

ABA/YLD
2003 Spring National Conference Schedule
New Orleans

Wednesday May 14

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Leadership Advisory Board Meeting

Bayou II Room

Thursday May 15

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Director and Coordinator Meeting

Wildcatter Room

1:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Council Meeting

Grand Ballroom

6:30 p.m.

Council Dinner

9:00 p.m.

Social Event - No Ticket Necessary

The Host Committee Welcomes the YLD to New Orleans - escorted, walking groups will depart the ABA YLD Hospitality Suite, Room #1256, every half hour beginning at 9 p.m. Our first stop will be world famous Pat O'Briens - 718 St. Peter Street - Cash Bar. We will plan to be at Cat's Meow (across Bourbon Street) at 11 p.m.

Friday May 16

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Complimentary Continental Breakfast - Exhibit Visitation and Raffle Drawings

Grand Ballroom

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Presenter Orientation

Creole Room

First Timer Orientation

Gold Room

8:45 - 9:00

Opening Remarks and Announcements

Grand Ballroom

9:00 - 10:00

Plenary

Are Lawyers Obsolete: A Perspective on Current Attacks on the Legal Profession - Michael E. Tigar

Co-Sponsored by the Litigation Section

Grand Ballroom

Invasion of attorney-client relations, denial of counsel, secret evidence, proposed military tribunals, and even the new SEC rules have cast a shadow over the legal profession's traditions of independence and self-governance. Michael Tigar has represented many clients in highly visible and controversial cases. He will provide a perspective on the current events facing our profession as well as a proposal for action.

Michael E. Tigar, Annapolis, MD

10:10 – 11:10 a.m.

Affiliate Assistance Program: Creating an Affiliate Newsletter

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Affiliate Programming: The Homeless Court Program: Taking the Court to the Streets

Rex Room

This program examines how the Homeless Court Program of San Diego County was created, why the program is a success, and how advocates can use this model to create innovative programs to assist homeless and impoverished people in their communities. A “how to” manual concerning the Homeless Court Program will be distributed, and the program will fully explain the steps involved in creating a collaborative court so that participants will have sufficient information to replicate the program in their communities. Panelists will also highlight other HCPs currently in existence (or in development) throughout the country, and a portion of the program will focus on how the HCP can be used as a model with application to other programs that serve homeless and impoverished people. A brief 15-minute video that shows the Homeless Court in action will also be shown.

Steven R. Binder, San Diego, CA

William H. Hoch, Oklahoma City, OK

Amy E. Horton-Newell, Washington DC

CLE: Business Law Pro Bono & Public Service: Setting Up A Model Program and Adding to the Bottom Line

Co-Sponsored by the Business Law Section

Gold Room

Pro bono opportunities have been traditionally geared to the private practice litigator. There are a number of in-house counsel and transactional attorneys ready, willing and able to provide pro bono services – but only if they don't involve going to court. The ABA's Business Law Section has created a model business pro bono program designed to tap the resources of these willing attorneys. Program materials include a step-by-step guide and “tool box” of forms.

Kathleen J. Hopkins, Seattle, WA

CLE: How to Cross-Examine - Michael E. Tigar

Co-Sponsored by the Litigation Section

Grand Ballroom

Most advocacy teachers will tell you how NOT to cross-examine – no “why” questions, don't ask too many questions, don't quarrel with the witness, and so on. Michael Tigar has been trying cases for almost forty years, and he regularly breaks every one of these so-called rules. Come and find out why and how.

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Book Signing with Michael E. Tigar author of *Fighting Injustice*

Conference Registration Area

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Member Service Program: Transition into Recovery - A Real Life Journey from Alcoholism and Depression to Becoming a Fully Productive Member of the Legal Community

Gold Room

Presenters will share personal experiences and discuss the opportunities available to attorneys struggling with alcoholism, drug use, gambling addiction, depression and other issues.

John Clark, Dallas, TX

Bob Ferguson, Aspen, CO

CLE: Thru the Client's Eyes

Grand Ballroom

Henry Ewalt has experience in private, corporate and government practice. His thesis is that in all settings, the lawyer's professional and personal future is determined by how well the lawyer develops solid relationships with clients. In today's competitive legal marketplace clients judge their lawyers not exclusively on their competence, but on how they treat their clients. Big firms and solos alike rely on clients coming back and recommending their firm to other potential clients. Client retention—getting clients to hire you again and again—is one of the most important skills a young lawyer can develop. He will share practical advice on building relationships and trust, uncovering unlikely ways to make connections in addition to traditional methods. Mr. Ewalt's presentation is full of effective, take-home, easy-to-implement guidance to assure you will be better equipped to build a professionally successful and personally satisfying practice.

Henry W. Ewalt, Allison Park, PA

12:25 – 1:15 p.m.

Book Signing with Henry W. Ewalt author of *Through the Client's Eyes*

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CLE: Martindale Rating System: 10 Facts Every Lawyer Should Know

Co-Sponsored by Martindale-Hubbell

Grand Ballroom

For over 100 years, the Lawyer Rating System has been an integral part of Martindale-Hubbell's service to the legal community. The goal of this highly valued rating system is to provide unbiased, peer-based ratings for lawyers and law firms within the United States and Canada. Ratings attest to a lawyer's legal ability and professional ethics and reflect the confidential opinions of the Bar and the Judiciary.

In a recent survey, 92% of private practice lawyers and lawyers from corporate law departments polled said the Martindale-Hubbell ratings were important in evaluating a firm and lawyer's capabilities.

Survey by Altman Weil, Inc.

During the session you will learn about the Martindale-Hubbell Rating System, how ratings are established, which organizations require a Rating to become a member, and how lawyers and corporate general counsel evaluate and retain other lawyers in the profession using the Rating System. Most importantly, the Martindale-Hubbell Rating staff will be available to answer your questions regarding the Rating criteria and to assist those who should be entering the Ratings examination process.

Barbara Dooley, New Providence, NJ

Judy Perry Martinez, New Orleans, LA

CLE: The Responsibilities of Schools vs. the Rights of Children [in a Zero Tolerance World]

Gold Room

Attend this panel-based discussion of the growing powers and responsibilities of school administrators and faculty and corresponding diminishing of the rights of students, be they privacy or expression or due process. A hypothetical situation shall be developed involving a student that touches on a number of topics for panel members to discuss, including the effects of zero tolerance, the lowering of privacy expectations, and the curtailing of rights of expression among other rights. The discussion will also include the due process rights of students regarding in-school discipline (from administrators) and out-of-school discipline (from the juvenile justice system). Moreover, the relationship between the systems of in-school discipline and out-of-school discipline shall be explored.

Jimmy Fahrenhotz, New Orleans, LA

Angela C. Vigil, St. Charles, IL

Affiliate Programming: Generation X-Cellence in the Classroom - State Bar of Arizona, YLD

Creole Room

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Cari Gerchick, Phoenix, AZ

Public Service Projects: Junior Judges: Helping Kids Make Smart Choices and Mediators Achieving Peace: A Direction Away from School Violence

Rex Room

Karin Crump Samman, Dallas, TX

The Division's 2002-03 public service projects focus on school violence prevention. Learn about the Division's two projects and how you can implement these important programs in your area.

Junior Judges: Helping Kids Make Smart Choices

The project is curriculum based, with an accompanying thirty minute, MTV style video, aimed at fourth grade students. The project teaches students how to make smart decisions in tough situations, covering all of the following topics: cheating; teasing; destroying property; bullying; stealing; drugs and alcohol; and gangs and weapons. No advance preparation on the part of the volunteer is necessary, and the project takes just two to three hours (over two class periods) to implement. The project is fun, easy to implement and free of cost!! It has enjoyed success and kudos from students and teachers alike in all fifty states and is the 2001-2002 winner of the American Bar Endowment's "Outstanding Public Service Project."

Mediators Achieving Peace: A Direction Away from School Violence

This project was created by two experienced mediators to offer students an acceptable alternative to violence by dealing with the peer pressure that often escalates minor incidents into horrific tragedies simply because kids want to "save face." The two videos, with an accompanying curriculum guide, provide volunteer attorneys with all the information needed to teach a selected group of 10-15 middle school aged students how to mediate student disputes. MAP teaches students to solve differences peacefully and provides them with negotiation and communications skills they can use throughout life.

1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Public Service Projects: Junior Judges: Helping Kids Make Smart Choices

Offsite Presentation at Louise McGedree Elementary School, 2343 Prytania Street – Taxis will leave the hotel immediately following the last sessions. Interested parties should meet in the hotel lobby at 1:30 p.m.

6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

TIPS TOASTS - Young Lawyers Reception

Bailey's Bar, Lobby Level, The Fairmont Hotel

7:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.

Mardi Gras Parade to dinner and dancing at Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World (23 Newton Street). The parade KICKS OFF promptly from outside the hotel at 7:00 p.m.

Bailey's Bar Exit, Lobby Level, The Fairmont Hotel

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Diversity Dialogue (Invitation Required)

Bailey's Room, Lobby Level

9:30 – 10:30

ETHICS CLE: Contempt of Court: A History Lesson

Co-Sponsored by the ABA YLD Ethics and Professionalism Committee

Grand Ballroom

Using as its backdrop the fascinating and heart-breaking tale of an innocent man, a politically motivated southern sheriff, and a state court system refusing to provide justice equally, this program explores the threats and consequences of a profession left unchecked and unregulated by professional standards. Based on the story of Ed Johnson, a young, poor and illiterate black man lynched in Tennessee after being wrongfully convicted of raping a white woman, and the book Contempt of Court which tells of Johnson's case and the events surrounding it, this program explores whether and how professional standards governing the conduct of prosecutors, judges, and private and appointed defense lawyers might have saved Ed Johnson's life. Most importantly, this program teaches that rules of professional conduct must be closely considered as affecting the protection of the innocent, the influence of politics on jurisprudence, and the development of liberties that protect the accused and society at large.

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Ralph Monaco, New London, CT

Sonia Miller-Van Oort, Minneapolis, MN

Seth Mendelsohn, Harrisburg, PA

Member Service Program: Financial Survival: What Young Lawyers Need to Know For Themselves and Their Clients

Co-Sponsored by the American Bar Endowment

Creole Room

Join the American Bar Endowment for a discussion of the financial issues young lawyers address in their practices and own lives, including debt repayment, retirement planning, first-time home purchases and related issues .

Kelly Abeles, Chicago, IL

Ronald A. Gold, Chicago, IL

Tim Pfeiffer, Chicago, IL

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CLE: Opposite Sides of the Litigation Pond

Grand Ballroom

This session looks at the differences between the two common-law litigation systems and focuses on the experiences of attorneys, solicitors and barristers in the London offices of U.S. firms and the U.S. offices of UK firms. The program will also include current job opportunities in litigation in each jurisdiction.

Adrian A. Barham, Bristol, United Kingdom
N. Tre Critelli, Des Moines, IA
Joe Hurd, Arlington, VA
Burgess Salmon, Bristol, United Kingdom

Nick Armstrong, London, United Kingdom
John Farrell, London, United Kingdom
Ben Rigby, London, United Kingdom

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Affiliate Forum (Open to Invited Affiliate Chair or Invited Affiliate Representative)

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Member Service Program: Life in the Balance: The Discussion Continues

Creole Room

At the Midyear Meeting in Seattle, guest panelists offered their thoughts on challenges to practice in the twenty-first century, including lawyers' continuing struggle to balance professional and personal life. As a follow-up to that event, the Member Service Team will lead a group discussion of effective strategies for finding balance at home and in the workplace. Bring your own concerns and success stories – we want to hear from you! This discussion will also serve as a model for affiliates seeking to begin similar dialogues with their members.

Christina Plum (moderator), Brinamwood, WI

Mary-Alice Barrett, Morristown, NJ
Jim Seward, Belle Fourche, SD

O'Kelly McWilliams, Washington, DC
Amy Wochos, Milwaukee, WI

Deb Moore, Meridan, CT

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CLE: Opening the Door and Closing the Deal

Grand Ballroom

This program is designed to assist young lawyers, and in particular women, in developing the networking and marketing skills they will require to be able to succeed in the highly competitive arena of legal marketing. From associates striving to make partner to solo and small firm practitioners, virtually all attorneys need to improve their ability to demonstrate their skills to those in need of their services.

Tanya E. Chatton, Houston, TX Jennifer L. McClellan, Richmond, VA
Amy Cashore Mariani, Cambridge, MA Mary E. Mouton, New Orleans, LA

CLE: The Responsible Attorney - Ethics and Malpractice

Co-Sponsored by MLM PROLEGIA Ins. Co.

Wildcatter Room

As a new attorney in practice you will likely have three malpractice claims asserted against you over the course of your career -- and even more if you practice in the area of personal injury. Find out some of the common malpractice traps affecting new attorneys and how to avoid them. Compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct and malpractice avoidance go hand-in-hand. This course will show you how to use the rules of ethics to establish a firm-wide program that will substantially reduce your risk of a malpractice claim.

Timothy J. Gephart CPCU, Minneapolis, MN
Todd C. Scott JD, Minneapolis, MN

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Closing Ceremony and Prize Raffle

Grand Ballroom

11:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

TICKETED SOCIAL EVENT

Bourbon Vieux Balcony - 501 Bourbon Street

(Must PRESENT Pre-Purchased Ticket for Entrance - No Exceptions)