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TBA YLD Statewide Public Service Day April 28

by Chad Tindell

The Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division has organized a new committee for 2001. That committee is the Statewide Public Service Day Committee, of which I am Chair. The members of the committee are the TBA YLD district representatives from across the state. The committee's purpose is to set aside one day for young lawyers across the state to join efforts and work together on a service project which helps those in need and/or improves their community.

Statewide Public Service Day is set for Saturday, April 28. This is the Saturday prior to Law Week, and was selected specifically to coincide with Law Week activities. Please mark this date on your calendars. Each TBA YLD district will have a coordinating committee, will select a project and will contact young lawyers within the district to serve as volunteers for the project. Many young lawyers across the state routinely devote their time and effort to many public service interests and projects throughout the year. Such efforts help improve and maintain the image of our profession. Public Service Day will likewise be an opportunity to draw attention to the good works of young lawyers in Tennessee.

As a sidebar to this article, there is a list of the TBA YLD district representatives for each county in the state. Please note the district representative for your county. If you are interested in participating in the Statewide Public Service Day, please contact your district representative and ask them to put your name on their list of volunteers. Projects will range from litter cleanup and park beautification to working with specific civic and charitable

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Shifting Gears: Alternative Legal Careers

The TBA YLD will sponsor a seminar entitled “Shifting Gears: Cool Things You Can Do With Your Law Degree” during the TBA’s 120th Annual Convention in Nashville. The seminar will be held Saturday, June 9, at 10 a.m. at the Nashville Hilton Suites. Nashville attorney Beverly Hayden, seminar producer, has lined up several attorneys who will discuss the alternative legal career paths they have taken.

Panelists include Sean Johnson, in house legal counsel for MTV; Debi Tate, a Nashville attorney who has been in private practice, legal counsel to the governor, founded a non-profit organization and currently works in the Vanderbilt Institute of Policy Studies; and Janet Salyer, a career counselor. Also serving as a panelist is Rob Laird who's an attorney, and vice President and general counsel for Healthstream; and Jeff Peterson, who was in private practice and now serves as President and General Counsel for Sulfuric.com Inc.

Register for the TBA Annual Convention online at www.tba.org/conv2001, or call the TBA office at 800-899-6993 or 615-383-7421 to receive registration forms via mail or fax.

Come Home To Tennessee

TBA’s 120th Annual Convention will be in Nashville

TBA’s 120th Annual Convention will be held at the Nashville Hilton Suites June 7-9. Registration forms may be requested by calling the TBA at 800-899-6993, or register online at www.tba.org/conv2001.

This year’s convention will be held in conjunction with the Tennessee Judicial Conference, the Tennessee Trial Lawyers and the Tennessee Lawyers Association for

Women annual meetings, and the Hilton Suites will be the host hotel for all four groups. This will offer meeting attendees an opportunity to take a CLE course, have lunch, or golf with state court judges and lawyers from all areas of practice from around the state.

CLE topics include information on UCC Revised Article 9 presented by Kathi Allen and Shelley Rucker; an update

on the new bankruptcy laws by Gail Reese and Ellen Vergos; and evidence update by Don Paine and Neil Cohen.

The Lawyers Association for Women will also sponsor the “50 Years of Pioneers: Early Women in the Law” dinner and program Thursday evening. Proceeds will create a need-based scholarship for women at the University of Tennessee School of Law.

Are You Having Fun Yet?

"Am I having fun?" It's a simple enough question to ask, but often one that we overlook. Other questions like "How many billable hours do I have this month?" and "Am I getting paid what I'm worth?" usually come first.

Starting law school, I admittedly was clueless. Armed with a political science degree (and therefore no marketable job skills) and a desire to avoid the "real world" for another three years, I began my legal education without much idea of what attorneys actually did for a living. I was blissfully unaware of

billable hours. I had no concept of law firm economics or what it was actually like to practice law every day.

I did have a desire to become a *professional*. I hoped that practicing law would give me an opportunity to *contribute to society* and help people. Despite the media's best efforts, I still had a high opinion of lawyers.

Almost nine years after law school graduation, I still have questions. Thankfully, I have learned a few things (mostly from making mistakes) and feel much more comfortable as a lawyer than I did when I first started.

Invariably, I come back to the question of "Am I having fun yet?" The answer to this question is personal for each of us and my specific answer to the question is not necessarily relevant to how you would respond. I can tell you that I like lawyers (I even married one). I am still proud to be a lawyer. I view law as an honorable profession that contributes to society and is in fact a vital part of it. I help people every day to try to solve their problems. I am also honored to be your President.

Consider what you like about what you are doing. Which part of your job do you really enjoy? What are you doing to advance your career, your profession, and to help others? What are you doing to make a difference in someone else's life? In short, are you having fun yet?



Scott Carey
TBA YLD President



The TBA YLD Board works in small groups during the fall board meeting at the Martha Washington Inn in Abingdon, Virginia.

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TBA YLD Volunteers In Action!

Projects like Mock Trial and the Public Service Day cannot happen without the involvement of volunteers. For the State Mock Trial competition alone, nine courtrooms must be staffed with five people for each of the four preliminary rounds of the competition — that's 180 slots to fill! The TBA YLD Board appreciates the hours volunteers put into its public and bar service projects.

RIGHT—TBA YLD Board member Jason Long, Knoxville, looks confident as he prepares to preside over a preliminary round during the Tennessee High School Mock Trial Competition.

BELOW — Richard Stout and Jonathan Cole, both Nashville, lend a hand scoring at the State Mock Trial Competition.



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groups such as a local mission or Habitat for Humanity. Working with other young lawyers from your district on this public service project will benefit those in need in your community and/or help improve your community, and will allow you to meet and work with other young lawyers in your area.

Winston Churchill once said “you make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give”. It has been my experience through years of volunteer work in various organizations that I have received much more than I have given. I encourage you to contact your TBA YLD district representative and volunteer for Statewide Public Service Day 2001. Should you have difficulty contacting your TBA YLD district representative or need additional information from me, please contact me at Stone & Hinds, P.C., 507 S. Gay Street, Suite 700, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, (865) 546-6321, or at cbtindell@aol.com.

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Clinton Wins State Mock Trial For Third Consecutive Year

More than 200 high school students converged on Nashville for the 22nd Annual Tennessee State High School Mock Trial Competition on March 16-17, 2001. The competition, hosted each year by the Young Lawyers Division of the Tennessee Bar Association, featured the best eighteen teams from high schools across the state, each vying for a state title and a berth in the National High School Mock Trial Competition later this year.

The competition involves a series of abbreviated mock trials in which one team prosecutes a hypothetical case created specifically for the competition and the opposing team defends. Each team is comprised of six to twelve students, who are coached by actual volunteer attor-

neys. The students play the roles of attorneys and witnesses in the trials, and each team must be prepared to present both the prosecution and defense positions over the course of the competition.

The hypothetical case created for the competition each year is structured not only to raise interesting and compelling legal and factual issues, but also to raise awareness about issues relevant to teen life. Past mock trial cases have involved issues of alcohol and drug abuse, teen suicide, mental illness, and the rights of AIDS victims.

This year's case was no exception. It involved charges of involuntary manslaughter leveled against the defendant following the death of a college freshman from alleged hazing activities during "Entry Night" for a

Student Social Organization (similar to a fraternity or sorority) on the campus of the fictitious Metropolitan University.

Based on scores received during in the initial four rounds, the top two teams are chosen to compete against each other in a final championship trial. The Honorable Patricia J. Cottrell of the Tennessee Court of Appeals for the Middle Section of Tennessee presided over the final round this year.

The eighteen teams in the competition represented the winning teams from fourteen district competitions around the state. In this year's final round, perennial powerhouse Clinton High School (Clinton, TN) defeated Houston High School (Memphis, TN) in a rematch of last year's final round. The win by Clinton gave the

school its third consecutive state championship. Clinton will now join forty other teams from across the country at the 2001 National High School Mock Trial Competition in Omaha, Nebraska on May 10-13. The Young Lawyers Division of the Tennessee Bar Association hosted the National Championships in Nashville in 1997.

The third and fourth place teams in the competition were Franklin High School (Franklin, TN) and St. Mary's School (Memphis, TN), respectively. Individual honors went to Chris Kidd of Greeneville High School for best witness,

and to Harrison Ford of Memphis University School for best attorney.

Over 120 actual judges and attorneys from across the state volunteered their time as presiding judges,

jurors and bailiffs in the competition. The Young Lawyers Division sincerely appreciates the efforts of all of these individuals, without which the competition could not take place. Special

thanks also goes to Central Parking, Document Solutions, Inc. and The Kroger Co. for their contributions to this important event.



Clinton High School's Mock Trial Team celebrates their three-peat title with at the Tennessee State High School Mock Trial Competition on March 17. Team members, Courtney Ashley, Kathryn Carr, Chris McCune, Ashley Earle, Crystal Pyatt, Anna Hanson, join the Hon. Patricia Cotrell for a victory photo opportunity. Judge Cotrell presided over the final round of the competition, in which Clinton defeated Houston High School from Germantown for the third consecutive year. Clinton lawyer, Dail Cantrell, coached the Clinton High School Team. Nicole Graziano from Memphis coached the Houston team. Clinton will represent Tennessee at the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Omaha, Nebraska, May 10-13.

Elections

TBA YLD Elections Held During TBA 120th Annual Meeting

Elections for the 2001-2002 TBA YLD Board will be held at 4 p.m., Saturday, June 9, at the Nashville Hilton Suites during the TBA's Annual Meeting. Those who qualified to run are as follows:

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Those nominated who are unopposed are deemed elected. Candidates for positions with no one nominated will be identified by a nominating committee chaired by the President-Elect. If you are interested in being appointed to a position for which no one qualified, contact Betsy Hilt at 615-383-7421 or bhilt@tnbar.org.

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