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from the
President

Happy 60th Birthday to the YLD

By Jon Pope

Happy Birthday, Young Lawyers Division! On May 31, the YLD celebrated sixty years of service to the public and the Bar. We have seen enormous growth in the membership and programs of the YLD over the past sixty years. With more than 8,800 members and 27 committees, I am glad to report that the YLD is in very good health.

One of the original goals of the YLD was to provide young lawyers an “opportunity to have an impact on the profession and provide a training ground for future leaders of the Bar.” Many past leaders of the YLD have gone on to become leaders in our profession and the Bar, including: Griffin Bell, Kirk McAlpin, Frank Jones, Chuck Driebe, Matt Patton, Bob Brinson, Jim Elliott, Charlie Lester, Jim Pannell, Bill Barwick, Donna Barwick, Stan Brading, Rachel Iverson, Tina Shadix Roddenbery and many others. My father, Marion Pope, was even a member of what was then known as the Younger Lawyers Section Executive Council sometime in the 1960s.

The YLD has accomplished many significant endeavors in its sixty years of existence. However, there are two that I believe stand out. In 1968, the YLD initiated a study to address the need for legal services among the poor in Georgia. The study concluded “there was a distressing disproportion between the actual need for legal services by those who could not afford them and the present supply of legal services available to them.” Ultimately, the YLD created the Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) in 1971. A fully independent and thriving program, GLSP now provides legal services to Georgians who could not otherwise afford them.

In 1987, the YLD created the Georgia High School Mock

Trial Program to coordinate mock trial competitions among high schools throughout Georgia. This is by far the largest and most active of all the current YLD committees. Furthermore, this committee involves more non-lawyers in the legal system than any other committee of the State Bar of Georgia.

Whether it is providing disaster relief assistance to victims of hurricanes or tornadoes, working on a re-write of the Georgia Juvenile Law code, helping the elderly understand their legal rights, focusing on the issues of minorities and women in the legal profession, or simply getting to know one another at a YLD social event or happy hour, the YLD is getting it done.

The theme for the 2007-08 Bar year is “Celebrating 60 Years of Service.” The celebration starts at the 60th Anniversary of the YLD Gala Celebration on June 15 at the Tournament Players Club during the State Bar of Georgia’s 2007 Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. At the gala, we will honor the past YLD presidents and celebrate the YLD’s accomplishments over the past sixty years.

On a final note, I have had a wonderful year as YLD president. I want to thank YLD Director Deidra Sanderson for all of her support and assistance in making this a successful and memorable year. I want to also thank the YLD officers, directors and executive council members for all of their support, ideas and hard work. Finally, I want to thank my family—my wife Amy and my two children, Andrew and Caroline. Simply put, you can’t do this job well without the support of your family, and I had it all the way. My past nine years of YLD involvement have resulted in many wonderful friendships and memories that I will always cherish. 🍷



Jon Pope receives an award from Kendall Butterworth at the 2001 YLD Awards Brunch

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Local Citizenship Day Involves Young Lawyers, Gains Positive Media Attention

By Elizabeth L.A. Garvish
Marchman & Kasraie LLC

Atlanta young lawyers, law students and community volunteers provided legal assistance at four Atlanta locations for many legal permanent residents residing in Georgia who are seeking the benefits of United States citizenship. The project was chaired by Elizabeth Garvish, Pro Bono Committee chairperson for the Atlanta Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), which joined with over twenty other state AILA chapters on March 24 to provide assistance with the United States citizenship application process.

Georgia lawyers joined with more than a dozen community partners to assist Georgia's legal permanent residents in the naturalization application process. Lawful permanent residents (green card holders) may apply for U.S. citizenship. Citizenship confers the right to vote, bear a U.S. passport, petition for relatives abroad and obtain public benefits. To apply for citizenship, a person must be at least 18 years old and have been a lawful permanent resident for five years, or for three years if married to a U.S. citizen. In addition, applicants must demonstrate that they can read, write and speak in English; have paid income taxes; pass a civics test; and take the oath of allegiance to the United States.

The objective behind Citizenship Day was twofold, with many volunteers striving for an event that would be not only a pro bono community project, but also an advocacy event.

The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* printed a half-page special interest piece about the Citizenship Day event and local CBS46 11 p.m. news also aired the story demonstrating the successful combination of pro bono work with advocacy.

In just one short morning, with the assistance of volunteers from Catholic Charities, Emory Law School, Georgia State University Law School, the Latin



American Association and the Organization of Chinese Americans, over 100 immigrants were assisted on the road to citizenship. 📌

The American Immigration Lawyers Association is a national association of more than 10,000 attorneys and law professors. Member attorneys represent tens of thousands of U.S. families who have applied for permanent residence for their spouses, children and other close relatives. AILA members also represent thousands of U.S. businesses who sponsor highly skilled foreign workers. Founded in 1946, AILA is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with 35 chapters and more than 50 national committees. For more on the national organization, visit www.aila.org.

It Was The Best of Times, Worst of Times

By Laurel Payne Landon
YLD President, 2004-05

I would describe my year as YLD president as the “best of times and the worst of times.”

The Worst of Times

At the 2004 Summer Meeting in Barnsley Gardens, I was stung on the toe by a yellow jacket right before Saturday night's dinner. Shortly before the Fall Meeting in Athens, I had to have my gall bladder removed in an emergency procedure. In June 2005, just before the Annual Meeting, I was hospitalized for a week with pancreatitis. Fortunately for me (given the increasing severity of my ailments!), I managed to break the curse with the Spring Meeting.

The Best of Times

Despite my misfortunes, I consider my involvement with the YLD, and particularly my year as president, to be some of the best times of my life. I consider the contributions made during my year, (which I do not describe as “my contributions” because others were certainly involved and played bigger roles than I did in these) to be: assigning specific responsibilities to YLD directors; adding

a CLE component to YLD meetings; and formation of the Leadership Academy.

The most enriching and enduring part of my experience, however, were the friendships I made during my YLD years. I was so fortunate to work with and get to know many outstanding lawyers in the Big Bar

and the YLD. There are too many to list, but I am especially grateful to have known the late Ross Adams, because without his encouragement and leadership, I would have never gotten involved with the YLD. I am exceedingly grateful to my husband, my law firm and the lawyers of the state of Georgia for the opportunity to be involved with the YLD. 📌



Laurel Payne Landon and YLD Director Deidra Sanderson at the 2004 Summer Meeting

Jonesboro High Wins National Mock Trial Title

Jonesboro High School earned Georgia's third national mock trial title when it defeated Kalamazoo Central High School of Michigan in the final round of the National High School Mock Trial Championship, which was held May 10-12, in Dallas, Texas. This is the school's fifth state title (more than any other team in the program) and their first national championship. They were one of the founding teams in the State Bar's High School Mock Trial Program. Last year, they placed fifth in the national competition in Oklahoma City.

Forty well-trained and highly skilled mock trial teams competed in this year's event. Jonesboro High School defeated teams from Hawaii, Illinois, Idaho and Colorado on their way to the final round May 12 against Michigan.

Members of the Jonesboro team who competed in the national competition are: Brian Cunningham, Lindley Curtis, Kayla Delgado, Matthew Mitchell, Braeden Orr, Laura Parkhouse, Kyle Skinner, Britt Walden and their timekeeper, Jayda Hazell. The additional students who were a part of the state championship team cheered them on in Dallas: Joe Strickland, Lindsay Hargis, Jurod James, Sandra Hagans and Tabias Kelly. Jonesboro High School's mock trial teacher coaches are Anna Cox and Andrew Cox. Their attorney coaches are the Hon. John Carbo, the Hon. Deborah Benefield and Tasha Mosley. In addition, they have a student coach from Mercer Law School, Katie Powers.

The objective of the mock trial program is to further students' understanding of court procedure and the legal system; to improve proficiency in basic skills such as listening, speaking, reading and reasoning; to promote better communication and cooperation between the educational and legal community; to provide a competitive event in an academic atmosphere; and to promote cooperation among young people of various abilities and interests.

The Georgia Mock Trial Competition has gained a national reputation for excellence due to the outstanding performance of its teams at the National High School Mock Trial Championship. Georgia's previous national titles were won in 1995 and 1999. 🏆



State Senator Jimmy Carter of Plains, shown speaking to the 84 young lawyers who attended the annual Younger Lawyers Section breakfast at the Midyear Meeting in Atlanta in December 1967.

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From the 50th Anniversary Issue of the *Younger Lawyers Section Newsletter*, (Fall 1997)

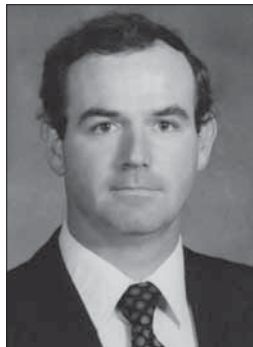
From YLS President James Hyder:

"For the past fifty years, young lawyers from every walk of life and every type of practice have converged on the YLS for its meetings, the fun, the fellowship and, yes, the work. Putting aside whatever personal, political or ideological differences they may have, members freely come together in the name of the profession. For this very reason, the YLS continues to be a shining light of the State Bar."

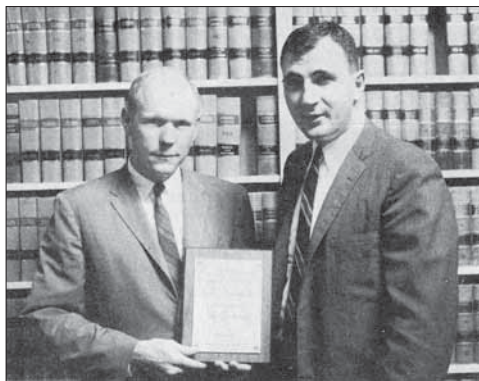
Georgia Wins ABA Award for Best Overall YLD Nine Times in 60 Years

- 1953-54: Kirk McAlpin, YLS President
- 1963-64: Chuck Driebe, YLS President
- 1970-71: Matt Patton, YLS President
- 1975-76: Jim Bishop, YLS President
- 1980-81: Terry Walsh, YLS President
- 1990-91: Stan Brading, YLS President
- 1998-99: Ross Adams, YLD President
- 2000-01: Kendall Butterworth, YLD President
- 2005-06: Damon Elmore, YLD President

Right: 1980-81 YLS President Terry Walsh



Lloyd Whitaker and 1963-64 YLS President Chuck Driebe with the ABA Award of Achievement. Whitaker was chairman of the YLS Award of Achievement Committee. Photo from the September 1964 *Younger Lawyers Section Newsletter*.



1974-75 YLS President and 1975-76 ABA/YLD President Bill Ide awards 1975-76 YLS President Jim Bishop with the First Place ABA Award of Achievement in the Comprehensive Category for the Younger Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Georgia for the 1975-76 Bar year.



Wet and wild: Dana Miles and Evans Plowden commiserate after being victims of a pool toss. Stan Brading (right) laughs, unaware that he was next!

Friends of the YLS

By Stan Brading
YLS President, 1990-91

Originally published in the October 1990 *Younger Lawyers Newsletter*

Have you ever wondered what happens to those young dynamic lawyers who, with tireless energy and devotion, better humanity and serve the public and the Bar through participation in the Younger Lawyers Section, and then turn 37 and age out of the YLS? Of course, many immediately commit suicide; others burn their Bar cards and head for the Caribbean; while the less fortunate majority simply pack away their dancing loafers, join sections of the Senior Bar, and accept their fate as mature, responsible, respected attorneys and the accompanying boring lifestyle. That is, until now.

The YLS has created a new alternative to the dreadful problem of growing up—it's called the "Friends of the YLS." The "Friends of the YLS" is an affiliate organization of the YLS that shares the same goals and objectives of the YLS, i.e. service to the public, service to the Bar, and providing opportunity for social interaction among members of the Bar. The difference is that there is no age limit.

YLS Friends will receive announcements of, and invitations to, all YLS functions and weekend meetings, and it is anticipated that there will be an annual event, co-sponsored by the YLS and the Friends. If you or an aging attorney you know are interested in participating as a "Friend of the YLS," please contact the YLS office. By joining, you will receive a membership package including the following items:

- one tube of Retin-A wrinkle remover cream;
- two 90-minute cassette tapes of oldies;
- a discount coupon good for 20 percent off a pair of Bass weejuns;
- a WordPerfect compatible floppy disc that automatically converts your "Bar hours" to "Marketing hours" on your firm's timekeeping system;
- an infrared auto headlight and engine silencing system for use in avoiding waking neighbors (or spouses) upon returning home after late YLS committee meetings. (System designed by Bill Barwick.)

Don't delay! Become a friend today! 🍷

Did You Know?

The Georgia Bar Association established the Younger Lawyers Section during its Annual Meeting on May 31, 1947. Later that day, 50 young lawyers gathered for the section's first meeting.

At the 1998 Annual Meeting, the section's bylaws were amended, changing the name from the Younger Lawyers Section to the Young Lawyers Division. The bylaws were also later amended to add that attorneys, regardless of age, who had been admitted to their first bar less than five years were also considered members of the YLD.

Editor's Block, Fall 1996 *Younger Lawyers Section Newsletter*
Hank Suessmith, editor

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the YLS, aging in general, especially turning 36, and aging out of the YLS. . . "such an event is certainly a reason to lie about your age, since aging out of such a fine organization is not an event worth celebrating. It impacts the lives of some of Georgia's finest lawyers with such severity that they are never the same again. Witness the likes of Dana Miles, Sid Wright, Fred Bergen. (Oh, sorry, Fred, it just *seems* like you have aged out.) And please, a moment of silence for Leland Malchow. Thank you. But the aging process appears not to affect others, such as Bob Brinson, Walter Bush, Frank Burns, and most notably, Bill Barwick."

President to President: Seven Young Lawyer Leaders Rose to Rank of State Bar of Georgia President

Kirk M. McAlpin

YLS President, 1953-54 State Bar President 1979-80

Frank C. Jones

YLS President, 1956-57 State Bar President 1968-69

Robert M. Brinson

YLS President, 1973-74 State Bar President 1986-87

A. James Elliott

YLS President, 1976-77 State Bar President 1988-89

Charles T. Lester

YLS President, 1977-78 State Bar President 1991-92

William D. Barwick

YLS President, 1984-85 State Bar President 2003-04

John C. Sammon

YLS President, 1987-88 State Bar President 1993-94



Bill Barwick (second from left) and Donna Barwick (center) talk with friends at the 1984 YLD Candidates Pool Party.

Favorite YLD Memories

By Donna Barwick
YLS President, 1988-89

One of my favorite moments was when I attended my first ABA House of Delegates meeting as the younger lawyer delegate, and Jack Adams and Gus Cleveland sat me down and told me very seriously that the key to how to vote was that if the resolution said "shall," we vote against it, and if it says "should," we vote for it. Other favorite memories:

- Hosting the ABA/YLD when Bill Barwick was president and we took the meeting attendees down the Chattahoochee River on rafts followed by a night at Limelight, the disco on Piedmont Road.
- The *YLS Newsletter* with my picture from my Fall Meeting in Albany where we had a dove shoot. The headline said, "Donna Barwick shoots her first bird." 🍷

My YLD Memories

By Chuck Driebe
YLS President, 1963-64

Elections Could Be Close

Back in the old days (before e-mail, cell phones and other means of mass communications), YLD members had to be present to vote in officer elections. The meetings were around noon, or lunch time, and this led to many early morning calls to roust those who had overindulged the night before. The politicking was ferocious: if you got Gus from Valdosta to nominate you, would that mean more votes from his area or his friends? I recall one such election at Jekyll Island. Meals were eaten, drinks were drunk and speeches were made. The outcome of the election was close: 61 to 60. Fortunately, I had the 61 and was elected secretary. I later ascended to be the youngest president, a record that stands to this day. I continue to be the oldest living young lawyer.

Birth of the YLD Newsletter (Or No Good Suggestion Goes Unpunished)

At about the time I was elected secretary, I suggested that the YLD needed a newsletter to better communicate with the members. Guess what? Chuck Driebe was made the first editor of the newsletter. I continued in this role until elected president. Bob Steed assumed the helm as editor with one admonition: my picture had to appear at least once in every issue. After becoming famous for his satire biographies (see page 14), Steed later ascended to the presidency.

Editor's Note: Volume 1, Issue 1 of the [Younger Lawyers Section Newsletter](#) was published Fall 1961. Each issue was mailed for three cents postage.

ABA Recognition

Back in the old days, we Georgia lawyers had a kind of inferiority complex. Were all those Yankees better bar members and lawyers than we were? We submitted the 1963-64 YLD accomplishments to the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division to enter the competition against other similar groups from New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and so on. Guess what? We were named the most outstanding young lawyers group of all of the big states' young lawyers. Future YLD President Lloyd Whitaker (1968-69) undertook the difficult task of assembling the entry. (See page 4.) This was the first of several such awards for the Georgia YLD, the latest being in 2006. 🎁



Justice Carley Swears In 15 Years of YLD Officers

Since 1992, Supreme Court of Georgia Justice George H. Carley has sworn in the YLD officers. The installment ceremony, which traditionally takes place during the Awards Brunch and Ceremony, has become a trademark at the annual meeting. YLD Immediate Past President Damon Elmore recounted, "I have witnessed Justice Carley swear in 10 groups of officers for the YLD. The oath is laced with a humor and levity that allows the officers the ability to relax their spirit and enjoy the moment. What gets me every time is the reflection of the oath's words that occurs shortly after the ceremony. They are concepts that not only apply to the work each new officer will do, or the practice of the law in general for that matter. Instead, they are words, concepts and truths that we should live by each day—especially the part about not taking ourselves too seriously! Ain't that the truth." The YLD thanks Justice Carley for his participation in this much-loved and honored tradition. 🎁



Photo from a 1958 edition of the *Savannah Morning News* showing newly elected Younger Lawyers Section officers, President Robert T. Thompson (Atlanta), Vice President Dick Richardson (Savannah), and Secretary/Treasurer J.T. Pope (Dalton).

Robert T. Thompson Jr. remembers, "In addition to my father, I remember these guys and many others very well. The YLS was certainly a lot of fun from my recollection. They all enjoyed working, laughing and playing together; Bar meetings, conferences, football games and parties galore. Those were the boom years of the '50s and they made the most of it. These guys got together and partied so much I do not know how they got any work done; but somehow they did, very successfully."

My Fondest YLD Memory

By Joseph W. Dent, YLD President, 1999-00



Joe Dent (1999-00), Kendall Butterworth (2000-01) and Ross Adams (1998-99)

I have many memories of my days serving in the YLD; some of those memories others remember better than I do. However, one of my fondest memories is of the late Ross Adams and the way he mentored me as I rose through the ranks to president. As part of his mentoring, Ross became a great friend, and he was one of the kindest people I ever knew. I remember Ross trying to get me involved in the ABA/YLD, and in doing so, he invited me to join him at the ABA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla.

Ross volunteered that we could share a room to cut costs, and I thought sharing a room was a good idea until the first night. Ross and I went to dinner that first night, and we met a few people for drinks after dinner. We eventually retired to our room, and it was at that point I discovered Ross snored louder than any human being I have ever heard snore. I did everything to try to stop his loud and continuous snoring. I kicked his bed, shook him, and anything else that came to mind, to attempt to quiet the locomotive sleeping in the other bed. All of my efforts were for naught.

Ross laughed at my plight as I spent the next two nights in misery. However, I got the last laugh during this meeting. On Friday night, we attended the dinner party, and Ross got slightly over served. When Saturday morning rolled in, Ross didn't feel well and had to visit the bathroom on a couple of occasions. Since he had laughed at me for not snoring, I laughed at him for being hung over, and Ross vowed that he would have his opportunity to show a lack of sympathy when I one day was sick the morning after.

At the next ABA/YLD meeting we attended together, the ABA Midyear Meeting, we again decide to share a room. (I'm a glutton for punishment.) Upon our arrival and check-in, Ross presented me with a gift—my very own set of wax earplugs, which solved the problem, for the most part, of not being able to sleep due to the snoring. I was very thankful for Ross' generosity and kindness in thinking of me and my troubles sleeping while he was "sawing logs."

Then came the next ABA Annual Meeting in Toronto. We both attended the dinner party, and we both had a very good time partaking in our fair share of libations. As fate would have it, I became ill the next morning, and Ross began to exact his revenge by laughing at my misery. However, we soon discovered that I wasn't "hung over" sick. In fact, I had food poisoning. I was so sick that I was unable to fly home that day. Ross took over. He contacted a relative, who happened to be a doctor in Toronto, and he got the name of over-the-counter medicine in Canada, which was equivalent to Pepto Bismol. Ross went to the pharmacy to get the medicine, and he also got me some Sprite and Gatorade. When he returned from the pharmacy, he contacted the hotel to extend the room for an extra night, and he contacted the airline to reschedule my flight. Only after making sure everything was taken care of for me did Ross pack his bags and head to the airport for his return home to his awaiting family. What began as his opportunity to seek revenge for my laughing at his misery turned into a show of generosity of which I was the beneficiary.

I have many fond memories of my times in the YLD and of traveling to meetings with my fellow members of the YLD, including Ross, but this sequence of events will always be one my fondest. 🍷

Memorable Remembrances of my Year as YLS President

By Kirk McAlpin, YLS President, 1953-54

- The **Award of Merit** to the Younger Lawyers Section of the Georgia Bar Association for the year 1953-54 by the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association as the *Outstanding Group in the United States among affiliated State Junior Bar Groups during the Bar Association year 1953-54* was certainly the highlight of our year.

Among other activities of the section, foremost were:

- The sponsorship of legislation, resulting in the enactment of a statute **providing for payment of court-appointed attorneys representing indigent defendants in capital felony cases;**
- The inauguration of the sponsorship of the **National Moot Court Competition** for Region 7, which consists of the law schools in Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi;
- The co-sponsorship, in conjunction with the Georgia Bar Association, the Atlanta Bar Association and the Savannah Bar Association, of the **Savannah Medicolegal Institute.**



Marcus Calhoun (1952-53) and Kirk McAlpin at the 1997 50th Anniversary Celebration.

- Likewise, was the amendment to the association's bylaws (Article III, Section 7) providing a *lifetime* invitation to all past presidents of the Younger Lawyers Section to become *Honorary Members* of the Board of Governors, same as the past presidents of the State Bar:

Section 7. Honorary Members

All past presidents of the Georgia Bar Association, all past presidents of the State Bar, except the immediate past president, *all past presidents of the Younger Lawyers Section of the State Bar shall be honorary members of the Board of Governors*, provided they are members of the State Bar. Honorary members may attend all meetings of the Board and participate in its proceedings, but shall not vote on any question arising in the meetings of the Board, nor be counted in ascertaining a quorum.

- I would be remiss not to mention the members of our Executive Council (1953-54) who were responsible for these accomplishments and have been my cherished friends:

Robert R. Richardson,
Vice-President & Chairman,
Membership
Kenneth Henson,
Secretary-Treasurer
Marcus Calhoun, *Ex-Officio*
Shelby Myrick Jr.,
Chairman, Legislative Committee
Hoyt H. Whelchel Jr.
Thomas O. Marshall
William P. Trotter
Alex W. Smith Jr.
Frank C. Jones,
Co-Chairman, Internship
Robert Walther

John N. Peoples
Sidney O. Smith Jr.
Pope B. McIntire,
Chairman, Public Information
Committee
John B. Miller,
Chairman, Integration of the Bar
Robert H. Hall,
Chairman, Moot Court Competition
Alan Rothschild,
Chairman, Legal Aid Committee
Upshaw Bentley Jr.,
Chairman, Law Schools Committee
Jack McGahee,
Chairman, Internship Program
Griffin Bell, *Ex Officio* 🍷

A Look at 60 Years of the YLD



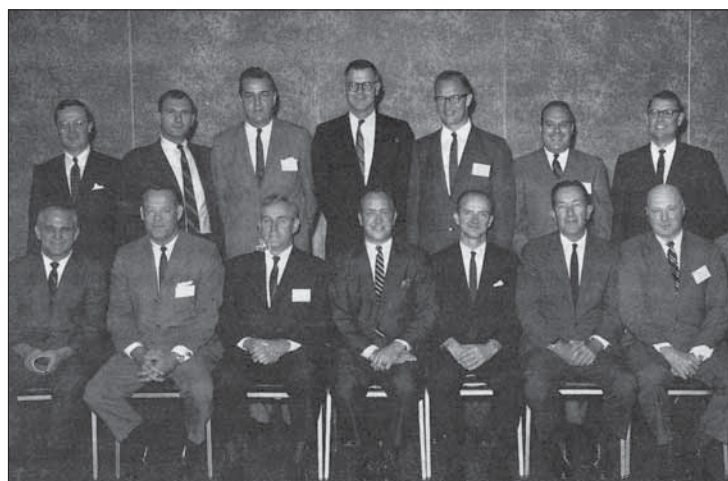
Left: (Clockwise L-R) Andrew Jones (2003-04), Damon Elmore (2005-06), Joe Dent (1999-00), Pete Daughtery (2001-02), Derek White (2002-03), Laurel Payne Landon (2004-05) and Kendall Butterworth (2000-01) at the 2005 Annual Meeting following Elmore's installment as president.

Below: Governor Roy Barnes (right) speaks at the 2001 YLD Legislative Breakfast, with YLD President Kendall Butterworth (left) in attendance.



Above: Court of Appeals Judge John J. Ellington speaks at the 2004 YLD Legislative Breakfast, as Andrew Jones, YLD president, looks on.

Right: (L-R) Stanley Birch, Ted Hester (1978-79), Charlie Lester (1977-78), Jim Pannell (1979-80) and Jim Elliott (1976-77)



Front row: Tom Pope (1960-61), Dick Richardson (1959-60), Harry Baxter (1947-48), Marcus Calhoun (1952-53), Jim Maddox (1950-51), Griffin Bell (1949-50), Kirk McAlpin (1953-54). **Back row:** Harry Howard (1961-62), Chuck Driebe (1963-64), Bob Richardson (1954-55), Gus Elliott (1964-65), Frank Jones (1956-57), Ted Frankel (1965-66) and Carl Buice (1966-67)



Thomas Dennard (1971-1972) and Felton Jenkins (1972-73) at the 1972 Annual Meeting.

Below: (L-R) Bill Barwick (1984-85), Richard de Mayo (1982-83), David Smith (1985-86), Gus Elliott (1964-65) and Walter Bush (1983-84) in front of Despositos, a favorite YLD haunt outside Savannah.



Counterclockwise from front row left: Betsy Hodges, Rachel Iverson, Tina Shadix Roddenbery, Bill Barwick, Marcus Calhoun, Donna Barwick, James Hyder, Stan Brading, James Pannell, Richard de Mayo, Matt Patton, John Sammon, Felton Jenkins, Leland Malchow, Gus Elliott, Bob Brinson, Chuck Driebe, Dana Miles, Henry Walker, Kirk McAlpin and Ross Adams at the 50th Anniversary Gala at Atlanta's Capital City Club in 1997.



Far Left: David Gruskin, YLD Director Deidra Sanderson, Frank Burns, Damon Elmore (2005-06), Terri Gordon, Doug Kertscher and YLD Treasurer Josh Bell at the 2006 Spring Meeting in Las Vegas, following "The Roast of Damon Elmore."

Left: Law Day 1986— Bar President Jule Felton, Governor Joe Frank Harris, Danny Falligant and YLS President-Elect Jim Cox.



Far left: Leland Malchow (1991-92), Bill Barwick (1984-85), John Sammon (1987-88) and Stan Brading (1990-91) at the 1992 Annual Meeting.

Left: Pete Daughtery (2001-02), Henry Walker (1996-97), Ross Adams (1998-99), Joe Dent (1999-00) and James Hyder (1997-98) at the 1997 Summer Meeting.



Richard "Dick" Childs (1981-81)



Andrew Jones (2003-04) and Joe Dent (1999-00)



Hon. Leah Ward Sears and Bill Barwick (1984-85)

Lessons I've Learned. . . From YLD Past Presidents

Chuck Driebe—1963-64



- Follow your gut: If you are not comfortable with a new client, problems will follow.
- It's nice to say no: Don't bite off more than you can chew.
- Clients hire lawyers they know, so get around.
- If you make a mistake, admit it. Clients can be very forgiving.

- Practice existential law. If you did your best, you can't control the result.

Matt Patton—1970-71



- Here's a bit of wisdom I have learned: "Don't try to teach a pig how to sing. It will annoy the pig and frustrate you."

Bill Barwick—1984-85



- Don't let Terry Walsh make a 20-minute speech, if you've only allotted two-and-a-half hours for it.
- Beer cans must be empty to be eligible for the "closest to the palm tree" throw off the Sheraton roof.
- At the Winter Party at the Fox, always hire two bands. One

will inevitably get snowed in at their last gig in North Carolina.

- At YLD candidate parties, some people will drink your bloody marys and still not vote for you.
- Never leave a Hospitality Suite unattended. Leaving Dan Bowling or Joe Dent in charge is fundamentally the same as unattended.
- Do not hire clog dancers as your evening entertainment for one of your meetings.
- Put your drink down, or behind the back of the person next to you before the picture is taken for a Bar newsletter.

Editor's Note: See Barwick photos on pages 5, 9 (two times), 13 and 17 (three times) for reference.

Donna Barwick—1988-89



- Don't take yourself too seriously—even if you are the president of the YLD—in the scheme of things. . .well, you know.
- Wear that bathing suit to the Meet the Candidates Pool Party, because there will come a day when you won't be able to.
- There will just never be a suitable replacement for the Savannah Inn and Country Club as the location for the YLD annual meeting location.

- Dogs are a great antidote for teenagers!

Stan Brading—1990-91



I trust you aren't expecting anything too serious from past YLS presidents. I'm surprised you found this many e-mail addresses, as many past presidents are in hiding or rehab. With that in mind, and clearly without malice and subject to libel actions, here are some lessons I've learned:

- Never let Bill Barwick dance with your date.

- **Donna Barwick's response:** Never dance with Stan Brading.
- Never challenge Richard de Mayo to do a kegstand.

- Don't shoulder dance with David Smith, unless you're on top.
- Don't challenge Walter Bush to a joke-off.
- Don't allow Bob Brinson to enter a chugging contest in Cancun, unless you have a strong partner to help get him in a taxi.
- Remove your tie before going down the slide into the Gulf at Señor Frogs.
- Don't let Bob Steed near a microphone if anyone from the ACLU is present.
- Put Rachel Iverson in charge of anything she'll agree to do.
- If you really, really need something done, ask Donna Barwick to do it.
- Hot tubs on YLS Caribbean seminars are a great place to get to know judges.
- Never book 120 lawyers on a three-stop connecting flight to a seminar in the Caribbean.
- Look for upcoming YLD talent in any and all places—even on table tops. (Check with Tina Shadix Roddenbery on that.)
- It truly is possible to disappear after becoming YLS, and State Bar, president—when was the last time you saw John Sammon?
- Yes, the wheelbarrow dance can be performed without injury, but it's never happened.
- No, the YLS didn't invent the limbo, it just perfected it.
- Celebrate the running of the statute of limitations on your term.

Some lessons I've learned from country music:

- Don't ask anyone named Connie to marry you.
- Don't date anyone whose father wears rolled up T-shirts and has a shotgun rack in his pickup.
- Sometimes you just got to get drunk and be somebody.
- Be careful when you're on a red dirt road.

And on a little more serious note:

- Make sure your best view is "the one on your front porch lookin' in."
- "Daddys don't love their children every now and then. It's a love without end amen."
- "Happiness ain't just for high achievers."
- Whatever your passion is, you got to "do it anyway."
- "If I had a dime for everything I've done that didn't make no sense at all I'd be living a little higher on the hog."
- "On the journey to happiness, it's not what route you pick but the companion for the trip that matters."
- "Happiness isn't a destination, it's a journey." Enjoy the trip.

Leland Malchow—1991-92



Reprinted from Leland Malchow's "President's Corner" in the Fall 1991 *Younger Lawyers Section Newsletter*:

- Make time for and listen to questions and problems.
- Meet questions with suggestions, not absolute answers.
- Family always comes first.
- Quality of work is paramount.
- Carefully analyze all aspects of any decision.
- Be familiar with the substantive law of any of the issues that arise in a case.
- Be a good "people person."
- Service to the church, civic activities and to the Bar are important in the lives of professionals.
- Be courteous and respectful to opposing counsel.
- Read advance sheets and keep abreast of the current developments in the law.

- Have general knowledge in all areas of the law—one should not wear blinders in any one area.
- Do pro bono legal work.
- Make friends with courthouse staff and the law firm staff; these relationships are invaluable.
- Sulk only 48 hours after a defeat. After that time, one must move on.
- Praise for good work, and do not totally humiliate for bad work.

Betsy Hodges—1992-93



- The most expensive thing on a lawyer's desk is an unreturned phone call—it just might be the referral of a lifetime. Plus, the most common complaint received by the State Bar's Office of the General Counsel is that lawyers fail to keep their clients informed of the status of their cases. (Learned from A. Paul Cadenhead and my work at the Bar's Office of the General Counsel.)
- Especially as a litigator, treat everyone you meet as a prospective juror. (Learned from Hon. Jackson Bedford.)
- Never make disparaging comments or remarks about another lawyer to your client—no matter how much you dislike the other lawyer or question his or her legal abilities. (Learned from Edward E. Bates.)
- Never deny another lawyer's request for an extension of time—you never know when you will need one. (Just makes sense.)
- There is more to life than practicing law. (Learned from my husband, my son and my daughter.)

Rachel Iverson—1993-94



- Friendships made through the YLS last well beyond being a younger lawyer.
- Bob Brinson was correct: being YLS president was one of the best things I would ever do.
- I like lawyers.
- If I am going to feel guilty about being away from the office I may as well stay there.
- Being at the office can occur in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.
- Participating in our profession includes having fun.
- Work hard, play hard and get enough sleep.
- A trip to the Caribbean is a good reason to work with Stan Brading and Bob Brinson.
- Dogs make good roommates.
- Tina Roddenbery is still looking out for me as she did when I was president and she was president-elect.

Tina Shadix Roddenbery—1994-95



- Being active in the YLD creates life-long strong friendships, is tremendously rewarding and lots of fun!

Henry Walker—1996-97



- A year is a short period of time in terms of organizational leadership. To make a real difference, you need to have some continuity of leadership over a few years with common goals and objectives. The emphasis may change slightly, but leaders need to work together to make sure the core objectives are reasonably the same.
- Whoever said "there is never a plan to fail, only a failure to plan" was right. A written plan with assignments and deadlines is the key to the success of a project, even in a volunteer organization. (Some leaders would say

particularly in a volunteer organization.) Gentle reminders and periodic status conferences also help.

- You can never have too many people involved in a volunteer organization. Leaders need to be constantly recruiting new volunteers. As a corollary, if you find something meaningful for a person to do, you greatly increase the chances he or she will stay involved.
- Awards and honors are good, but the people you meet, get to know and learn from along the way are the greatest source of personal satisfaction.
- Don't apologize for having fun. You can still do what you are supposed to do and have fun doing it.

Joseph W. Dent—1999-00



- Always get a key to the hospitality suite.
- Regardless of whether you have an agreement with co-counsel, always file a notice for out of town depositions.
- Never run in contested elections.

Kendall Butterworth—2000-01



- As soon as you complete your president's column for the *YLD Newsletter*, it's time to write your column for the *Georgia Bar Journal*. As soon as you complete your column for the *Journal*, it is time to write your next column for the *Newsletter*. As soon as you. . . .
- In a crisis, call Cliff Brashier or Sharon Bryant.
- Be respectful of your elders—the Bar controls the YLD's budget.
- You will enjoy your time as YLD president more than you could have anticipated, and the year will pass even more quickly than you feared.
- The friends you make through the YLD will be friends for life.

Derek White—2002-03



- Endeavors centered on helping others are most rewarding.
- Attorneys are truly the backbone of any free society.
- Freedom, justice and equality are not ideas. They are living, "hard fought for" rights that are being attacked everyday only to be protected by the efforts of the military and attorneys.
- Attorneys are unsung heroes for those who could not otherwise protect themselves.
- The YLD, hands down, is the best networking organization for any young lawyer practicing in Georgia.
- I have personally become a more enriched and enlightened person and professional for being involved in the activities of the YLD and State Bar.

Laurel Payne Landon—2004-05



- Treating another lawyer with professional courtesy, even when not reciprocated, is always the right thing to do.
- Lawyers are some of the best people you will ever meet. Take the time to learn something personal about the lawyers you interact with—you will be enriched.
- Keep your word. It is much better to underpromise and overdeliver than to overpromise and underdeliver.
- Answer your own phone when you can. Accessibility and responsiveness are highly-valued qualities in a lawyer.
- It is more important to clients that you care about their problems than that you always have the answer.
- In every relationship, including your professional ones, communication is one of the most essential and important ingredients.

See Lessons I've Learned on page 12



You've Come a Long Way, Baby: Women in the YLS

Originally Published in the Spring 1995 Younger Lawyers Section Newsletter

One of the most obvious changes in the YLS over the last 48 years has been the role of women. One of the earliest *YLS Newsletters* available in the archives is the February 1964 edition. It features on the front page the headline, "100 Newly admitted Attorneys are Sworn in Before the Supreme Court." All the attorneys pictured are male.

By way of contrast, the Winter 1995 edition of the *Newsletter* features a picture of four attorneys raising money for Genesis Shelter, a facility for homeless families. Three of the four attorneys are female.

The first picture of a female in the *YLS Newsletter* appeared in the December 1964 edition, on the back page, where the caption read: "Younger lawyers, wives and dates enjoying poolside reception."

Things had not changed by 1971, when a photo in the April edition was captioned, "Wives of young lawyers enjoy reception at Spring Council Meeting."

Some of the more obvious anachronisms make for hysterical reading. In the early 1970s, for example, the *Newsletter* featured an advice column called "Letters to Ima Young Barrister." Here are some of the entries.

Dear Ima:

What do you do when you are a young unmarried lawyer working in one of the large Atlanta firms and all around you are these young good looking and very ambitious secretaries who want to swing? I can't seem to concentrate.

Signed, Tired

A more telling entry reads:

Dear Ima, Can a young female lawyer be active in the YLS?

Signed, Anxious in Lithonia

The editor's response:

Where is Lithonia?

Perhaps a watershed moment occurred when the September 1977 *Newsletter* reported that the Younger Lawyers Section voted to endorse the Equal Rights Amendment.

One of the first women to make a bid for YLS office was Gail Lione Masee, who ran for secretary in 1978. (In a brief nod to tradition, the name next to her picture read, "Gail Lione Masee [Mrs. Lurton D. Masee Jr.]"). She was successful in her bid for secretary, but lost a race for president-elect in 1979 to W. Terence Walsh.

The first woman to serve as YLS president was Donna G. Barwick (1988-89). The moment of the occasion was not lost, as former YLS president William Barwick (spouse of Donna) wrote a companion piece to his wife's "President's Corner" in May 1989 titled, "My Year as First Spouse." (See a reprinted excerpt on page 13.) By 1989, the *Newsletter* had adopted a more progressive attitude, as Bill Barwick pointed out in his column (with tongue in cheek) that he had



1992-93 was the first—and to date only—Bar year when all four YLD officer positions were filled by women. (L-R) Nolie Motes, Rachel Iverson, Betsy Hodges and Tina Shadix Roddenbery conduct business at the 1992 Fall Meeting.

"always been very sensitive to a number of chick concerns."

By the early 1990s the YLS had turned full circle and some were beginning to wonder whether a male would ever again become a YLS officer. Elizabeth Bloom Hodges, Rachel K. Iverson, Tina M. Shadix and incoming president Nolie J. Motes changed the face of the institution by putting women in the president's chair for four consecutive years.

Without a doubt, the forces that changed the role of women in the YLS are the same forces that have shaped America's society in general. The YLS has grown and adjusted as women have asserted leadership and offered their skills and perspectives. The YLS has unquestionably been strengthened as a result. 🐾

Editor's Note: In the 12 years since this article was published, two more women have served as YLD president: Kendall Butterworth in 2000-01 and Laurel Payne Landon in 2004-05. Elena Kaplan will become the eighth woman to serve in that role when she is installed as YLD president at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. As secretary and *The YLD Review* editor respectively, Amy Howell and Stephanie Kirijan will join Kaplan as YLD officers for the 2007-08 Bar year.

Lessons I've Learned

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Damon Elmore—2005-06



- When you're communicating, be it in writing or in a meeting, wherever, "we" looks/sounds better than "I."
- Stay in touch with people you meet—it won't seem so strange when you call them for something. Part B: You will call them.
- Relax.
- There are three sure-fire "Bs" that will land, keep and grow clients—guaranteed. Be genuine. Be prepared. Then, be patient.
- I spend days kicking myself for rookie mistakes I've made. Things like, comments that weren't well thought out or were plain embarrassing; arguments that weren't well-reasoned; bad calls made in the handling of a file; those deposition questions I should/should not have asked, etc. I think about them, all the way back to law school and the beginning of my career with the city of Atlanta, every day. But, you know what, I am so glad I made them, for there are also times that I reflect on the better choices I have made and the fruits that those have brought and, with that, I am grateful. 🐾



From the September 1981 *YLS Newsletter*.

Allan Kirwin (State Bar executive director), Terry Walsh (1980-81 YLS president), Vickie Cheek Lyall (YLS Award of Achievement Committee chair) and Sharon Bryant (YLS coordinator) display ABA Awards of Achievement won for the 1980-81 Bar year.

My Year As First Spouse

By William D. Barwick, YLS President, 1984-85

The following is an excerpt from Bill Barwick's column "My Year as First Spouse," originally published in the May 1989 issue of the *Younger Lawyers Section Newsletter*.

Now that I have been retired for a number of years as Younger Lawyer [Section] president, I have finally become settled in my law practice, and this year I even hope to crack the elusive four-figure barrier for billable hours for the first time in my career. Recently, though, a number of *YLS Newsletter* readers have asked me why I haven't written any articles in the last year, and some have even suggested that my wife has intentionally muzzled me in order to preserve the spotlight for herself as president. The charges are untrue, and I wish to state categorically that Donna does not run her administration this way. It's the way she runs our home, but not her administration.

Although I seldom write articles in the first person (except my anonymous submissions to "Letters to Penthouse"), I have been asked to write an article on my year as First Spouse of the YLS. Although I had hoped to spend these retirement years quietly waiting for a few relevant statutes of limitations to expire, I have agreed once again to sully the pages of the *YLS Newsletter*.

I had to decide if a First Spouse should mirror the Chief Executives' character or complement it by contrast. A careful analysis of my wife's personality reveals that she is serious, hard-working, sober, virtuous, honest and sincere. I, therefore, opted for contrast. I don't want it to sound like I am a totally insensitive person, however, as I am very mindful of the impediments that Donna has encountered as a woman attorney in a male-dominated profession. As a life-long feminist, I have always been sensitive to a number of chick concerns.

It is, of course, impossible to be completely gender neutral in a position like mine, and as the first First Husband, some changes have been made in the social agenda normally associated with my position. First, the out-going president's gift from the YLS Executive Committee is usually selected by the First Spouse, and as a result it is usually something really neat like a silver serving spoon. I recall that Donna arranged for me to receive a set of Revere cookware, which hasn't left my side in the last four years. Although the final decision hasn't been

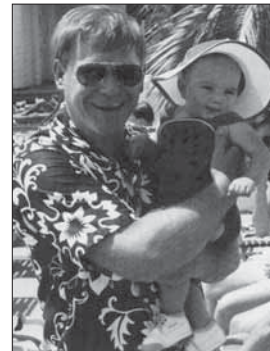
made yet, Donna will receive either a set of Wilson Staff woods or (her favorite) a box of H. Upman Coronas.

This year is now slipping by quickly, and I think I have most enjoyed my ability this year to attend every YLS function without any responsibilities or concerns about the section's welfare. Come to think of it, though, that's pretty much the attitude I had when I was president. After this year, my active involvement in the YLS will be concluded, although it will probably take me at least two or three more years to wear all these new shoes I've purchased with Bar dues. But don't worry, you fans of bad Bar leadership, because by my calculations it should only be 28 years or so before Elizabeth D. Barwick is the new YLS president for the 2019-20 Bar year, and when that happens, watch out for the return of "First Daddy." 🍷

William D. Barwick served as State Bar of Georgia president in 2003-04.



Above: Donna Barwick (1988-89) and Bill Barwick (1984-85)



Left: Published with his original 1989 column, a photo of Barwick and his daughter Elizabeth.

Highlights and Memories of My YLS Years

By Frank C. Jones, YLS President, 1956-57

It was my great pleasure to serve as president of what was then known as the Younger Lawyers Section of the Georgia Bar Association in 1956-57. We had a very active year, including the following highlight:

The section undertook the sponsorship of a revision of appellate procedure that would preplace the antiquated, highly technical set of appellate rules that were truly a trap for the unwary. Freeman Leverett and Bob Hall (later Justice Hall of the Supreme Court of Georgia, and Judge Hall of the U. S. District Court, Atlanta) were in charge of the project. A bill was completed after many revisions; committee members spoke on its behalf throughout the state, obtaining endorsements of many local bar groups and of the Board of Governors; and lengthy conferences were had with the Supreme Court Rules Committee. The revision of appellate procedure that took place a few years later was directly attributable to this initiative and hard work of the section.

Here are a few memories of these years:

- We had almost no money. My recollection is that after an all out effort on our part, the Board of Governors of the Georgia Bar Association agreed to allocate \$500 to the section, which was \$500 more than we had received the previous year.
- In those days, the only young lawyers who could vote for the election of officers and others were those who attended the meeting of the section, which usually took place beginning fairly early one morning after a heavy social commitment the night before. A lot of effort went into rounding up stray souls to come and vote.
- I established friendships with a number of other young lawyers

throughout the state that have continued ever since or until their deaths, including for example Kirk McAlpin (later my partner at King & Spalding), Bob Richardson (now deceased), and Kenneth Henson (he and I have vacation homes at Cashiers, N.C.), who were my three immediate predecessors as president. I value these friendships very highly.

- Many lawyers who later became leaders of the Georgia Bar Association, and the State Bar of Georgia, developed interest in the undertakings of the organized Bar through the activities of the Younger Lawyers Section. I am sure the same is true today of the YLD.

Let me make a final comment. I have had the privilege of serving as chair of the Bar Center Committee since 1995. The YLD played a major role in helping to generate support for the purchase of the Federal Reserve Bank Building on Marietta St., which became our Bar Center, and I am truly grateful for its backing. 🍷



Frank C. Jones, also served as Bar president in 1968-69.

The Truth About YLS Past Presidents According to Bob Steed

By Robert L. Steed, (YLS President 1967-68)

Originally published in editions of the *Younger Lawyers Section Newsletter* and reprinted in Steed's book WILLARD LIVES!

Submitted by Theodore M. Hester, (YLS President 1978-79)

It's A Family Tradition

Originally published August 1963

[Chuck] Driebe's family background is steeped in legal tradition. Two of his cousins can boast of never having missed a Perry Mason show; a distant relation, Justice Hugo Driebe of the U.S. Supreme Court, made legal history by declaring World War II unconstitutional. Unwanted as a child, Driebe is now wanted in three states and Canada. His first contact with the law was at the age of two when he was at the center of a bitter custody battle between his parents. Ultimately his father lost the case and was forced to take custody. Entering politics at an early age, he was nominated for Village Idiot and won by a landslide. He abandoned a lifelong urge to become a Notary Public after failing the exam several times and finally turned to law. "It was either that or go to work," he explained.

We Love Butterbeans

Originally published December 1965

To most people, Matthew Patton is merely a spindle-shanked, flabby young attorney affecting a perpetually benign (some say "vacant") expression with a droll quirk for babbling obscure legal maxims in Latin to himself—few know the details of his mystic background. As a boy, Patton was deeply affected while listening to the Leroy Abernathy Show on Carrollton's famous WLBB ("We Love Butterbeans"). Midway through the program he began speaking in unknown tongues (a habit which persists to this day during his infrequent court appearances). Turning to sacred music he became a nationally known gospel singer while still a child. In his teens, Matthew left gospel music to become a faith healer, loitering about the square in Carrollton falling on infirmed passersby with alacrity. (Alacrity, later picked out of a police lineup, claimed he never heard of Patton.) A group of local citizens, noting the spectacular drop in tourism, successfully procured an injunction and Patton channeled his energies into evangelism, staging a spectacular revival on the banks of the Little Tallapoosa River climaxing it by baptizing more than 300 people, almost all of them by force. Local ministers, jealous of his success, persuaded the sheriff to defrock the popular young Patton. Embittered by this experience Patton wandered aimlessly for many years before finally accepting a job as trail boss for the Goat Man. With money saved from selling post cards across the state, he paid his way through Emory Law School.

Never Talk Back To A Witch Doctor

Originally Published July 1972

In 1953, a full-grown teenage boy, A. Felton Jenkins, was discovered in Madison, Ga., with a size 3 7/8" head. Who could have guessed that one day this young lad would overcome his cruel handi-

cap and rise to power as president of the world-powerful Georgia Younger Lawyers Section? Heartstrings across the nation were tugged as the account of how plucky young Jenkins, faced with failure at football because of lack of head gear, fashioned a helmet from a rubber band and an Ipana toothpaste cap and went on to win regional honors. Entering college on a Robert Ripley scholarship, young Jenkins thrived in the demanding atmosphere of academic excellence which, then and now, characterizes the University of Georgia. In 1959, he was one of five University of Georgia freshmen to win the coveted "I Can Dress Myself Badge." Other students, jealous of his academic success and suspicious that such good grades could only be achieved with such a small head, reported Jenkins to the Honor Council for cheating, although Jenkins was completely exonerated.

Jenkins' undergraduate achievements peaked when he was tapped for membership in the highly secret Gridiron Society. This honor did not go to Jenkins' head for two reasons. First, it (his head, not the honor) was too small. Second, the society was so secret that Jenkins was never told of his membership. He learned of it only by chance many years later after having the steam room attendant at the YMCA arrested for making improper advances only to learn at the arraignment hearing that the defendant was a brother Gridiron trying to administer the secret grip. His success is best demonstrated by the tribute other YLS politicians pay him in emulating his handicap for political gain. Current President-Elect Robert Brinson, while possessing a normal size head, handily defeated all opposition by claiming (and proving) that he had the smallest brain in the race. The newly-elected secretary, an obscure Atlanta subway attorney, William Ide, swept into office by craftily reducing the size of his head through the simple expedient of removing all of his hair. "Well, you know," says Jenkins, (who is an articulate and stunning phrase-maker), "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery they is."

Meet Me Under The Pick-Up

Originally published October 1972

Prior to 1971, few people had ever heard of Robert M. Brinson (those who had, steadfastly denied it). However, in June of that year, Brinson catapulted into national prominence with his stunning upset victory for secretary of the Younger Lawyers Section. Brinson was born in Rome, Ga., into a strict military family (both parents were commissioned officers in the Salvation Army). Many historians believe that he might have been an adopted child. This speculation is occasioned by the fact that he is the only one of six children without a biblical name. He has an older brother, Moses, two sisters, Deuteronomy and Virily, and, of course, the twins, Frankincense and Myrrh. At Emory, his reckless nature, ability to twirl a baton, and proclivity

for strong drink resulted in his fraternity brothers persuading him to enter a DeKalb County beauty pageant as "Miss Lithonia." The extent of his success can best be appreciated by noting that he was elected first runner-up, named pledge sweetheart of Sigma Nu, and became engaged to a lonely young attorney from Lafayette, Ga. (Brinson, with his characteristic honesty, finally revealed his secret to the young attorney, and after some persuasion, returned the ring.)

Brinson, his lovely wife, Gerry, and their three small children, Huie, Luie and Dewey, reside in a spacious Floyd County home done in a classic Neo-North Georgia style (swept dirt front yard, wrecked '52 Ford on cement blocks, wringer-type washer on front porch and six to eight dogs under house).

From The Halls Of Kinchafoonie To The Shores Of Muckalee

Originally published July 1977

In 1944, Theodore Hester, then a relative unknown, was born in the living room of his parents' mobile home. Aside from a brief mention in the Lumpkin Vindicator of the fact that Hester was the first recorded breech birth in



Stewart County wearing glasses, the event went largely unnoticed. The boy's physique and eyesight steadily deteriorated; his rickets, thick glasses and the fact that he wore a leather aviator's cap until he graduated from high school. Despite early evidence of a personality that was destined to be terminally bland (even now Hester carries a piece of Velveeta cheese in his wallet for identification), the plucky youngster in the 12th grade qualified for membership in the elite Beta Club by demonstrating that he could read without using his finger. This and his election as second runner-up in the Senior Superlatives for "Best Personality" (he finished only a few votes behind a fern in the biology department) led to a full scholarship at the University of Georgia. There the fact that he was the only freshman not invited to join a social fraternity assured a post-graduate invitation to Harvard. Their discovery that he wore thick glasses and had no personality coupled with his native torpor (which they mistakenly diagnosed as intellectual arrogance) led to the automatic granting of a Harvard Law Degree. 🍷



Bob Steed, who served as YLS president in 1967-68, wrote satirical biographies on a number of YLS presidents that were published in the *YLS Newsletter* between 1963 and 1977. They were later reprinted in Steed's book, WILLARD LIVES!

In Memory of Ross J. Adams

By Joseph W. Dent
YLD President, 1999-00

This article was originally published in the Spring 2001 issue of the *Young Lawyers Division Newsletter*.

On Feb. 26, 2001, the State Bar of Georgia suffered a tremendous loss when YLD Past President Ross Adams passed away after a short battle with liver cancer. Ross' untimely death reminds me of just how precious life can be. Ross will never be forgotten, and his ability to live life to its fullest will be the memory that I will cherish.

Many members of the Bar were close friends with Ross and are better people because of that great friendship. He showed many of us the meaning of being a professional, including our duty to serve the profession and the public.

Many will remember Ross as a past president of the Young Lawyers Division. I had the honor of following in Ross' footsteps as his successor, and entered my tenure as president of the division with some trepidation. Ross certainly led by example, and I was extremely challenged to lead the division in a manner comparable to the leadership Ross provided.

A word that best describes Ross is dedication. Ross was dedicated to his family, and when we traveled together representing the Georgia YLD, he spoke of his wife Robin, his daughter Paige and his son Alex often and fondly. Ross' family was certainly first on his list of concerns.

Ross was dedicated to the profession. He loved the law, and he cherished being a lawyer. He conducted himself in the highest and most ethical manner and had achieved the position of a magistrate judge in Cobb County.

I will most remember Ross for his dedication to the Bar and to public service. The list of positions and accomplishments Ross achieved during his service to the Bar would more than fill the page. I believe Ross is best remembered not by that list, but by his desire to serve and to encourage others to serve. Ross was never one to shy away when called upon by members of the Bar. He always accepted the opportunity to serve the profession and the public, and he even looked upon his position as magistrate judge as another way to serve the public.

As president of the Young Lawyers Division, Ross spent a considerable amount of time encouraging other young lawyers to recognize and assume their professional responsibility to serve the Bar and the public. Ross made a considerable effort to increase the active membership of the YLD. He constantly marketed the Young Lawyers Division, and he did more than market it as our professional responsibility but as the right thing to do. Ross knew the benefits of members of our profession coming together for the common good. He always sold getting active in the division as an opportunity for people of diverse backgrounds to become close friends. When he and I would discuss with others the rewards of being active in the YLD, he would tell our audience the wonderful relationships that you can develop with someone from a totally different background. He would then put his arm around me and say, "Look at Joe and me. Who would have ever thought that just by doing Bar work, a Jewish kid from



Left: Ross Adams with his wife Robin and their daughter Paige.

Below: Robin and Ross Adams at a Board of Governors dinner.



Above: Ross Adams at the 1997 Fall Meeting



Middle Right: Adams presents Damon Elmore with an award at the 1999 YLD Awards Brunch during the Annual Meeting, which took place that year in Savannah, Ga.



Bottom Right: Adams presents Justice Carol Hunstein with an award at the 1999 YLD Awards Brunch.

Chicago and a country boy from South Georgia could become close friends?" Ross and I definitely came from very different backgrounds, but we both enjoyed a good bottle of wine, a big steak, and the desire to serve through Bar involvement. Ross' dedication and examples that he set through his service inspired me to become and remain active in the YLD. Ross was an inspiration to all of us; always remember that inspiration.

I will miss Ross, but I will always remember him as a caring and dedicated person. A caring person who was devoted to his family, dedicated to the profession and who gladly assumed his professional responsibility to serve his community. 🙏

YLD's Mardi Gras Casino Night Raises \$10,000 for New Orleans Charity

On Fat Tuesday, Feb. 20, the Young Lawyers Division hosted Mardi Gras Casino Night, its first major fundraising gala of late, at Paris on Ponce's Le Moulin Rouge. The black-tie evening was attended by more than 200 attorneys, judges and friends of the YLD. The event was held to raise money for Tipitina's Foundation, specifically their Instruments A Comin' program, a catalyst that raises awareness of public music education and provides material support for school music programs by purchasing instruments for New Orleans public school band programs.

The goal of the evening was to raise \$5,000, but the YLD doubled its goal by raising \$10,000! This was possible thanks to those who purchased tickets and attended the event; YLD sponsors; those who donated and purchased silent auction items; those who donated to and purchased tickets for the raffle; and those who volunteered their time to plan the event, as well as work the event.

Specific thanks to Ivonne Betancourt for arranging for John Marshall Law School students Damon Burk, Dustin Hightower, Michael Holmes, Tiffany Simmons, Ronna Woodruff and Alex Yusupov to volunteer and to State Bar volunteers Johanna Merrill, Jennifer Mason and Stephanie Wilson of the Communications Department, and Jill Muvdi of the Fee Arbitration Department—all of whom helped to make the night possible. A very special thank you goes to YLD Director Deidra Sanderson for her tireless efforts to make Casino Night a tremendous success. From conception of the idea to last minute details, and everything in between, she was a key player in doubling the fundraising goal.

The evening consisted of fake gambling with eight casino tables ranging from the always packed Texas Hold 'Em poker table to roulette to blackjack to craps, food, drinks, photographs, costumes, a raffle and a fabulous silent auction. Andrew Fritts was the high roller of the evening, while Ashby Kent (Burr & Forman) and Meredith Wilson (McGuire Woods) bought the winning raffle ticket for a trip for two to the YLD Spring Meeting in New Orleans.

Tipitina's Foundation's Instruments A Comin' program was chosen as the recipient of the funds at the beginning of the Bar year, when meetings were planned for the 2006-07 Bar year, and New Orleans was selected for the Spring Meeting location. The YLD partnered with the Louisiana YLD and planned small fundraisers such as happy hours throughout the year, with Mardi Gras Casino Night as the main event, culminating with a service project in conjunction with the 2007 Spring Meeting in New Orleans, which was also the first week of Jazzfest. (See story on page 18.) The theme of Instruments A Comin' fit with the Jazzfest meeting, allowing those in attendance to practice the creed of the YLD as stated by YLD Past President Henry Walker in the Fall 1996 *YLS Newsletter*, which is to "have as much fun as humanly possible" while doing good. (The YLD is the public service arm of the Bar.)

The \$10,000 proceeds were presented to Tipitina's Executive Director Bill Taylor on April 30 at the Sixth Annual Instruments A Comin' benefit by YLD President Jon Pope, YLD Director Deidra Sanderson and Louisiana YLD President Mark Morice. (See story on page 18.)



Above: Bennett Hollberg, Jennifer Blackburn and Shiriki Cavitt



Left: Attendees gather around the craps table as Andrew Fritts (center) prepares to roll the dice.

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The Y L D: Having Fun While Getting Work Done

Right: Tina Shadix Roddenbery (1994-95), Ross Adams (1998-99), James Hyder (1997-96), Rachel Iverson (1993-94), Betsy Hodges (1992-93), Henry Walker (1996-97), Kim Michael, Bill Barwick (1984-85), Stan Brading (1990-91) and Donna Barwick (1988-89)

Below: Derek White (2002-03) plays putt putt at a YLD meeting.



Left: YLD past presidents and friends at the YLD's 50th Anniversary celebration at Capital City Club in 1997.



Top: Kendall Butterworth (2000-01) prepares to play a round in style.



Top Right: Joe Dent (1999-00) and Henry Walker (1996-97) practice their driving.



Bottom Right: Young lawyers and their guests have a good time at a Group Dinner during a YLD meeting.

See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil? Bill Ide (1974-75), Richard de Mayo (1982-83) and Bill Barwick (1984-85)





Louisiana YLD President Mark Morice, YLD Director Deidra Sanderson, Tipitina's Foundation Executive Director Bill Taylor and YLD President Jon Pope

YLD Presents Donation to Tipitina's Foundation

The Sixth Annual Instruments A Comin' Benefit Concert took place April 30 at Tipitina's Uptown Music Club. The evening began with a cultural celebration and auction, and featured New Orleans' greatest musical performers, all donating their time to support this important cause. Prior to this year's event, the benefit has provided more than \$900,000 worth of donated instruments to the next generation of New Orleans' musicians. Tipitina's Foundation works to ensure that every New Orleans' child has the means to play music. This year's event raised more than \$250,000, thanks in part to the Young Lawyers Division's \$10,000 donation.

Marcia Ball, Galactic and the Dirty Dozen Brass Band were among the 16 performances throughout the night. Attending on behalf of the YLD were YLD President Jon Pope and his wife Amy, YLD Director Deidra Sanderson, YLD members James Freeman and Cristen Freeman, and State Bar of Louisiana YLD President Mark Morice. Pope, Sanderson and Morice presented the check on stage to Bill Taylor, Tipitina's Foundation's executive director. Pope addressed the sold-out audience, which included Bonnie Raitt and Fats Domino, about Mardi Gras Casino Night and how the event doubled the \$5,000 goal. As the crowd cheered and waved their arms as if Bono himself were on stage, Pope reminded the audience that, "Georgia loves New Orleans!"

Several people approached Sanderson and Pope after the presentation and thanked them, including lawyers from other states who spoke of how impressive this was for a young lawyers organization, and how they wished their own YLD would implement this type of project. The YLD received a recognition letter from Tipitina's Foundation following the event. (Reprinted below.) 📄

Ms. Deidra Sanderson, Director
Young Lawyers Division

On behalf of the Tipitina's Foundation, please accept our sincere thanks for your contribution of \$10,000. This donation is essential for restoring the musical culture of New Orleans about which we all care so deeply. Dollars raised by our Foundation are dedicated to assisting our local artists. These treasured members of our community have suffered devastating losses.

Please trust that Tipitina's Foundation is in the forefront of making an immediate impact in securing shelter, instruments, jobs and business training for New Orleans musicians.

Most importantly, we are committed to bringing band and orchestra programs back to New Orleans area public and charter schools. A very large percentage of the children in our schools lost their homes and their lives as they knew them. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in instruments were either flood-destroyed or looted.

Our greatest resource is our children. The

Tipitina's Foundation is playing an integral part in the restoration of a BETTER education for this community's children. We are making it possible for students to receive proven benefits of active music making. We believe strongly that music making by children boosts self-esteem and teamwork. Skills learned in playing music are fundamental in providing self-confidence, organizational tools, and personal pride. At no time in our nation's history are these traits more important for the children of this troubled city.

The needs are unprecedented as we rebuild and restore our musical heritage. Our staff and volunteers are working tirelessly to ensure that New Orleans once again becomes the permanent home for musical culture like none other in the world. Once more, we cannot thank you enough for your generous contribution.

Sincerely,
Lauren D. Cangelosi,
Assistant to the Executive Director
Tipitina's Foundation



Top: Michael Goldberg and Curtis Romig at the W Poolside Welcome Cocktail Reception.

Left: Laurie Reis and Will Willoughby at the group dinner at the W Hotel.



Spring Meeting Jazzes It Up in Big Easy

The YLD 2007 Spring Meeting was held in New Orleans, La., at the W Hotel New Orleans, April 26-29, coinciding with the first weekend of Jazzfest. A welcome cocktail poolside reception kicked off the festivities on Thursday evening. Some attendees then enjoyed a night on the town and in the casino, where a few YLD members hit the proverbial jackpot.

Friday morning began with a one hour CLE, "Developments in Insurance Law in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina," presented by James Freeman and Joseph Bruno. Thanks to James Freeman, a YLD member who relocated to New Orleans in 2006, for planning the CLE. Breakfast and the YLD business meeting followed the CLE. Transportation was provided to and from Jazzfest throughout the afternoon. Friday's main attraction performers included Van Morrison, Lucinda Williams and Dr. John. Friday night was free for dinner and exploring New Orleans.

The tour of devastation left by Hurricane Katrina and the Food Bank service project took place Saturday morning. (See article on page 19). Jazzfest continued on Saturday with performers Rod Steward, Norah Jones and Ludacris. One of our very own YLD members demonstrated her very own "A-Town Stomp" for Ludacris in the elevator at the W Hotel following his performance at Jazzfest. According to another YLD member witnessing the performance in the elevator, it did not appear as if Ludacris will be adopting the "A-Town Stomp" into his repertoire of dance moves any time soon.

A group dinner was held Saturday evening at the W to conclude the organized activities of the meeting. Overall, it was a successful meeting—attendees saw firsthand the Katrina devastation that the YLD has worked hard to raise money to assist in rebuilding; the YLD gave back to the community with its service project; attendees gained knowledge with a CLE, networked and socialized with several organized events—all while having a great time! 📄

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Tour Gives Glimpse of Devastation

By Mark Morice
YLD President, State Bar of Louisiana

Twenty-eight young Georgia lawyers boarded a bus at the W Hotel and set off for a tour of the city of New Orleans. After driving for more than an hour, the group was only able to see a small portion of the 80 percent of the city that was flooded during Hurricane Katrina.

The tour first took the group over the Industrial Canal and into the Ninth Ward of New Orleans, where thousands of homes were swept away and still—20 months later—electric, water and sewage services have not been reinstated. Second, the tour made its way to a small volunteer development called “The Musician’s Village,” where many New Orleans musicians are given the opportunity to return to the city and purchase a new home. The group then toured Lakeview, a suburban area of New Orleans where the 17th Street Canal levees broke in the days following Hurricane Katrina and flooded thousands more homes with up to 12 feet of water. The tour helped to share the untold stories of thousands who are still evacuated around the country, separated from family and friends, and it was a dismal reminder of the years of work still to be done in order to bring New Orleans back. 📷



Left: A home in the lower Ninth Ward is rebuilt.

Below left: State Bar of Louisiana YLD President Mark Morice guides the bus tour of the devastated areas of New Orleans.

Below right: Rebuilding the levee in Lakeview.



Left: Spring Meeting attendees in front of a food delivery truck bearing the message “Food Is Not a Luxury.”

Below: Young lawyers pack and prep food at the Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans, as part of a service project that took place during the Spring Meeting.

Young Lawyers Volunteer at New Orleans Food Bank

Following the bus tour of the hurricane devastation around New Orleans, the group completed a service project at the Second Harvest Food Bank (SHFB) of Greater New Orleans and Acadia. SHFB provides food for an estimated 248,700 people annually, with approximately 62,800 people receiving assistance in any given week. About 30 YLD meeting attendees volunteered at SHFB sorting and boxing food items for an hour, resulting in 1,264 pounds of food prepared to send out, which was enough to

feed 1,011 people. What a difference a small group made in only one hour!

Mark Wingerter of SHFB led the group around the facility to familiarize volunteers with just how food banks operate. Mark was a victim of Hurricane Katrina, and was living in a FEMA trailer on the SHFB property, along with three other employees. He was grateful for the help offered by the YLD, and volunteers spoke of the experience as one of the highlights of the meeting. 📷





from the
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Looking to Our Past to Guide Our Future

By Deidra F. Sanderson

Sixty years. . . quite a long time for an organization to be around, much less thrive as an active, award-winning organization that changes lives, enhances the profession, and is a lot of fun to be involved with! This Special Edition newsletter and the Gala Celebration in Ponte Vedra on June 15 are only the beginning of this anniversary year. We hope you will all celebrate with us throughout the next Bar year by joining us at an event or just reflecting on what this organization has accomplished over the last sixty years.

For the past eight weeks or so, I have become exceptionally familiar with the history of the Young Lawyers Division, or Younger Lawyers Section, as it was formerly known. I've read what seems like hundreds of newsletters and looked through many more photographs. A few of those photos are shown in this newsletter, although many will (and should) remain buried in the archives until the next brave soul dares to take on that challenge, and still make eye contact with those who are now "Big Bar" members! All joking aside, it has been incredibly inspiring to see where many of the programs and committees began, such as the Appellate Admissions Ceremony and the Mock Trial Program. Seeing the photo in the January 1967 newsletter of "State Senator Jimmy Carter addressing YLS members at the Midyear Meeting, Norman Fletcher and Marion Pope on the YLS Executive Council in the 1960s, and an announcement that the Intrastate Moot Court Competition final round was cancelled due to the shooting of President John F. Kennedy, was like reading excerpts from history books.

It seems as if many of the issues affecting the YLD today (participation in committees, projects, ABA, affiliate associations around the state and reputation) have been issues throughout the years. Donna Barwick's columns from the late '80s could easily be seen in today's newsletters just by changing a few names and dates. ("The YLS has somewhat of a reputation for its social events and parties, which is perpetuated and broadcast through the newsletter and the pictures of younger lawyers having fun. Well, who wants to see pictures of young lawyers having a meeting?") She ponders these issues from a London hotel room around the YLD's 50th anniversary, wondering how, and if, she will be remembered. (First female YLS president? Swimsuit photos from the pool party? "Has been?") We will definitely remember

Donna as the first female president, and I believe the new pool party favorite photo is the "Tab" T-shirt (page 5), which has gotten rave reviews from all who have seen it. That T-shirt is even available for sale online as a "vintage" item.

Donna, along with every YLD past president, will never be a "has been" in this organization. I was delighted to see Stan Brading's "Friends of the YLS" invitation from the October 1990 newsletter, and have reprinted it on page 5. It is something to consider, especially those who have been involved with YLD in the past and haven't been around in a while. Join us at an event—keep an eye out for upcoming meetings, happy hours, etc. in this newsletter.

I would like to thank a few people for helping me with this issue and for helping me prepare for the dinner on June 15: Stan Brading and Tina Shadix Roddenberry—thank you both for meeting with me and sharing your scrapbooks, photos, memories and stories. Donna Barwick, Henry Walker and Joe Dent—thank you all for sending me photos, scrapbooks and stories. Kirk McAlpin, Frank Jones, Robert T. Thompson Jr., Chuck Driebe, Matt Patton, Ted Hester, Betsy Hodges, Rachel Iverson, Kendall Butterworth, Derek White, Laurel Payne Landon and Damon Elmore—thank you for sharing your wonderful lessons, stories and memories! A big thank you to Johanna Merrill and Stephanie Kirijan for their help getting this large issue together—it was quite a challenging task.

Finally, last but not least, it seems as if one person has been the brunt of (almost) every joke throughout this (and all past) newsletter. His picture seems to have been on every page in this (and all past) newsletters. How has age not caught up with this man? Of course, I am referring to Bill Barwick, 1984-85 YLS president, who was also State Bar of Georgia President in 2003-04, the year I began as YLD director. We became friends riding every roller coaster at Universal Studios in Orlando during the site visit(s) for Bill's 2004 Annual Meeting. Bill is a shining example of what the YLD has to offer and has been a mentor to many younger lawyers throughout the years. He is delivering the toast at the 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration on June 15. Thank you, Bill, for meeting with me to help with this newsletter and dinner, and sharing your memories and stories. Thank you for all you have done for the YLD! 🍷



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