committee recently concluded its women's professional clothing drive and continues with its cell phone drive for domestic abuse victims. That committee has initiated a gardening project at Beardsley Farms where food will be grown and donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. The committee is also conducting mock interviews for individu-

als seeking to enter the work force through a partnership with Knox Area Rescue Ministries. The Firms for Food Program at Second Harvest continues to be a success with local firms donating their time to sort food for the food bank. Finally, the Barristers continue sponsoring a monthly volunteer breakfast for the homeless shelter.

Taking to heart the maxim that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," the Barristers recently hosted a social outing to the Smokies baseball game to provide an opportunity for relaxation and fellowship. Thanks to Judge Wade who donated his box at the stadium to host this outing. ■

Jackson Young Lawyers Division

By Andrew V. Sellers, Walldrop & Hall

The Jackson Bar Association Young Lawyers Division currently is in the process of scheduling elections for a new Madison County Young Lawyers Division Board. Details will be forthcoming on this process. We hope that all eligible young lawyers in the Jackson Bar will take interest and become involved. ■

For more information about the Jackson YLD, please contact Andrew at sellersa@walldrophall.com.

Nashville YLD update

By Dave Johnson, Miller & Martin LLP
and Trey Harwell, Neal & Harwell PLC

The Nashville Bar Association Young Lawyers Division has gotten off to a fast start this year due to the extraordinary efforts of its dedicated volunteers. Currently we are hosting our annual toiletry drive for the homeless, sponsored by the YLD Outreach Committee led by Cyndi Parson and Paul Ambrosius. Boxes will be located at various law firms throughout Nashville from Memorial Day through Labor Day to collect toiletries to be donated to the Nashville homeless. In addition, we are initiating our Will Project, which will provide low-cost estate planning for individuals in Nashville with the proceeds being donated to a local charity.

We recently completed our annual Carbovic Smoke Ball, which was hosted this year at the Vanderbilt Stadium Club with a "casino night" theme. The annual benefit, chaired by Julie Boswell and Keltie Hayes,

raised more than \$16,000 to benefit CASA and was a great success. In addition, we are pleased to report the launch of a new annual event for the Nashville YLD. This year, under the leadership of co-chairs David Thompson and Chris Booth, we hosted the first annual "Race Judicata," which was a 5K run open to the entire Nashville community. The event raised more than \$4,200 to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Nashville. In its first year, the Race Judicata saw more than 250 entrants and included a post-race party at the Flying Saucer Draught Emporium. We look forward to this becoming an annual event to benefit local charities and increase our involvement in the community.

For more information about the Nashville YLD or to get involved, please contact Dave at djohnson@millermartin.com or Trey at tharwell@nealharwell.com. ■

Chattanooga Young Lawyers Division

By Valerie Richardson, Shumacker, Witt, Gaither & Whitaker

The Chattanooga Bar Association Young Lawyers Division is pleased to report that it recently concluded its "Pro Bono Night" annual charity project with Legal Aid of East Tennessee. The evening included a silent auction and music from local attorney bands to raise money for Legal Aid and its worthy projects. Just recently, we held a social outing to North River Grill for young lawyers and summer clerks to welcome them to the legal community. A

bowling outing is tentatively in the works for July 28. Finally, the Chattanooga YLD is making plans to host the TBA YLD during its annual planning meeting the weekend of July 17. We hope that this will provide a good opportunity for our local members to meet and interact with members of the TBA YLD Board.

For more information about the Chattanooga YLD, contact Valerie at vrichardson@swgwlaw.com. ■

Maury County Young Lawyer's Division

By Wesley Bryant, Hardin & Parkes PLLC

The state's newest affiliate is pleased to announce that it has had a very active and productive year. On the heels of hosting the local mock trial competition and sending Webb Academy to state, the Maury County YLD recently sponsored a work day at the Mount Pleasant Habitat for Humanity worksite with the local big bar, and was able to donate not only labor but approximately \$1,000 for materials and supplies. We also hosted a social night at a Memphis Sounds game for local attorneys and their families.

We have recently expanded our base by adding an associate membership for young attorneys in neighboring counties. With elections coming up in July, the Maury County YLD is looking forward to a new year. Major organizational projects for the coming year will include: ratification of our by-laws and application to the ABA to obtain affiliate status. We hope all young attorneys in the Maury County area will come out to support the YLD.

For more information on the Maury County YLD, contact Wes at wbryant@hardinandparkes.com. ■

Memphis YLD update

By Amy Webb Martin, Landers & Associates

The Memphis Bar Association Young Lawyers Division has had little opportunity to rest on its laurels after co-hosting attorneys from around the country at the ABA YLD Spring Convention earlier this year. Thanks to the many board members and volunteers who helped make that effort such a success. We were able to give attorneys across the country a true taste of Memphis. Still, work continues for the Memphis YLD as we recently concluded our annual golf tournament with more than 100 participants raising money for the Special Olympics. In addition, we are looking forward to co-hosting a 5K charity race on September 4 with the Memphis Grizzlies

to raise money for LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis. This project has proven to be a large undertaking and we anticipate that it will be a great success for the YLD. All attorneys, families and staff are welcome to run or walk the race, and make donations to LeBonheur. Finally, early plans are being made to host our annual meeting at the Rendezvous later this year and we continue to sponsor monthly happy hours around town for all young lawyers in the Memphis Bar.

For details and information on any of these projects, please feel free to contact Amy at amartin@landersfirm.com. ■

E-Dict unveiled

By Jason Long, Co-Editor, *The Quarterly* and *E-DICT* — London Amburn & Lloyd PC, Knoxville

The TBA YLD, ever a technologically savvy organization, has raised the bar once again with the introduction of *E-DICT* – an online newsletter designed to keep YLD members informed of upcoming events and announcements. We would like to congratulate Thomas V. Shumate IV for submitting the winning entry in the statewide contest to name this new service. Look for upcoming editions of *E-DICT* in your email box to keep you informed. To submit items for review, please contact Jason at JLong@latlaw.com. ■

Hume-Fogg wins 2004 Tennessee High School Mock Trial Competition

Defeats defending state and national champions

By David Johnson, Miller & Martin LLP, Nashville

When Hume-Fogg Academic High School, a public school located in downtown Nashville, entered this year's Tennessee High School Mock Trial Competition, the team was thrilled simply to have advanced to the competition. An underdog in the prestigious Nashville district historically dominated by private schools, Hume-Fogg defied the odds by winning the Nashville competition and advancing to the state competition for the first time in school history.

Hume-Fogg's good fortune continued in the state competition, which took place in Nashville in March. Not only did the first-time competitor hold its own in the state competition, it defeated two-time defending state champion and two-time defending national champion Family Christian Academy Homeschoolers (FCA) in the championship round. In so doing, Hume-Fogg advanced to the National High School Mock Trial Competition held in Orlando, where it continued its storied season by earning ninth place.

This year marked the 25th Anniversary of the Tennessee State High School Mock Trial Competition. When the competition was initiated in 1980 as a project of the Public Law Institute of the University of Tennessee College of Law, four teams competed from East Tennessee. Soon thereafter, the Young Lawyers Division of the TBA assumed control of the program and competition has flourished. This year, more than 150 teams from high schools across the state competed and 19 teams advanced to the state finals. As part of the competition, high school students develop their speaking and reasoning skills in competition with one another by presenting a fictional trial in an actual courtroom setting. Attorneys and judges volunteer their time by serving as coaches, judges, scorers, and/or coordinators.

The Mock Trial Committee was faced with significant logistical challenges this year as renovations at the Metro Davidson County Courthouse necessitated a move to temporary metro courthouse facilities. With the invaluable help of Becky Rhodes, Lynn Pointer, and other members of the TBA staff, the

Mock Trial Committee — consisting of Danielle Barnes (vice chair), Kay Caudle, Stan Graham, John Holt, Melissa Stevens, Camille Webb and myself — managed to get through the competition, which proved to be chaotic at times. As always, TBA YLD President Beth Dunning handled the power matching. Thankfully, dozens of members of the Tennessee Bar “stepped up to the plate” by volunteering many hours of their valuable time to the competition. In fact, approximately 20 judges from throughout the state agreed to travel to Nashville and serve as presiding judges for one or more rounds of the competition.

Thanks to the invaluable help of so many volunteers, the Tennessee High School Mock Trial Competition has garnered the reputation of being one of the most well-respected programs in the nation.

During this year's competition, teams were presented with the case of *McFadden v. Palmer*, a civil lawsuit arising from a soccer match. Marty McFadden, a high school soccer player, brought suit against Leslie Palmer, a player from a rival school, after being injured by Palmer during the game. The teams were faced with presenting a persuasive case as to whether Palmer's conduct was simply

part of the game or whether it was sufficiently egregious to subject Palmer to liability.

In addition to first and second place trophies being awarded to Hume-Fogg and FCA, University School of Nashville earned third place, and Central High School (Memphis) earned fourth place. Individual honors were awarded to students from Dobyns-Bennett High School (Kingsport), Clinton High School and FCA.

This year, the championship round expanded to include five scorers — TBA President John Tarpley, YLD President-elect Cindy Wyrick, YLD Vice President Danny Van Horn, and YLD Past Presidents Jonathan Steen and Jim Wheeler. Tennessee Court of Appeals Judge Patricia Cottrell served as presiding judge and Jason Long reprised his role as bailiff.

Hume-Fogg's team members were very excited upon being informed that they had earned first place.

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Under the leadership of coaches Jordan Keller, Jennifer Ghanem and Ken King, Hume-Fogg's team included Caroline Tenebaum, Sarah Allen, Hannah Choate, Susan Zheng, Carly Summers, Marissa Valz and Kayla Pope. According to Keller: "For a team that aspired only to win the city championship but ended up defeating the two-time national champion at the state competition and then placing in the top 10 teams

in the nation, we are more than happy with how the season ended. I know the students were presented with a rare experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives."

To get involved in the 2005 Mock Trial Competition, please contact Danielle Barnes at dbarnes@farrismatthews.com. ■

Report on the 2004 Statewide Public Service Day

By Jenny Coques Rogers, Knoxville

As many of you know, the Statewide Public Service Day Committee is responsible for organizing one of the most worthwhile volunteer projects sponsored by the TBA YLD. This year, the committee selected May 8 as the one day of the year when lawyers would come together to perform a volunteer activity in 14 districts across the state of Tennessee.

As the co-chair of the committee, I have a confession to make. After a year of nagging the district representatives to come up with a great volunteer project and plugging the big day to other lawyers, I did not attend the volunteer project in my district. In the Knox County district, the volunteer project involved painting a Habitat for Humanity house. Since I am expecting my first child in August, I am not supposed to be around the paint fumes. I hated to miss the big day.

Nevertheless, many lawyers in my district and in several other districts joined hands to help many people in need. The great volunteer projects performed this year include:

- Myers Massengill and lawyers in his district constructed a wheelchair ramp for a person with a disability in Bristol;
- Ben Jones and lawyers in his district did painting work at Habitat for Humanity house in Knoxville;
- Alicia Oliver and lawyers in her district worked on a project at the Orange Grove Center, an organization that assists developmentally disabled children and adults in Chattanooga;

- Evan Cope and lawyers in his district held a legal clinic in a low-income neighborhood in conjunction with a community day in Murfreesboro;
- April Berman and lawyers in her district assisted with a fund-raising auction at the Fannie Battle Day Home for Children in Nashville;
- Patrick Carter and lawyers in his district did work on a Habitat for Humanity house in Mt. Pleasant and collected \$725 to donate to the project;
- Andrew Sellers and lawyers in his district volunteered at the Carl Perkins Center for Abused Children in Jackson and collected \$140 for the prevention of child abuse; and
- Cecilia Barnes and lawyers in her district collected items and donations for children at the Porter-Leath Children's Center/Sarah's Place Shelter in Memphis.

The efforts of the district representatives and the lawyers in their districts who participated in the Statewide Public Service Day are much appreciated and have made it possible to have another successful year. It is my hope that we have even greater success next year and it is my plan to participate in the big day next year, perhaps even with baby in tow!

For more information about Statewide Public Service Day, please contact Stacey Shrader — TBA YLD Coordinator — at sshrader@tnbar.org. ■

TBA Young Lawyers Division 2004-2005 Meeting Calendar

Summer Meeting July 16-18, 2004
The Marriot Hotel — Chattanooga

Fall Meeting October 29-31, 2004
(Joint Meeting with TBA Board) The Grove Park Inn — Asheville, NC

Mid-Winter Meeting January 14-15, 2005
(Joint Meeting with TBA Board) The Hermitage Hotel — Nashville

Mock Trial Competition March 18-19, 2005— Nashville, TN

TBA YLD Annual Meeting June 17, 2005
(In conjunction with TBA Convention) The Marriott Hotel — Knoxville

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