

# Young Lawyers

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## GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

If you're looking to network, develop skills that will improve your practice and give back to the community, I urge you to get involved with the Young Lawyers Section. The YLS also provides young lawyers great opportunities for leadership within the section. Below are a few of the opportunities coming up in spring and summer of 2016.

### Trial Academy

The Trial Academy is a three-day program that will take place at the state bar's 2016 Annual Meeting in Waikoloa, Hawaii, from June 30 to July 1. Over the course of the program, participants receive group-session instruction on themes and theories, voir dire, opening statements, direct and cross-examination, jury instructions and closing arguments. After each general session, participants are divided into smaller break-out groups to present mock voir dire, openings, witness examinations and closing arguments. Throughout each mock presentation, instructors provide participants with individual mentoring and feedback. The success of the program is the result of our fantastic instructors, including Supreme Court justices, judges and experienced attorneys. This summer, the program will focus on a civil case. For the first time ever, this year scholarships will be available to help participants cover the costs (registration and travel) of attending the Trial Academy in Hawaii. Stay tuned for news alerts from the State Bar of Nevada for more on the scholarships and how to apply.

### The Trial of Goldilocks

Throughout the spring, young lawyers can volunteer to spend an hour at a local school teaching children about the legal system through the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The presentation consists of a 40-minute DVD presentation, depicting what might happen if Goldilocks were brought to trial for her actions at the Three Bears' house on that fateful night in the woods. You will be provided with a script to help you walk through the DVD with the students. Next, you'll participate in "jury deliberation" with the students, followed by a tabulation of their votes, and a short question-and-answer session.

The Goldilocks program is a fun and easy way to give back to your community that doesn't require a big time commitment. The program goes on through the full school year, so we can always work around your schedule and will be able to give plenty of notice prior to presentation dates and times.

**If you are interested in volunteering in southern Nevada, contact Alisa Cooley at [cooleya@unlv.nevada.edu](mailto:cooleya@unlv.nevada.edu); to volunteer in northern Nevada, contact Chandeni Sendall at [chandenikgill@gmail.com](mailto:chandenikgill@gmail.com).**

### Socials and CLE Seminars

The YLS hosts CLE seminars at a discounted rate for YLS members, plus regularly scheduled socials in both Las Vegas and Reno. To keep updated on upcoming events, follow the YLS Facebook page and the YLS list serv (access to the list serv is available for YLS members). To make sure that you are a member and receiving updates, be sure to select join or renew membership in the YLS when submitting annual bar dues.

### Leadership

Each May, the YLS sends a call out for volunteers to chair committees and to serve on the Executive Council. There are nine Executive Council positions representing four districts: southern Nevada, northern Nevada, Carson City and rural Nevada. Each Executive Council member serves a two-year term. Committee chairs oversee projects including Goldilocks, Project Salute, Serving Seniors, the Newsletter and section socials.

**If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with the Young Lawyers Section, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [layke.martin@unlv.edu](mailto:layke.martin@unlv.edu).**

I look forward to seeing you at a YLS event soon! **NL**