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IN CLOSING...

As I sit down to write what will be my last Young Lawyers Section (YLS) column, I am reminded that time flies! I joined the YLS Executive Council in 2006, and it’s hard to believe that eight years have passed. Since then, I’ve changed my last name, given birth to two adorable little boys and changed jobs more than once. Thanks to the YLS, by the time this goes to print, I will have attended nine Annual Meetings of the State Bar of Nevada, assisted in the planning of five Trial Academies and traveled to five annual meetings of the American Bar Association! Along the way, I have had the tremendous pleasure of meeting and working with so many outstanding members of the State Bar of Nevada and lawyers across the country.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank the State Bar of Nevada and YLS leadership for those opportunities. So with that, a big thanks to my fellow YLS Executive Council Members, both past and present, in addition to our Board of Governors and everyone at the State Bar of Nevada. It has truly been a pleasure to serve with all of you and to assist the YLS with its continuing mission to foster educational opportunities for Nevada’s youth and to facilitate professional development for new lawyers as they transition into practice.

I would also kick myself if I did not encourage all of you to get involved somehow. Some of my most fulfilling moments as a lawyer have taken place outside of the office, beyond the typical work day. Fortunately, more and more attorneys are recognizing our social responsibility to give back to our communities by providing pro bono legal services. There is an

undeniable and overwhelming need for more of us to provide pro bono assistance to those going through unfortunate times. In addition to doing pro bono work, many of our state and local bar organizations also offer opportunities to give back by participating in educational and mentoring programs, charitable drives and day-long community outreach projects, where seniors and veterans can seek guidance regarding estate planning and available benefits. In fact, the YLS alone offers all of these opportunities!

In the coming months, the YLS will again be seeking members interested in serving on various committees dedicated to the education of Nevada’s youth, as well as professional development for members of the YLS. The opportunities are numerous and the time commitments required for each can vary significantly. When the time comes, I encourage each of you to consider applying to chair a YLS project or program. In addition to the personal satisfaction of helping someone else, your efforts will be met with the chance to meet other like-minded individuals who just might turn into friends, referral sources or future employers. If you have questions regarding the responsibilities or amount of work involved, please reach out to any one of the members of the YLS Executive Council – we are proud of the programs we have built and happy to share the details. If you are interested or have questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me at kworks@egletwall.com or incoming YLS Chair, Matt Digesti (mdigesti@fclaw.com) and Chair-Elect, Layke Stolberg (Layke.Stolberg@unlv.edu). ■