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The American Bar Association’s (ABA) Young Lawyers Division (YLD) has more than 150,000 members and 300 affiliated groups. It is the largest young lawyers’ organization in the world. Each year, the ABA YLD has several meetings throughout the country that are dedicated to improving the law, the practice and the profession for young lawyers. These conferences bring together similarly positioned professionals to tackle important issues and provide tools and opportunities for future success and to connect young lawyers.

This spring, May 12-14, 2011, the ABA YLD will be hosting its Spring Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. That’s right – in our backyard. More than 250 lawyers from different jurisdictions, states and even countries will gather in our great city to network, program and educate. From past events, I can say that this conference is a great way to meet potential referral sources, peers practicing in different regions or perhaps colleagues and friends with whom you are already acquainted. Moreover, many of those in attendance are future leaders of our profession and country.

As a member of the planning committee, I have graciously volunteered the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Nevada to help host a welcome reception on Thursday, May 12, 2011. I would encourage all young lawyers to try to attend and interact with the many dynamic individuals who will be on hand. The social events are always held at the most luxurious locations and, with this year’s event taking place in Las Vegas, there are plenty of locations for us to choose from. For no other reason, join us to

taste the food, to drink, to take in the ambiance and welcome other young lawyers to this place we call home.

On Friday morning (during the serious portion of the weekend), the YLD will open its conference with a guest speaker, who will hopefully be our own Mayor Oscar Goodman — always a crowd pleaser. The conference and CLE program will go all day Friday with a formal dinner that evening for conference participants. The conference and CLE continue Saturday morning and conclude around noon, at which time everyone is free to enjoy Las Vegas and its surroundings.

For those staying through Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, there will be several suggested activities in which to participate throughout Clark County; these will be set forth in the program materials. Indeed, this month when I attend the mid-year meeting in Atlanta I have been given five minutes to talk up Las Vegas and create some excitement surrounding this conference.

If you would like to participate on our planning committee, if you have any interest in sponsorships for this event or if you have any ideas on how we can make this year’s ABA YLD Spring Conference the best of all, please reach out and contact me. Otherwise, I hope you can join us for all, or part, of this important event.

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