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RESOLUTIONS FOR 2010: Get Involved and Grow Into Future Leaders

By now, like many people worldwide, perhaps you have made resolutions for 2010 and even already broken some of them. Traditionally, the start of the new calendar year is often seen as an opportune time to ask ourselves what it is we will do in the coming year that will be really meaningful to ourselves and to others. Have the ghosts of Christmas past and future visited and inspired you to change something in your life? What have you learned from the past that you will use to create a better future? What will you do that will have a long and potentially significant positive impact on others, maybe even other lawyers?

One thing you can do to “change the world,” or at least our statewide legal community in 2010 and beyond, is to get involved with your state bar. Find a section with a specialty in your practice area or area of interest to you and join. State Bar of Nevada sections now include Young Lawyers, Administrative Law, Gaming Law and Public Lawyers, among others. Another way to get involved is to seek appointment to one of the state bar’s various committees such as the Publications Committee, the Board of Bar Examiners or the Access to Justice Commission. This can be a wonderful way to “give back” and work with very talented colleagues statewide.

Speaking of changing the world, you could help us in our enthusiastic launch of this year’s national public service project, They Had a Dream Too: Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. This amazing project is designed to educate and inspire students to learn about the civil rights movement and the

young people who made a difference through their courageous and selfless acts. The inspiring program focuses on young leaders who changed the world between 1950 and 1960 by working toward equality for all in the law. You can view the film at www.abanet.org/yld/thadt. We are currently considering exciting and effective ways to implement the project in Nevada, including presentations in high school classrooms or during school assemblies, at local recreation centers, in conjunction with events for Law Day (May 1), Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month, and maybe even through mock trial programs and the YLS Trial Academy at the State Bar of Nevada Annual Meeting in June 2010. This wonderful information we are seeking to bring to Nevada will enrich the educations of our students and ignite in them the enthusiasm and belief that they too can make a difference. They are, after all, America’s future leaders. If you’re interested in working on this exciting project, please let me know by e-mail at lgranier@lionelsawyer.com.

Happy New Year! I hope 2010 brings you health and happiness and the motivation to get involved or to stay involved in making a difference to others in our community, state and world. Heed the wise words of Dr. Seuss: “Young cat! If you keep your eyes open enough, oh the stuff you will learn! The most wonderful stuff!” So, keep your eyes open for those opportunities to get involved and to see what wonderful things you can learn and share with others by doing so. ■