



**“The members of the armed forces have served us;
now it is time for us to serve them.”**

Young Lawyers

BY PAOLA ARMENI, Young Lawyers Chair

UPCOMING YLS PROGRAMS

Project Salute:

The Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Nevada is pleased to announce that it has joined forces with Nevada Legal Services and the Access to Justice Commission to implement the ABA Young Lawyers Division 2011-12 national public service project, Project Salute. The Inauguration of Project Salute will take place on Monday, November 12, 2012, in both Las Vegas and Reno. This will be an all-day event, during which veterans will be able to view a multimedia educational video and then meet individually with volunteer lawyers. The lawyers will guide the former service members through various requirements and eligibility for federal veterans' benefits and help them to complete applications.

To participate in Project Salute, volunteer lawyers must be accredited by the Veterans Benefit Administration or Department of Veterans Affairs and attend a several-hour training session. VA accreditation requires completion of the VA Form 21a. As this process can take up to 60 days, the YLS section members will begin gathering volunteers in the summer months. Once a lawyer secures accreditation, that accreditation will not expire. Following accreditation, volunteer attorneys will be asked to participate in a training session. Volunteers will receive continuing legal education credit for the training session. Simultaneous training sessions will take place in Reno and Las Vegas several weeks prior to the November 12 clinic.

Project Salute represents an opportunity for lawyers to express appreciation and gratitude to the brave members of our armed forces who have served us with honor and dedication and who have sacrificed so much to ensure our safety and liberty. The members of the armed forces have served us; now it is time for us to serve them. If you are interested in participating in this program, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at parmeni@gordonsilver.com.

Trial Academy

The time has once again come for the 3rd Annual Trial Academy. The Trial Academy will take place June 28 through June 30 at the State Bar of Nevada Annual Meeting on Coronado Island, near San Diego, California. The Trial Academy provides attorneys with a great opportunity to learn and/or sharpen their trial skills. The program focuses on themes and theories, opening statements, direct and cross examination, jury instructions and closing arguments. It allows one-on-one interaction with some of the most elite trial lawyers in the state, as well as many respected members of the judiciary.

On this year's esteemed faculty are: Supreme Court justices Nancy Saitta and James Hardesty; District Court judges Elissa Cadish, Mark Denton, Valerie Adair, Rob Bare, Linda Bell, Susan Johnson, David Wall (Ret.) and Steven Kosach; Justice Court judge Diana Sullivan; experienced practitioners Dominic Gentile, Laura FitzSimmons, Rene Valladares, Scott Coffee, Kathy England, Andrew Gordon, Alzora Jackson, Mark Gunderson and Rob Dotson.

This program should not be missed. Registration is limited, so register early at www.nvbar.org/annualmeeting.

Farewell

In closing, as this is my last column as the chair of the Young Lawyers Section, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve this section. It has been an honor and I am very proud of what the Young Lawyers Section has accomplished in the six years that I have been on the council. I welcome the new chair, Jeremy Reichenberg, who will begin sending his messages in the July issue of *Nevada Lawyer*. Jeremy's leadership and commitment will continue to take the Young Lawyers Section to new heights. ■