

Young Lawyers

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Elders are valued for their wisdom and experience, acquired and refined over a lifetime. As the 2017-2018 chair for the Young Lawyers Section (YLS), it is a privilege to publish my first article in the elder law issue of *Nevada Lawyer*.

As a young lawyer, I've come to realize that life is all about experience, but experience takes time to gain, and its acquisition requires a great deal of patience. The very mission of the YLS is to provide opportunities through which young lawyers may gain experience. One of our primary goals is to create future bar leaders by providing young attorneys with opportunities to participate in various mentorship programs, charity events and networking events.

By participating in the YLS, you will have the opportunity to gain experience. After graduating from law school in 2009, I've made the following observations during my participation in the YLS:

- Do Good Work
- Be Respectful
- Be Polite

EXPERIENCE

Laugh
Learn From Your Mistakes
Get Better
Be Empathetic
Be Motivated
Listen
Ask Questions
Seek Out Mentors
Be Succinct
Be Honest
Be Fair
Be Reasonable
Work Hard
Strive for Success
Be Patient
Make Goals
Meet Goals
Make New Goals
Get Involved
Be Sincere
Give Back
Be Confident
Be Prepared
Find Balance
Practice

Believe In Yourself
Believe In Others
Participate
Stay Active
Follow Through
Show Up

This list is in no way meant to be exhaustive. Never forget that your biggest failures in life can be your best learning experiences. Have faith in yourself and your abilities. Conquer your fears. Understand that in the blink of an eye time will pass, and you will make the transformation from a young attorney to a seasoned attorney. Enjoy that transition.

On behalf of the YLS, I'd like to welcome you to the State Bar of Nevada and encourage you to get involved. I promise you that in the process, you will gain some experience. Also, never forget to "listen to your elder's advice ... not because they are always right, but because they have more experience of being wrong." – Author Unknown. **NL**

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observing, encouraging,
practical knowledge, skill
resulted in understanding
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