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Great Day of Service 2003 A Great Success!



Terri Gordon, YLD member,
at the Atlanta project at
Chastain Park

The Community Service Committee for the Young Lawyers Division participated in the State Bar of Georgia's Great Day of Service at Chastain Park, where we "transformed weeds and neglect into blooming cityscapes and used elbow grease to make the park sparkle." Our project was to clean Chastain's Pool, in preparation for its first summer opening in years. We pulled weeds, cut down trees, bagged leaves and scrubbed the bottom of the pool until it shined. As the largest park in the City of Atlanta, this task was designed to help make just one of the sixty acres of parkscape beautiful. By the end of the day, we had new friends from Atlanta's International School and the Chastain Community. This experience proved to be arduous and tiring, but fulfilling nonetheless.

If you live in one of 20 communities around Georgia, you may have heard about lawyers in your area volunteering their time and efforts to help your local community. On or near May 3, 2003, the YLD sponsored projects in communities in North, South and Middle Georgia. From a pro se family law clinic in Americus, to working with a local AIDS Coalition in Cartersville, lawyers young and old, including members of the bench, gave back to their communities. In Columbus, local lawyers volunteered to help participants in the Special Olympics Regional Trials. In Peachtree City and other metro Atlanta communities, lawyers helped in community clean ups. Whether you live in Albany, Valdosta, Augusta or Dalton, a Great Day of Service project helped your community.

The Georgia YLD Great Day of Service is one of the largest single-day community service projects sponsored by lawyers in the nation. A special thanks goes out to all local coordinators for their efforts in making Great Day of Service 2003 a great success.



David Moore, Leslie Wade, Dan Hayes,
YLD Board Member Kevin Snyder, and
Superior Court Judge Tommy R.
Hankinson at the Fayette County project

Members of the Fayette County Bar Association and Superior Court Judge Tommy R. Hankinson spent Saturday, May 3, 2003 participating in the Great Day of Service. The participants joined in local efforts to build an office and warehouse for the Fayette Samaritans. The Fayette Samaritans is a local food and clothing bank that provides assistance to Fayette County residents in need.



Volunteers including Marc D'Antonio,
Tina Ziegenhain, Tom Nilson and Matt
Hirsch cheer on the Special Olympics
contestants at the Columbus project

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Introducing... A New YLD Director!



Deidra Fields Sanderson joined the State Bar of Georgia as Director of the Young Lawyers Division in March. Deidra grew up in Birmingham, Alabama and studied psychology at Auburn University. After moving to Atlanta in 1998, she became involved in The Junior League of Atlanta and worked with various organizations for charity benefits, etc. In 2000, Deidra moved to New York City to attend graduate school at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. In 2002, she graduated from NYU with a Master's of Public Administration in Nonprofit Management, and moved back to Atlanta. She says, "I am so happy to be at the Bar, working with the YLD. I have been very impressed by all the work the YLD has done throughout Georgia, and I look forward to doing my best to assist this group in continuing to make an impact on communities and the profession."

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President's Corner

By Derek J. White



Life's Journey--The Values of Going on the Journey vs. Getting to the End of the Journey

C.P.Cavafy wrote the following poem titled *Ithaca* concerning Odysseus' travels:

When you start on your journey to Ithaca,
Then pray that the road is long,
full of adventure, full of knowledge,
Do not fear the Lestrygonians
and the Cyclopes and the angry Poseidon.
You will never meet such as these on your path,
if your thoughts remain lofty, if a fine
emotions touches your body and your spirit.
You will never meet the Lestrygonians,
the Cyclopes, and the fierce Poseidon,
if you do not carry them within your soul,
if your soul does not raise them up before you.

Then pray that the road is long.
That the summer mornings are many,
that you will enter ports seen for the first time
with such pleasure, with such joy!
Stop at Phoenician markets,
and purchase fine merchandise,
mother-of-pearl and corals, amber, and ebony,
and pleasurable perfumes of all kinds,
visits hosts of Egyptian cities,
to learn and learn from those who have knowledge.

Always keep Ithaca fixed in your mind.
To arrive there is your ultimate goal.
But do not hurry the voyage at all.
It is better to let it last for long years;
and even to anchor at the isle when you are old,
rich with all that you have gained on the way,
not expecting that Ithaca will offer you riches.

Ithaca has given you the beautiful voyage.
Without her you would never have taken the road.
But she has nothing more to give you.
And if you find her poor, Ithaca has not defrauded you.
With the great wisdom you have gained, with so much
experience, you must surely have understood by then
what Ithacas mean.

In place of the word "Ithaca," enter the words "being an attorney" or "representing others" and you should immediately realize how the poem can be applied to describe our legal travels as members of one of the noblest professions known to mankind. You should realize how aptly the poem captures the daily tolls of our dedication to our fellow citizens. Likewise, you should realize how the poem befittingly describes the rewards of assisting those who are unable to assist themselves in legal matters.

In place of the word "Ithaca," enter the words "making a difference in the lives of others" and you should immediately realize how the poem can be utilized as an analogy to describe our professional and legal endeavors. You should realize how the poem accurately reflects the wisdom and experience to be gained from our professional endeavors, individually as well as collectively.

In place of the word "Ithaca," enter the words "public service" and you should immediately realize how the poem veraciously echos the demand of the proper soul needed for the legal and public service. You should realize how the poem beckons one to face the demons legal and public service will present.

All in all, our legal journeys to our individual legal ends (our individual legal Ithacas) should be traveled with one goal in mind, the same goal espoused above in the poem. That goal should not concern riches; it should not concern glory; and, it should not concern recognition. That goal should concern ethical representation of others, honest representation of others, just representation of others, and a perseverance to see the lengthy journey completed. These concerns are the true calling of our profession as dictated in the Attorney's Oath. These concerns will lead to an enriched journey's end, a glorious journey's end, and a well recognized journey's end.

If you represent others pursuant to our Oath and when you reach your journey's end, "you

must surely have understood by then what Ithacas mean." The following Officers, Directors, and Chairpersons of the YLD do understand the meaning of Ithaca and should be thanked for their selfless contributions and willingness to service the Bar and the citizens of the State of Georgia.

Officers:

Pete J. Daugherty, Immediate Past President; Andrew W. Jones, President-Elect; Damon E. Elmore, Treasurer; David S. Gruskin, Secretary; and Laurel P. Landon, Newsletter Editor.

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Due to the combined effort of these noble persons, my serving you was made easy. I will treasure the blessings bestowed upon me as your President to the end of my legal journey. Thank you all for your support.

Please join us in thanking the following gavel sponsors for their support of the State Bar of Georgia:

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GOLF WITH YOUR FRIENDS....AND HELP A GREAT CAUSE!

Once again, the Law-Related Education Committee presents the 6th Annual Law-Related Education Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will take place on Monday, September 22, 2003 at The Oaks Course in Covington, Georgia, with a shotgun start at High Noon. Lunch, beverages and "goodie bags" will be provided for all players, as well as prizes for the First, Second and Third Place teams. Special prizes are also offered for the Longest Drive and the Closest to the Pin. Raffle tickets are also available for purchase at the tournament. As always, competition will be FIERCE!

The idea behind Law-Related Education is that our community is made stronger by the education of its citizens as to their rights and obligations under the law. Students are taught the reason for laws and our legal system, how the system protects their rights and what their obligations are under the law.

All proceeds from the golf tournament will go to the Law-Related Education Consortium in Athens, Georgia. The Consortium promotes the teaching of law-related education to students, juvenile and first offenders and others in the community. The Consortium's teaching materials are aimed at learners of all levels and age groups in Georgia and are used in regular classes, community education classes, after-school sessions and weekend teaching sessions. Several YLD Committees use these materials in their community outreach efforts. Currently, the Consortium is updating its textbook, and also translating the text into Spanish. This is a very costly endeavor AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! So PLEASE--come on out and play with us!

Of course, if you cannot take the day off, we will still welcome your sponsorship dollars or in-kind donations. Go ahead--promote your office or service! We love golf balls, golf towels, tees, golf shirts, t-shirts or just about any other logo-bearing, advertisement-sporting item you can imagine! We also love creative raffle prizes (don't want to see that play in November that you already bought tickets for? Can't go to that football game with those non-refundable tickets? We'll take them! All donations are tax-deductible.)

A sign-up form is located in this edition of the YLD Newsletter (PAGE 4)--but if you need more information call Melisa Anderson at (404) 221-2222 or Jay Sadd at (404) 255-6677. See you in September!

**REMINDER:**

**Committee memberships expire on June 30. You must sign up for YLD committees each new Bar year.
Renewal for committees is not automatic. Look for new committee brochure in late June.**



Jackson Dodsworth and Pam Ridgway of Esquire Deposition Services, YLD Group Dinner Sponsor, with YLD Board Members Elena Kaplan and Kevin Snyder



YLD President-Elect Andrew Jones, YLD President Derek White, with Jim Shroyer of Lexis Nexis, State Bar of Georgia sponsor

Congratulations to Amy K. Alcock of Hunton & Williams, LLP, who was selected as the 2003 recipient of the H. Sol Clark Pro Bono Award. The Bar's prestigious H. Sol Clark Award is named for former Georgia Court of Appeals Judge Clark of Savannah, who is known as the "father of legal aid in Georgia." The Clark Award honors an individual lawyer who has excelled in one or more of a variety of activities which extend legal services to the poor. Amy is also the co-chair of the YLD Community Services Projects Committee.



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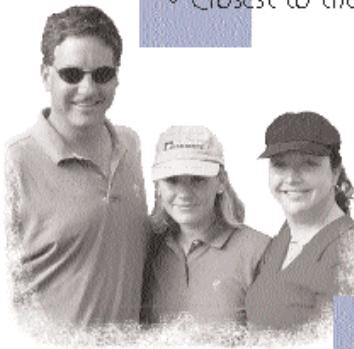
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Entry Deadline:
September 8th 2003

PLAYER'S SECTION

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 We're entering the tournament ~ Please enter us as a team

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Player #2 _____

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**JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM
OFFERS ALTERNATIVES FOR ATTORNEYS
by Michael G. Geoffroy**

In the past, members of the bar dealing with an attorney or judge whose actions have been less than professional have had few options. One could (1) file a complaint with the Office of General Counsel or Judicial Qualifications Commission or (2) do nothing. The Judicial District Professionalism Program (JDPP) offers a middle ground between inaction and filing a formal complaint. JDPP allows an attorney to file an inquiry anonymously and have action taken in a discrete, informal manner. The JDPP seeks to privately resolve the cause of inquiry on an informal basis.

Each Judicial district has its own JDPP committee comprised of the members of the Board of Governors with the longest serving member of each district acting as chair. In addition to the members of the Board of Governors, each JDPP committee has a judicial advisor, who is a judge in that District. The procedure for filing an inquiry works as follows: a member of the bar who is having a problem with the unprofessional conduct of a judge or attorney files an inquiry. The inquiry can be filed with any member of the Board of Governors, Cliff Brashier, State Bar Executive Director, or the intake staff Lawyer with the State Bar Consumer Assistance Program (CAP). The chair of the local JDPP committee is then contacted and a determination is made as to how to best address the unprofessional conduct. Often, a member of the committee calls the attorney or judge to discuss his or her conduct and suggest how it can be improved. The name of the party who initiated the inquiry is not revealed and the JDPP does not issue any reprimand, public or private.

The unprofessional conduct of lawyers which the JDPP seeks to address includes: lack of appropriate respect or deference, abusive discovery practices, incivility, bias, conduct unbecoming a lawyer or judge, consistent lack of preparation, excessive delay, communication problems, deficient practice skills, and other conduct deemed professionally inappropriate. The JDPP does not handle lawyer/client disputes, fee disputes, employment matters, lawyer/vendor disputes or disciplinary matters.

The JDPP is seeking to raise the bar for ethics and professionalism town-by-town and city-by-city. By using local attorneys and judges to encourage professional conduct, the JDPP hopes to prevent formal complaints and litigation. The JDPP's use of respected attorneys and judges to encourage professional conduct will allow local attorneys and judges to solve their problems without going outside the "family." Locality and community are important elements of the JDPP.

The JDPP also provides mentoring and guidance addressing the "best practices" for lawyers and judges and initiates creative programs such as CLE programs, professionalism awards and tributes in memory of local lawyers and judges.

If you wish to make an inquiry or otherwise need JDPP assistance, contact Cliff Brashier, State Bar Executive Director, at (404) 527-8755, or the intake staff Lawyer with the State Bar Consumer Assistance Program by calling (404) 527-8623 or (800) 334-6865. Hopefully, the JDPP can increase professionalism throughout the State, resolve disputes in each local bar and reduce your frustrations.

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HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL

The Georgia High School Mock Trial Program successfully completed its 15th annual state-wide competition this year. During the 2002-2003 season, students from 109 schools in Georgia participated in 15 regional competitions. The 15 regional champions came together on March 15 and 16, 2003, at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville to compete for the state title. The Jonesboro team won the state title for the second year in a row! The Jonesboro team traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana on May 6, 2003 to represent the state of Georgia in competition against over 42 other mock trial teams from around the nation. Georgia won the national title in 1995 and 1999.

The Georgia Mock Trial Program also hosted several special projects throughout the 2002-2003 competition season. During the fourth weekend in November 2002, forty-eight scholars attended the 2002 Law Academy at the University of Georgia Law School. The Law Academy provides intensive training on mock trial rules and procedures to students who will serve as team leaders on the local level. The Mock Trial Program also hosted the Craig Harding Court Artist Contest and the Journalism Contest and this year's winners were respectively, Matt McCann from Decatur High School and Beth Green from Alexander High School.

If you are not already involved with one of the programs sponsored by the High School Mock Trial Committee and would like to become involved in this rewarding program, please contact the mock trial office for more information. The recruitment process runs from the end of June through the Fall. Visit the Georgia High School Mock Trial Program online at our website www.gabar.org/mocktrial.htm.



Special thanks to those who donated to the mock trial program during the 2003 season, including the

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visit our website www.gabar.org/mocktrial.asp
or contact the mock trial office for a registration form
404/527-8779 or mocktrial@gabar.org

Make an impact in your community!

The position of 2nd vice chair of the Georgia High School Mock Trial Committee is currently unfilled. Persons interested in this position should be Georgia Mock Trial Committee veterans, serving as attorney coaches, subcommittee members, regional coordinators or evaluators at the regional or state level. Since the mock trial program is a project of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, there is an age requirement that must be met for all those interested in this position. The person who fills this position may not turn 35 years of age before 30 June 2006. Serving as 2nd vice chair is the beginning of a 3 year commitment to the mock trial program, first as 2nd vice chair during the 2003-04 mock trial season, then as 1st vice chair during the 2004-05 season and culminating in the position of Chair of the Committee during the 2005-06 mock trial season.

It is essential that strong leaders within the mock trial family consider taking on this important commitment to the continued success of the mock trial program in this state. If you or someone you know is interested in serving students throughout the state of Georgia in this capacity, please contact Candace Byrd (404/668-3830) or Stacy Rieke (404/527-8779 or 800/334-6865, ext. 779) or email the mock trial office at mocktrial@gabar.org BEFORE MONDAY, 30 JUNE 2003.





YLD COMMITTEE UPDATES

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS COMMITTEE

During the month of March, the Community Service Projects Committee of the Young Lawyers Division held a Toiletries Drive to benefit domestic violence shelters in Albany, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, and Macon. Katrina Quicker of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP coordinated the Toiletries Drive for the Community Service Projects Committee and several law firms and legal organizations throughout the state hosted collection sites. As a result, the Community Service Projects Committee was able to collect over 100 boxes of toiletries. In addition to toiletries, a computer, furniture, cell phones, and cash were donated. Donations were made to the Partnership Against Domestic Violence, Women's Resource Center of DeKalb County, Decatur Cooperative Ministry, Crossroads Community Ministries, Liberty House of Albany, Augusta Safe House, Columbus Alliance for Battered Women, and Macon Salvation Army Safe House. Overall, the Toiletries Drive was a huge success, and the domestic violence shelters were very appreciative. Thank you to everyone who donated!

On April 26, 2003, the Community Service Projects Committee sponsored a beach cleanup at Daufuskie Island, South Carolina, in conjunction with the YLD Spring Meeting. About 15 younger lawyers and their families helped to fill over 10 trash bags with cans, bottles, shoes, and other interesting debris. Martha Hutton, a community leader who suggested the cleanup, called to thank the volunteers for leaving the beach so much cleaner than they had found it. Many thanks to all the volunteers!

ZOO DAY

On May 17th, 2003, the Community Service Projects Committee of the Young Lawyers Division held its Annual Zoo Day. This was the fourth year in which YLD volunteers chaperoned foster children from the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services around the zoo. This project provided many of these foster children with their first visit to the zoo. The volunteers and children thoroughly enjoyed the event. Thanks to generous sponsorship by Atlanta law firms, we were able to pay for the children's entry tickets, lunch, train ride, carousel ride and souvenirs.



This project would not have been possible without the generous donations provided by:

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MINORITIES IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE

There is an African proverb that says, "There is no success without successors." The YLD's Minorities in the Profession Committee (MIPC) attempted to ensure their success in the profession by hosting a panel discussion for possible successors at Georgia State University's College of Law on March 27, 2003. The Student Outreach subcommittee of the MIPC organized and co-sponsored the panel, discussion entitled "So You Want To Be A Lawyer: What We Did and How We Did It: Georgia State College Law Alumni Speak" with the Black Law Student Association.

The panel featured Donna Johnson, a partner at Neighbors, Lett, & Johnson LLC; Harold Buckley, an associate at Alston & Bird LLP; Felicia McKibben, an assistant solicitor general in Fulton County, and Dorsey Hopson, a staff attorney with Atlanta Public Schools. The panel was organized and moderated by Mawuli Davis, an associate at Troutman Sanders LLP. These distinguished GSU Law alumni spoke to a large group of current undergraduate and law students about their experiences as practicing attorneys. The students commented that the discussion was informative and that they were very appreciative of the attorneys taking the time to come and speak with them. The Dean of the Georgia State University College of Law, Janice Griffith, was also in attendance and expressed her appreciation to the MIPC for sponsoring the event. Summer Henry, a recent graduate of the GSU psychology program stated, "This (the panel discussion) inspired me even more to want to go to law school and become a lawyer." It appears that the program was indeed a success.



Georgia State University School of Law students listen to panelists at a Minorities in the Profession co-sponsored event "So You Want To Be A Lawyer?..."



Panelists and Minorities in the Profession Committee members at the "So You Want To Be A Lawyer?..." Event

Scenes from the Spring YLD Meeting
April 25-27, 2003

Daufuskie Island Club and Resort
Daufuskie Island, South Carolina



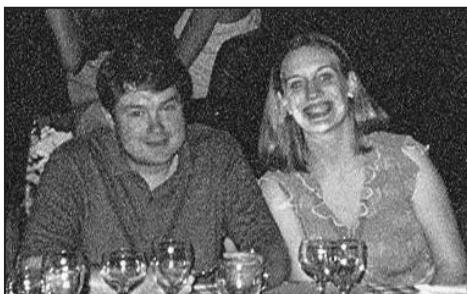
Derek White, YLD President, Pete Daugherty, YLD Immediate Past President, and Andrew Jones, YLD President-Elect, enjoy a game of pool at the Sportsman's Lodge at the YLD Group Dinner



YLD Group Dinner at the Sportsman's Lodge



YLD Past President Joe Dent and David Gruskin, YLD Secretary, kept the Hospitality Suite up-and-running during the meeting



YLD Member Matt Cook and Kate Cook at the YLD Group Dinner

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						Young Lawyers Division Calendar of Events
JULY						
1	New Bar year begins, YLD leadership change takes effect... Sign up for YLD Committees					
4	Happy 4th of July! Bar Office closed					
AUGUST						
7-11	ABA/YLD Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA					
15-17	YLD Summer Meeting; Highlands, NC					
SEPTEMBER						
1	Labor Day- Bar Office Closed					
22	LRE Golf Tournament; Covington, GA					

BAR NIGHT
**presented by the YLD Community Service Committee
and Juvenile Law Committee**



June 24, 2003
6:00pm until ?
Cherry Restaurant & Bar
1051 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta
(404) 872-2020

Suggested Donation \$5*

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Your first Absolut drink, domestic beer, or house wine will be free.

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***All proceeds will benefit the Celebration of Excellence, an annual event celebrating the educational achievements of Georgia's foster children, and the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services.**

For more information, please contact Paul Greenspan at (404) 817-4766, or Paul.Greenspan@ey.com



editor's block

By Laurel P. Landon
Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP

This is my last YLD Newsletter Editor column. I appreciate the opportunity to have served as Newsletter Editor for this publication and to address you on subjects that I felt were important to the YLD and, especially in the case of the last newsletter column, on subjects that were important to me.

I want to thank all of you who have contributed to this newsletter during the last two years. The articles sent to me by members, committee chairs and directors were informative and written so well that it made my job easy. I also want to thank Jackie Indek, the former YLD Director, and Deidra Sanderson, the new YLD Director, who really do the lion's share of the work to bring the newsletter to you. I would also be remiss if I did not thank those in my office (Joy Agee, Donna Parker and Ashley Haines) who help me meet my obligations and without whose assistance I could not function. As always, I am grateful to the attorneys in my law firm who support my efforts and to my husband upon whose support I depend.

I particularly want to thank those who have served as active members of the YLD. Your energy, enthusiasm, commitment and creativity are a source of inspiration to me and everyone around you. As I move forward to serve in other leadership roles in the YLD, I hope that you will continue to serve in such selfless ways. A special thanks to Pete Daugherty and Derek White who allowed me to have this role and whose tenures as YLD Presidents will be a hard act to follow.

As I move on to other challenges in the YLD, my motto will be, to paraphrase John F. Kennedy, Jr., to ask not what the members can do for the YLD, but what the YLD can do for its members. I hope to make some positive changes so that the YLD will better serve its members, the young lawyers of the State of Georgia. To do this in any meaningful way, however, I need your input and your support. I look forward to working with and for you in the future.

Upcoming YLD Meetings:

Summer Meeting: August 15-17, 2003

**Highlands Inn
Highlands, NC**

Fall Meeting: October 3-5, 2003

**Foundry Park Inn & Spa
Athens, GA**

**For more information, contact Deidra F. Sanderson, YLD Director, at (404) 527-8778, or
deidra@gabar.org**