

**Unique Projects Part I**  
**Friday, October 20, 2006**

**Project 1 Title:** Street Youth Advocates of Washington

**Project 1 Description:** This program is a Seattle-based legal program which uses law students and attorneys to provide outreach and legal advocacy to homeless and at-risk youth. The program works with service providers and schools to address civil issues which may be preventing young adults from accessing safe and stable housing and critical services.

**Project 1 Speaker:** Casey Trupin

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**Project 2 Title:** Homeless Experience Legal Project

**Project 2 Description:** The HELP project offers legal assistance primarily at shelters and centers. Its goal is to help the people who are homeless escape homelessness by focusing on a wide variety of matters, including identification cards, qualification for SSI, and other matters related to Hurricane Katrina.

**Project 2 Speaker:** Casey Trupin

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**Project 3 Title:** Town Hall Meetings

**Project 3 Description:** The Virginia Bar Association sponsors meetings across the state focusing on topical issues of interest in a public forum. Many of the programs are broadcast by local public television and radio stations throughout the state to serve the goal of educating the public on important legal issues.

**Project 3 Speaker:** Travis G. Hill

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**Project 4 Title:** Professionalism and Civility in Practice

**Project 4 Description:** This Virginia Bar Association program is designed to provide a forum for young lawyers to discuss ethical dilemmas and help foster professionalism and civility among young lawyers. It involves the creation of several hypothetical situations which are presented to a panel consisting of practitioners and judges. These hypothetical situations allow the panel members to discuss possible outcomes and provide advice to young lawyers on how to handle several difficult situations. The panel also entertains questions in smaller groups after the panel discussion and then holds a formal question and answer session. The seminar provides an environment in which young attorneys could openly ask questions and discuss ethical issues without any hesitation.

**Project 4 Speaker:** Daniel E. Ortiz

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**Project 5 Title:** Tools for Success

**Project 5 Description:** This New Mexico YLD program provides professional training and professional clothing to residents of Dismas House New Mexico. Dismas House New Mexico is a non-profit organization that provides development and support of residences for former prisoners returning to society and facilitates in their rehabilitation. The New Mexico Young Lawyers Division recruits volunteer attorneys to teach seminars on various legal topics to Dismas House residents, including family law, license restoration, landlord/tenant law, employment discrimination and criminal law. In addition, the New Mexico Young Lawyers Division has an annual professional clothing drive. The donated professional clothing is provided to Dismas House residents to assist them in their efforts to obtain gainful employment.

**Project 5 Speaker:** Briana Zamora

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**Project 6 Title:** Shadow Day

**Project 6 Description:** Shadow Day is a program of the Young Lawyers Section Council for the Maryland State Bar Association in which young lawyers accompany high school students to public schools in Baltimore City. The program provides young lawyers with a youth perspective of what it is like to attend a public school in Baltimore, and to gain first hand knowledge of the problems students face as well as their accomplishments. It is followed by an event where the lawyers share their experiences, and where various community organizations are present to describe various volunteer opportunities available to young lawyers.

**Project 6 Speaker:** Marla Zide

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**Project 7 Title:** Pro Bono (Civil)/CJA (Criminal) Workshop

**Project 7 Description:** This workshop, sponsored by the Federal Bar Association Young Lawyers Division of Maryland, is designed to provide younger/newer attorneys the ability to join the misdemeanor and felony panels or CJA lists and gain understanding as to the impact their participation will have on other members of the bar and the clients they will represent. The workshop includes speakers from each area, former award recipients, and current practicing younger lawyers to disseminate information and foster an environment whereby members are interested in participating in the courthouse community and volunteering their services.

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