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Voter Awareness Targets Lofty Goals

By Stacey Billingsley Cason

A primary objective of the TBA YLD Voter Awareness Committee is to encourage dialogue that, in turn, encourages more people to participate in the political process. As stated on the Voter Awareness Committee's printed material, the committee does not intend to influence *how* you vote. It intends to encourage *that* you vote.

This year, the committee's efforts were inspired by what will probably come to be known as two of the biggest national events in the history of the United States. These events were the 2000 Presidential Election debacle and the events of September 11, 2001, both of which generated great discussion about our political process. However, even in light of this heightened awareness, statistics demonstrate that in many instances, voter participation is still not what it should be. Among those least likely to participate in the political process are young people between the ages of 18 to 24.

Based upon this data, the Voter Awareness Committee has focused its efforts in recent years on educating high school and college students about the rights and responsibilities of voters and fostering an excitement in these young people about voting and getting their friends and family members involved.

Beginning with the 2000 election year, the Voter Awareness Committee has published a leaflet entitled "Your Vote Matters." The one-page document

provides answers to some of the most frequently asked questions concerning voter eligibility and registration in the state of Tennessee. It can be downloaded and printed from the TBA YLD website at <http://www.tba.org/YLD/YLDvote.html>. The "Your Vote Matters" flyer has been very helpful to student organizations on college campuses in their voter registration drives.

The Voter Awareness Committee also provided the flyer to high school teachers across the state of Tennessee, encouraging the teachers to get their students interested enough to go home and begin discussions about the upcoming elections with their parents and grandparents. The committee's objective in this regard is that those high

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TBA YLD Contributes to Historic Changes in the Tennessee Laws of Ethics

By Jason H. Long



While the TBA's Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility was awaiting the Tennessee Supreme Court's approval of the proposed Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct, the Committee called upon the TBA Young Lawyer's Division for some assistance. Upon the recommendation of YLD President Jonathan Steen, District 3 Representative Carol Anne Lamons was asked to compile the index for the new rules.

"I knew that this was going to be a time-consuming process when Lucian Pera contacted me in June about participating," Carol Anne stated. "However, as a state employee, I was laid off for three days in July with the government shutdown, and that turned out to be the perfect opportunity to get it done."

The project consisted of three distinct tasks.

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TBA President **Al Harvey** (top), TBA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility Chair **Lucian Pera** (center) and Committee Reporter **Carl Pierce** (bottom) addressed the court in support of the new Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct during oral arguments.

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Jonathan Steen
TBA YLD President

Welcome to another great bar year as a member of the Tennessee Bar Association's largest division — the Young Lawyers Division. As we embark upon a new bar year, the YLD remains firmly committed to serving the public and our honorable profession. Often referred to as the "service arm of the TBA," the YLD provides valuable services to its members and to the public through its projects, programs and publications. The YLD strives to accomplish its mission "as the state organization of young lawyers, to provide leadership in serving the public and the profession and to promote excellence and fulfillment in the practice of law." Not that the YLD is all about work and no play.

The YLD Board meets five times a year in various locations across the state, providing great opportunities for young lawyers to meet and develop positive relationships. Along with getting down to business, the YLD Board has recently enjoyed such activities as dining out, taking in a Redbirds baseball game, hosting social events with local affiliate young lawyers associations, golfing, and sampling the local flavor on Beale Street, to name a few. Just ask your District Representative how much fun the YLD can be. Who's that, you ask? You can find your District Representative by going to www.tba.org/yld/yldofficers.html.

A great way to get involved with the YLD is to join a committee. This year the YLD has 16 committees in which to do good and have fun! The committees are organized under public service or member benefits. You can read about the committees and contact information for the committee chairs by going to www.tba.org/yld/yldcomm.html. You can also call TBA YLD Staff Coordinator Rebecca Jacobs at 800-899-6993 for more information. I challenge you to find a committee or project that interests you and contact the chair to find out how you can help to raise the standard of the bar, and the image of our profession. I believe that you will find, as I have, that the time you give to the YLD will be returned many times over in your personal and professional growth, and in the state-wide networking and friendships you will develop in the YLD. Get involved in the YLD and join your fellow young lawyers in having fun and doing good! ■



July TBA YLD planning meeting in Memphis. The group was listening to live music (and later dancing) at Alfred's on Beale Street. From left, back row: **Stan Graham, Jason Long, Carol Anne Lamons, Michael Berman**; front row: **Tracy Stone, Beth Dunning, John Holt, Jonathan Steen, April Berman, Cindy Wyrick, Holly Bishop, and David Mays**.



All TBA members now get full access to TBAlink.
Check out the YLD page at <http://www.tba.org/YLD>

CLE: Good For You, Good For Me

By Gregory S. McMillan



McMillan

The TBA YLD Continuing Legal Education Committee has gotten off to a fast start this year.

The annual **Bridge the Gap Seminar** is ready to go and we anticipate a great response to this program geared toward providing a transition for newly admitted attorneys into the practice of law. The dates, cities and producers are as follows: *Nov. 6, Nashville* (Tennessee Bar Center) Lisa S. Richter; *Nov. 7, Knoxville* (UT Conference Center) Carol Anne Lamons; *Nov. 14, Memphis* (Ridgeway Inn) Parke S. Morris; *Nov. 15, Jackson* (Four Points Sheraton) Michelle Greenway Sellers and Andrew Sellers.

In addition, the **Trial Practice Seminars** are scheduled. These seminars are among the most popular and well-received programs put on by the TBA YLD each year. Volunteers are still needed to help update and edit the writ-

ten materials. Topics up for grabs are: Jury Selection, Opening Statement, Closing Statement, Direct Examination, Cross Examination, and Damages. For those who want to take on this task, Greg McMillan and Lisa Richter will be available to provide assistance. The dates, times, and producers for Trial practice are: *Dec. 6, Knoxville* (UT Conference Center) Justin Martin; *Dec. 12, Nashville* (Tennessee Bar Center) Rae Oliver; *Dec. 13, Memphis* (Ridgeway Inn) Monika Johnson; *Dec. 16, Johnson City* (Adelphia Centre) Vance Cheek.

Finally, the **Ethics Seminar** has dates and places selected. We still need producers for Memphis and the Tri-Cities. The seminar will address disciplinary actions by the BPR and the board has agreed to provide speakers — it should be quite informative. A list of attorneys who act as hearing officers has been provided and the producers will need to contact a hearing officer from their community to participate. Reaction from the BPR hearing officers has been enthusiastic and committing them to the program hasn't been a prob-

lem. The final task would be to locate a speaker in the community who represents respondents before the board. The dates, locations and producers are: *Feb. 25, Johnson City* (Adelphia Centre) To Be Determined; *Feb. 26, Knoxville* (UT Conference Center) Greg McMillan; *Feb. 27, Nashville* (Tennessee Bar Center) Lisa S. Richter; *Feb. 28, Memphis* (Ridgeway Inn) To Be Determined.

The CLE committee is still seeking volunteers to help revise the Bridge the Gap course to make it a two-day program. The committee is committed to making this essential program as informative and productive as possible for attendees. For those interested in assisting with this project, please contact Greg McMillan, GmcMillan@shep-swan.com, (865) 546-3653, or Lisa Richter, Lrichter@larrywilks.com, (615) 384 8444.

The CLE committee is expecting a banner year with quality programming for the benefit of our members. Please take advantage of these programs and make plans to attend. ■

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school students who have reached the age of 18 will register and vote. Other students will be responsible for urging otherwise apathetic friends and relatives to vote.

Other efforts of the committee were inspired by a joint initiative of the chairmen of the nation's two largest political parties, who joined the national advisory council of Freedom's Answer. Freedom's Answer is a nonpartisan, nonprofit effort led by young people to achieve the largest-ever voter turnout in a year in which there is no presidential election. In keeping with this initiative, the Voter Awareness Committee has vol-

unteered the services of lawyers, especially young lawyers, to spend time with one or more high school classes to discuss the right and responsibility to vote and to generate excitement, interest and a fundamental understanding of the process. If you are interested in speaking to students in your local area please contact Rebecca Jacobs at 1-800-899-6993 and she will put you in contact with committee co-chairs Edward L. Stanton and Stacey Billingsley Cason.

The Voter Awareness Committee has also partnered its efforts with efforts of the Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. in

Memphis. Committee co-chair Edward L. Stanton participated as moderator of a panel discussion, "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People," on Sunday, October 20. The panelists included Mayors W.W. Herenton and A.C. Wharton and United States Congressman Harold Ford Jr. In keeping with the objectives of the TBA-YLD Voter Awareness Committee, the panel discussion encouraged voter registration, educated young voters, and improved voter attitude in the African-American community. ■



Mays



Editor's Note: Technology is playing an increasingly important role in our practice as attorneys. The lawyers who practice with only a yellow legal pad and No. 2 pencil are growing fewer and fewer. Technological development in the practice of law is one area in which young attorneys often find themselves on equal, if not superior, footing with their seasoned counterparts. With that in mind, the TBA YLD is seeking to keep young lawyers abreast of new developments in computer technology through an ongoing forum called "Technically Speaking." David Mays, president of Nex-Tek Inc., has been kind enough to offer his opinion and advice to The Quarterly by writing for our publication on a regular basis. It is our hope that future editions of this column will include question and answer sections geared toward frequently asked questions regarding technology. Feel free to e-mail David at www.nex-tek-inc.com should you have any particular questions you would like to see addressed in upcoming publications. Thank you, David, and welcome to the TBA YLD family.

To PDA? Or Not To PDA? That is the Question.

By David Mays

PDA's, who needs them? Although millions of handheld devices have been sold, the typical question is "Do I really need one?" The answer is generally pretty simple. Yes. However, choosing which device among the myriad of devices available is a bit more complex. The selections available for a choice of platform is not as broad. Microsoft and Palm Inc. pretty much have that market wrapped up. Convergence is the term most used today in the handheld appliance market. PDA's are cell phones, pagers, dictation devices, and more. Because of this, choosing a handheld may very well also decide one or two other devices you will be using, making the decision more important. If you purchase a device that cannot communicate with your other devices you end up carrying more devices to get what you want. I have used many devices including Newton MP120, MP130, MP2000, Palm III, Palm V, Handspring Platinum, Handspring Visor, Kyocera Smartphone (Palm based), and now a Compaq IPAQ 3870. Clearly, you can spend a fortune on devices if you don't get what you need the first go around. Most people under-purchase, only to find all of their contacts won't fit or, once they sync their basic information, there is little room for other applications. Without a clear goal of what you want from the device it will eventually become a paperweight. I test different products to determine what will be best for my clients. What is best differs based on several factors.

Palm or PocketPC: The first and foremost decision you must make before even looking at the devices is which platform. By that, I mean the operating system that the device will utilize. Because these devices come with the software applications that are core to their function, you must consider your calendaring system at the office before purchasing. By far, the calendar and contacts are the easiest value one can receive by carrying a device. Manufacturers believe this so intently that I don't know of a device that doesn't have a button dedicated to each of these functions. If you are using Novell Groupwise, Amicus, Needles, TimeMatters, or many other case management applications then you will probably need to

heavily consider the Palm Platform. This is mostly due to Microsoft's lack of concern towards products other than theirs connecting with their devices. It is true that many of the above products, as well as others, connect with Microsoft Outlook allowing you to use a PocketPC (Microsoft) device. That is what I currently use. However, there tend to be synchronization issues because of multiple applications synchronizing the same information. The Palm series however, has its own limitations, the main being the number of phone numbers a contact can have. But overall, until Microsoft allows companies to easily connect to their PocketPC's without going through Outlook, Palm devices still have the edge for law firms. This is unfortunate due to the functionality and abilities available for the PocketPC that are currently lacking on the Palm. However, there is hope for Palm with the recently created subsidiary of Palm called Palm Source. This will allow them to move quicker and have their licensees focus on the hardware to make use of the software. If you are using Microsoft Outlook as your calendaring system, and not just for e-mail, then the PocketPC Platform is the way to go assuming price is not a problem. PocketPC's are by far the most expensive of handhelds.

Device Convergence: Combination Phone/PDA devices are superb because of the quick and easy access to e-mail, instant messages, SMS (short message service), and Internet anywhere capability. Handspring has a color series of devices called Treo that do well in the marketplace. Kyocera's 6035 Smartphone was the device that proved a willingness in the consumer market to combine devices even with the loss of some expandability. That limitation was eliminated with updated versions supporting SD memory slots for memory expansion. The best device I believe I have owned, even with its limitations, was the SmartPhone. The advantages of having all of your contacts in your phone at all times and the ability to have an automatic call log for doing time entries, quick dialing of anyone in your phone book, quick access to e-mail and SMS will quickly overcome those limitations.

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Not to mention you don't need a utility belt to leave the office.

Bluetooth: If you foresee yourself using your device for much more than the standard applications and even beyond the abilities of the built in hardware of SmartPhones there is another alternative. This is the solution I currently use. Although I do have two devices, I still get the benefit of accessing the Internet, syncing with my office from anywhere, and quick dialing by using Bluetooth technology. Bluetooth is a wireless standard for Personal Area Networks that allows devices to easily talk with each other without wires. Therefore, with my IPAQ I can get on the net, VPN into my office, and sync with my desktop computer as long as I am within 30 feet of my cell phone. More and more, Bluetooth capable cell phones are hitting the streets and more are sure to follow. The phone can also do double duty. It allows me to get on the net with my laptop as well using the same technology. As 3G (highspeed wireless Internet access, cable modem speeds through a cell phone) becomes more widely available, this will undoubtedly become the un-tethered connection of choice.

Cost: Prices range from \$150 to almost \$1,000. A bit steep for something that can slip into a pocket or quite easi-

ly be left on a restaurant table. I too have had that stomach in throat feeling when an \$800 dollar device was presumed lost. This is another reason to consider the cellphone/PDA alternative. Replacement insurance is available for a paltry buck or so per month protecting your investment from theft, loss, or damage. If this is your first PDA, purchase one of the lower end Palm devices that will provide you with what you need the most. Worst case scenario is outgrowing your basic Palm and your daughter gets a new toy or your spouse gets to try it out the same way you did. Technology changes too fast to purchase based on perceived uses. By the time you decide to take advantage of the features of one device, another one is available that does it better. Which one? In the Palm OS arena I would choose the best Sony model that fits the pocketbook. The devices are slim, powerful, expandable, and the screens are beautiful. The Phone/PDA market is a bit grayer because of the networks with which they are inherently linked. If you can use Cingular or Sprint's Cellular network the Handspring Treo seems to have the most promise for Palm users at this time. PocketPC/PDA phones are popping up all over and will undoubtedly have great features, but they are new

and reliability is yet to be measured. In the PocketPC arena the overall winner is the IPAQ series. There is more third party support for this unit than any other including foldable keyboards, GPS connections, etc. They are also the number one selling PocketPC. They were one of the first to market with the new 400mhz Intel X-Scale Processor.

Bottom line: Determine what you need to do before you start looking. If having the latest and greatest is not important to you but having your calendar and contacts is, then a PDA/Phone may be the best choice. People don't often forget their cell phones. A PDA is no use to you if it is in the car or on the kitchen table. By going through the process of determining your needs versus what is the coolest device out, you will find yourself with a much better fit with a PDA. Happy hunting.

How do I use my PDA? 1. Audible.com books (like books on tape but digital). 2. GPS (Using Microsoft Streets), 3. Calendar, Contacts, and To-do's. 4. Draft documents and return e-mails (using a fold-up keyboard), 5. Bible. 6. Instant message with the office while away. 7. Picture album of my family. 8. Considering adding dictation software. ■

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Lamons

First, prepare a table that converts the ethical canons and disciplinary rules to the new rules of professional conduct. Second, reverse that process and prepare a table converting the new rules to the former ethical canons and disciplinary rules. Third, compile a comprehensive index of key terms and phrases. The tables and the index should significantly aid Tennessee attorneys in making the transition from the former rules to the new rules.

The YLD is honored and pleased to have made a contribution to this historic event in the promulgation of the Tennessee law of ethics. Thank you, Carol Anne, for your efforts. ■

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Quarterly seeks submissions from young lawyers in Tennessee for publication. If you're interested in submitting an article of interest to young lawyers, please contact Jason Long at jasonlong@shepswan.com, (865) 546-3653.

American Bar Association/ Young Lawyers Division

By Edward L. Stanton III, District 16 ABA/YLD Council Representative

The ABA/YLD has adopted to co-sponsor an exceptional community service project, Freedom's Answer, the citizen involvement response to those who want to destroy our democracy. ABA President, A.P. Carlton, is encouraging as many YLD affiliates as possible to get involved with this very worthwhile venture. The initiative is a project of Youth E-Vote, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Freedom's Answer is a nonpartisan, nonprofit campaign led by high school students this fall to achieve the largest-ever voter turnout in a non-presidential year as an unmistakable message to the world that America and freedom are alive and well. Starting this 9/11, America's high school students have begun recruiting their parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends to pledge to vote to honor America's servicemen and women who are risking their lives everyday for our freedom, including the right to vote.

Participants in Freedom's Answer are instructed not to ask anyone to register in a particular party or to vote for a particular candidate. Getting people to exercise their right to vote is the number one goal. And to highlight the nonpartisanship of the group, both the Democratic and Republican Party Chairmen serve on the Freedom's Answer Advisory Council. For more information on the Freedom's Answer project please visit: www.abanet.org/vote.

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Northeast Tennessee

By Dan Coughlin, YLD East Tennessee Governor

NETYLA has recently installed a new president, Gene Scott Jr., and is preparing for the upcoming year of activities. Foremost among those activities is preparation for the local Mock Trial competition to be held either February 8th or 15th. Those interested in serving as judges, scorers or coaches are encouraged to contact competition coordinator, Erin McCardle, at (423) 232-0351.

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Knoxville

By Jason H. Long, Member-at-Large, KBA/Barristers

The KBA/Barristers, having completed another successful summer that included the first annual Disturbance of the Peace barbeque party to welcome new members of the bar, is currently engaged in several worthwhile and fun projects in the fall season. Recently, the Barrister's hosted their annual charity golf tournament at Willow Creek Golf Club. The event was a major success with over 100 participants and sponsors taking part despite the threat of inclement weather. A good time was had by all and all previous records were broken as over \$3,000 was raised to contribute to the charitable functions of the Barristers. Among those ongoing functions, the Barristers, through the Hunger and Poverty Relief Committee, continue to sponsor a Mobile Meals Route, recently completed a book drive, and have hosted Mock Interviews at the Knox Area

Rescue Ministries to assist those eager to return to the job force. Additionally, the Barristers will sponsor a coat drive for the homeless on November 18 and will be sorting food at the Second Harvest Food Bank on November 16 from 9-12 a.m. All are welcome to participate.

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Chattanooga

By Jason L. Thomas, District 4 YLD Representative

Members and guests of the Young Lawyers Division in Chattanooga rallied together to support local artists of the greater Chattanooga community. The event was held on Thursday, September 19, at the Association of Visual Artists Gallery in North Chattanooga. Five local artists were on hand to showcase their art work and to answer questions about art appreciation and maintaining art for in-home display. Over 50 young lawyers and guests joined in the festivities and enjoyed complimentary wine and specialty cheeses. Be on the lookout for upcoming CBA/YLD events this fall including:-Halloween Fright Night at the Attic on Market Street, Tuesday, October 29, 2002, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Local Swearing-In Ceremony for New Attorneys, Wednesday, November 13, 2002, 8:00 a.m., at the Hamilton County Commission Room; New Attorney Reception, to be announced; and The Santa For All Seasons Christmas Party, to be announced.

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Nashville

By Scott Sims, NBA/YLD President-Elect & Beth Dunning, NBA/YLD President

The NBA/YLD is winding down the year and gearing up for 2002-2003. The annual meeting will be held on October 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Merchants Restaurant downtown to approve the slate of new officers for the upcoming year. Those officers include: Scott Sims, president; Trey Harwell, president-elect; Tanya Grindon, secretary; and Jude White, treasurer. All young lawyers are welcome and encouraged to attend. This past summer the Quality of Life and CLE Committees joined forces to put on a fantastic program about depression and work-related stress in the legal community, including a panel of psychology, legal ethics and firm management experts. Labor Day marked the end of the annual toiletries drive for the homeless, which resulted in over 25 boxes of toiletries. Recently the NBA YLD presented a check for approximately \$16,000 to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates, a program providing advocates for abused and neglected children), which was raised through the Fifth Annual Carbolic Smoke Ball black-tie event. This brings the five year total to over \$60,000 raised for CASA. Finally, the recent Will Project received over 100 requests for simple wills at \$99 per will, which if all completed will result in a donation to YCAP (a program of the YMCA for at risk youth) of approximately \$11,000.

As always, the NBA/YLD is gearing up for the local Mock Trial competition and those interested in participating should contact Scott Sims at (615) 313-6004.



Memphis Bar YLD President **Ed Stanton** (center) networks with Youth Summit Chair **Mary Beard** (left) and Memphis Area TBA representative **Cecilia Barnes**.

ABA/Affiliate Updates

the Criminal Justice Center. While at the Criminal Justice Center the local Circuit Court and General Sessions Judges will conduct a panel discussion. Also, the Hon. Don Allen will give a tour of the courthouse and introduce courthouse personnel.

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Memphis

By Edward L. Stanton III, president, MBA/YLD

The MBA/YLD has been extremely active over the past few months with various events and activities. To name a few, the MBA/YLD sponsored Legal Lines, a community service project with FOX-13 where MBA/YLD members were able to assist citizens with legal questions ranging from breach of contract and landlord-tenant issues to consumer protection and probate matters, all at the brisk hour of 6 a.m. The MBA/YLD also had great participation with its basketball league and annual golf tournament that provided healthy competition amongst fellow members of the local legal community. The MBA/YLD sponsored a Summer Party and 70's Roller Skating Affair with the proceeds benefiting the Memphis Child Advocacy Center. Most recently, the MBA/YLD hosted a traveling CLE bus trip to New Orleans that turned out to be a huge success.

Everyone is invited to attend the MBA/YLD Annual Meeting and Elections that are scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 14, 2002, at 5 p.m. at the world famous Rendezvous Restaurant. There will be free food and beverages provided. ■

Jackson/Madison County

By Andrew Sellers, Jackson/Madison County YLD President

On October 25, the Jackson/Madison Co. YLD hosted a membership drive party to congratulate and celebrate with those new attorneys who passed the bar. On November 14, we will be conducting a second membership drive during a reception for the Supreme Court Justices. On November 15 the Jackson/Madison Co. YLD will be co-sponsoring the Bridge the Gap CLE at the Four Points Sheraton in Jackson. This is the first time in several years that a Bridge the Gap has been presented in the Jackson area so we are hopeful for a good turnout. Further, the format for this Bridge the Gap will be a little different than usual. While in the morning we will have the traditional seminar format, in the afternoon we will be meeting at



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To join the Tennessee Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Division, you may sign up on-line at www.tba.org under TBA Information — Join the TBA.

If you would like a membership application mailed or faxed to you, or for more information about the TBA Young Lawyers Division contact Rebecca Jacobs at 800.899.6993 or 615.383-7421.

The TBA YLD Wants You!

By Scott Sims

In response to a recent survey, a significant number of young lawyers in Tennessee said that they want more chances to serve the public and greater opportunities to get to know their colleagues across the state. If you are one of those young lawyers, the TBA YLD wants you!

As you may have gathered from this edition of *The Quarterly*, the YLD is a division of the Tennessee Bar Association open to all Tennessee lawyers under the age of 36. Each year, the TBA YLD brings together young lawyers from all over Tennessee to perform a host of service projects benefiting both the legal profession and the public at large. For example, as a YLD member, you will have the opportunity to participate in important activities such as:

- **The Tennessee High School Mock Trial Competition:** annual event that gives hundreds of high school students the opportunity to litigate a mock case

against their peers across the state and provides participants with an excellent introduction to the legal profession and the justice system.

- **The Voter Awareness Project:** dedicated to educating the public about important issues such as voter eligibility, how to vote and the importance of voting, to encourage more people to avail themselves of this fundamental right.

- **The Senior Law Project:** designed to educate seniors about their legal rights, as well as resources and opportunities available to them under the law.

- **The Basic Legal Resources Project:** dedicated to assisting the working poor to obtain basic legal services.

As I am sure you can appreciate, it typically takes the coordinated effort of a large number of people to make any sort of significant, positive impact on our communities. As a result, the YLD is always looking for young lawyers to get involved in its activities, in both leadership and supporting roles.

In addition to their contributions to the community and legal profession, YLD members are afforded the unique opportunity to meet and work closely with young lawyers all across Tennessee. The relationships forged through membership in the YLD are simply invaluable from both a personal and professional perspective.

If getting to know your peers around the state and serving the public and the legal profession interests you, I urge you to join us in the YLD. If you want to get involved or simply want more information about the important opportunities that YLD membership has to offer, please contact Rebecca Jacobs at the Tennessee Bar Association (phone: (615) 383-7421; e-mail: rjacobs@tnbar.org). ■



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