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Message From the YLD Chair... Annual Convention Defies Convention



by Bryan Biedscheid
YLD Chair

annual convention in Durango, Colorado?"

I asked, "Is that the same James McElhaney that writes the article 'Trial Notebook' in the American Bar Association's Journal of the Section of Litigation? I think the Journal is titled *Litigation*."

Brahma answered, "I am not positive that it is the same James McElhaney and so I would never make that representation to you, Bryan. However, I think that it is the same guy and, if it is, it would be really stupid to miss his talk on Thursday, June 14, 2001."

I wistfully pondered the prospect

I could see Brahma running across my office parking lot as I looked out my window. Seconds later, he burst into my office breathing heavily. "Bryan," he exhaled, "did you hear that James McElhaney is speaking at the

of hearing McElhaney speak and I considered writing a rip-off parody of his article in this issue of the *New Mexico Bar Journal*. When I was struggling to prepare for my first bench trial, it was McElhaney's article that explained effective methods for pulling a case together for presentation to the court. And when I found myself frustrated with and demoralized by the cookie-cutter approach applied in the National Institute of Trial Advocacy course, it was McElhaney's Fall 2000 article that welcomed me back into the fold of trial advocates.

"Bryan," Brahma queried, "are you alright? You have been gazing blankly at your *Bar Bulletin* for a frightening period of time."

"I'm fine. I was just staring at the advertisement for the Annual Convention and wondering if I could fit a three-day pilgrimage to see McElhaney into my June schedule. You know, as a young lawyer, there are so many demands on my time," I whined.

Brahma scoffed, "it's not just about James McElhaney, Bryan. It's a three-day celebration of life and the profession. It's an informative carnival that travels the country and McElhaney is its headliner in Durango. In the legal counterculture movement, they call the convention 'Law-Law Palloosa' and it's a lifestyle statement! Anyway, you can earn all of your continuing legal education credits for the year by

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by **Ann M. Utterback, Editor**
of *In Brief*

Note from the Editor

We are pleased to add a new section to our regular features of *In Brief*, the Young Lawyer of the Quarter. What we envision for this article each quarter is to highlight something that a young lawyer is doing. For instance, in this issue we discuss Al Park, an Albuquerque young lawyer who recently was elected to the state legislature. We would also like to use the Young Lawyer of the Quarter to put the spotlight on a young lawyer who is simply doing a good job. So, please send in your ideas for this section to me at amulaw@aol.com or call me at 299-6481.

We are always looking for ideas for this newsletter. We are really pressing with this issue to have you contact us with your ideas for the newsletter in general and specifically for our Where to Find It section which directs our young lawyers to forms, "how to" tips and other interesting tidbits and our newest section, the Young Lawyer of the Quarter. So please contact me with your ideas!

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attending the shows that are being held on four separate stages throughout each day! And there is this crazy guy, Mr. Lifo, that I hear is teaching the 2001 Professionalism Course entitled 'The Case of the Silent Alarm!' That is a good use of your time!"

"Four separate stages – Law-Law Palloozza!" I exclaimed as I jumped up out of my chair. "I can't wait!" But then I slumped back into my chair as I thought of the interminable wait until June 14 when the convention starts. "Brahma, I can't wait for more than two months to experience that crazy-yet-educational atmosphere and get a chance to meet fellow attorneys and their families outside of the normal professional context. It's just too long!"

Brahma, with great compassion, said, "Bryan, you've got a case of convention fever but Dr. Brahma's got the cure. You see, Bryan, that with your hectic trial schedule the last half of February, you forgot that you are chair of the State Bar Young Lawyers Division. Remember that the division runs a variety of beneficial and interesting programs that offer the same sort of networking and learning experiences as are available at convention. You can

participate in any division program and be rewarded on a professional and personal level."

"But Brahma," I pleaded, "that is fine for me but what about other members of the bar that share my disease? What are they supposed to do?"

"Well, Bryan, I imagine that they could just call you at 982-1947 and tell you that they are interested in getting involved in the division's activities. You would, no doubt, be able to offer them a wide variety of volunteer activities from which to choose, if only they would call to inquire. Heck, I bet they could e-mail you at bbiedscheid@catronlaw.com, and communicate with you that way. They could all experience the cure."

"I better get back to work, Brahma," I said. "I have so much work to do and I want to get it done because I know that every member of the division is going to call me soon and ask how they can get involved. I'm going to be busy. I am also going to need all of my spare time to defend against McElhaney's copyright infringement claim."

"Too right," Brahma said and left me to my work.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR CALL IN PROGRAM APRIL 28.



This program allows young lawyers to give helpful legal information to callers over the telephone. If interested call:

Lisa Chavez (768-7396)

Albuquerque

Kyle Finch (326-4521)

Farmington

Dianna Luce (397-2496)

Hobbs

Kea Riggs (622-5440)

Roswell

David Overstreet (437-5800)

Alamogordo and Las Cruces.

CALENDAR

April 28:

Call In Program, Alamogordo, Albq, Farmington, Hobbs, Las Cruces

June 16:

YLD Long Range Planning, Durango, CO at the Convention

50 Hot Technology Tips for Solo and Small Firm Practitioners (Part 3 of 4)

by Reid F. Trautz
and Thomas Grella
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Editor's note: This is the third in a four-part series on hot technology tips (#18-31). The next issue of *In Brief* will feature the remaining tips.

TRANSFER INFORMATION

18. Although many state bar ethics rules and opinions do not require you to use encrypted or secure email when communicating with clients, you may decide on a case-by-case basis whether to use such protection. It's a good idea to always check with clients to see if they prefer such protection. If you or your clients decide to use secure email, check with online services such as www.zixmail.com or www.verisign.com.

19. Have a copy of Microsoft Word available. If you use a non-Microsoft office suite (such as Lotus Millennium or WordPerfect Office 2000), I recommend that you purchase at least one copy of Microsoft Word for your office. In prior years, WordPerfect was overwhelmingly the most popular suite used in the legal profession. This, however, has been gradually changing over the past several years. In addition, the most popular suite among other professions and businesses is the Microsoft product. Unfortunately, as Microsoft changes its products, they make sure that your old competing products (and even older versions of their own products) cannot convert documents created with their newer software. Expect clients to be sending e-mail attachments created in the most recent version of Word. You will need to be able to convert them to your own word processing product, or in the alternative have a copy of the most recent version of Word.

20. Draft a written email policy for clients to clarify the use of email in your attorney-client relationship. The written policy is meant to control the client's expectations and set forth how you deal with email. In today's fast-moving world of almost instant communication, clients are expecting immediate answers to emails. (It didn't used to be like this with the postal service.) Despite the client's expectations, such emails may require thought and, possibly, research. If your

client understands that you may take several days to respond to an important e-mail, the client will not become impatient "waiting" for you to respond.

21. Get your own digital camera. Many law firms spend extensive amounts of capital hiring "professionals" to do what can be done by staff already compensated by the firm. For example, a law firm may desire to create a web site whereby all attorneys within the firm have a thumbnail photo linking to a larger picture and resume. You may find that price quotes on digital pictures by a professional photographer are quite high. If you are like my firm, we found that it would be less expensive to purchase our own digital camera for use in creating our web site. I invite you to view our web site at www.mwbavl.com. I believe you will find the quality of pictures of our building and our attorneys quite high. The total cost was less expensive than what would have been charged by a photographer. In addition, we now have a digital camera, available for use in updating/changing our web site, use in litigation matters, use at firm social functions and use at an occasional ABA meeting event.

22. Sign up for the totally free eFax service. It is available at www.eFax.com. This web site contains another one of those services which you may find astounding that it is without charge. By signing up, it will be possible to receive faxes and voice mail, whether you are on the road, at the office, or working from home. For many attorneys, voice mail at the office is already a given. The fax machine is no different. I have found that the services of eFax are still helpful at home, and when I am out of town. Once you sign up, you are assigned a personal fax number and a password. Upon sign up you also download free software for conversion of faxes and e-mail to playable soundtrack or readable form, respectively. The person desiring to send you a fax or e-mail simply dials the unique phone number (one drawback is that the number is not a number local to your home town) and sends the fax, or leaves a voice message. The fax or message is then sent to your regular e-mail address. When the e-mail is opened, the software converts the fax or voice mail to readable form, or sound track, respectively. For an addi-



tional cost of \$2.95 per month, this service can be upgraded to allow you a way to send faxes for no additional charge per fax, and additionally have faxes received converted to text by use of optical character recognition (also at no additional charge per fax received). The premium service also allows for you to choose a local number, if desired, for receipt of faxes.

23. Increase your visibility to potential clients, former law school classmates, or anyone else who may want to contact you professionally. Make sure you have at least a free biographical listing at legal directory web sites, such as www.lawyers.com and www.lawoffice.com. These are the Martindale-Hubbell's of the 21st century—don't be left behind. An informational web page about your practice is also becoming necessary, but only if it reflects the quality of your practice. Creating a page yourself can be accomplished using free online services such as, www.findlaw.com or www.homestead.com. However, you may also decide to engage the services of a professional web designer familiar with the needs of lawyers and their clients.

24. Protect your system from hackers. If you have any connection to the Internet, and especially if you have a permanent connection, pay for "Black Ice" and download it from www.networkice.com. After establishing a permanent connection to the Internet, our firm found that we were experiencing at least nine hack attempts each week. We did not know this until we downloaded, and began to use, Black Ice. This software recognizes attacks, denies access and

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identifies the source. Our firm now has a policy of sending warning letters to those who have made attempts on our system. We have found that many hackers are students at colleges and universities. If you have a static IP address at home (such as with a cable modem, as opposed to dial-up), I recommend that you think about downloading this software at home. In the event that you are accessing your office Virtual Private Network from home, it would be quite dangerous not to have this software loaded on your home computer. In such a case, without it loaded, entry into your VPN from home can open the office system to attack, even though you have Black Ice running at the office.

25. High Speed Internet Access. Many small firms are still using dial-up services or dedicated telephone lines for access to the Internet. For certain types of remote access, these forms of access are still quite useful. The business of practicing law, however, is getting more and more Internet dependent. Clients expect immediate service and response with e-mail. Clients expect immediate answers to questions, and the information attorneys use to help them give advice is now more and more likely to be found on the Internet. Consider moving toward a DSL line or wireless connection. If available, consider a cable modem at work. If only available at your home, access the Internet with a cable service (such as the "At Home" network), and try and do in-depth research away from the office.

26. Take time to learn MSPowerpoint or CorelPresentations, or designate a person in your office to learn one of these programs. Then create computer presentations for clients, marketing information for potential clients, or any other time you need to communicate ideas. Studies show adults learn more with visual presentations.

27. Scan all e-mail attachments. Scan all e-mail attachments with a reliable anti-virus software product such as Norton Anti-virus or McAfee Anti-virus. Even though you may feel that the source of an e-mail is quite reliable, the systems of others may be infected without the knowledge of the owner. If the computer you use is attached to a network system (such as an NT server), the e-mail attachment will be originally located on the server, and not locally on your computer's hard drive. If you are not operating on such a network, the e-mail

attachment will be located on your computer hard drive, upon receipt. Prior to attempting to scan the attachment, I recommend that you quickly download it to a floppy disk in your A: drive. When you run your scan, you can simply scan the A: drive disk, instead of the complete hard drive, cutting down on the time necessary to perform the operation.

28. Many state and federal courts are investigating the advantages of filing court documents electronically via the web. Some courts already have completed pilot projects with resounding success. Is your firm ready for this monumental change? Be indispensable to your firm by making yourself the expert on this new way of doing business. For more information check our www.justicelink.com or www.westfile.com.

29. Take advantage of free Internet services. Even if you are presently making use of high speed access to the Internet at your office you can still take advantage of these services when you are out of town, or when your primary service is not responding. One relatively high-speed service may be found at www.freewwwweb.com. I have configured this service on my laptop to be used without having to endure annoying advertisements during use. It has always connected at speeds of 115,200kbps, which is a faster connect speed than many dial up services. Prior to leaving town, connect to the [freewwwweb.com](http://www.freewwwweb.com) Web site to obtain the local dial in number for the city to which you are traveling.

30. Use free phone services available on the web. If you not on a network, but have high speed access to the Internet, consider use of www.dialpad.com to reduce your long distance telephone expense. At dialpad.com, you can take advantage of completely free telephone service, over the Internet. All you need to purchase is a headset with microphone. Of course, you will not likely want to use this service for your most important calls during your busy day. However, as the quality of the service increases over the future, I expect that general long distance telephone services will reduce prices. Unfortunately, dialpad.com will not operate through network firewalls.

31. With the cost of computers dropping, many lawyers are purchasing new computers, then donating their old computers to charitable organizations. Before you do, consult your bar rules and ethics opinions to avoid potential ethics

violations. Most likely, the computer hard drive contains confidential client information. Some bars require that you keep client files and/or trust account records for a minimum period of time, often three to five years. Unless you're sure you have a hard copy of all this information, you should save the information contained on the hard drive. You can transfer it to your new computer's hard drive, or make a complete back-up via Zip drive, tape drive, CD-RW, etc. Now the tough part: Donating or discarding the computer without properly discarding the information contained on hard-drive may violate your jurisdiction's confidentiality rule. Just deleting everything on the hard drive probably is not enough, as the information can be easily restored and viewed. You should take reasonable additional steps to make sure the information remains confidential. In most instances, the best thing to do is to reformat the hard-drive or use a software utility that "wipes" the hard drive clean. Try Shredder95 or Eraser (from East Tech), shareware programs are about \$20 each and available from Zdnet at http://www.zdnet.com/swlib/utilities/file_utilities.html. If the information on your hard drive is VERY sensitive, then consider removing the hard drive from the computer; keep the hard drive or physically destroying it. Yes, it significantly reduces the value of your donation, but isn't it better to be safe than sorry? (You can also buy an inexpensive new hard drive to make your donation complete.)

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Message From The ABA/YLD Representative:

by **H. Nicole Schamban**
District 23
Representative
to the ABA

Come join the ABA/YLD for the upcoming National Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. Denali (known in the lower 48 as Mt. McKinley); Prince William Sound; Columbia Glacier; Turnagain Arm; Kenai Fjord Don't miss a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Besides the breathtaking scenery, the Anchorage conference will continue the ABA's programming themes and focus on

public service efforts, outreach to local bar organizations, bar leadership, member service, professional development, and continuing legal education. The dates are May 10 to 13, 2001. For more details and information about possible partial reimbursement, contact me or log onto www.abanet.org/yld.

Where to Find It ? Using the Internet to Find a Job

by **H. Nicole Schamban**
District 23 Representative
to the ABA

One of the themes continually discussed at the YLD National Conferences is technology. Technology can help you in many ways, and, in particular, in finding a job. There has been a great deal of publicity in recent years about trends in alternative career paths for lawyers. More and more lawyers are pursuing endeavors outside the law or choosing to make major lifestyle changes, including part-time legal work.

Many lawyers today are working part-time on either a reduced salary or hourly basis, while some are seeking flexible-time arrangements with their employers. Lawyers now have the option of securing temporary legal work through various legal staffing companies, or can seek project-specific assignments on a contract basis.

Employers are beginning to recognize their employees' needs for flexibility in the work place and are seeing the advantages of employing part-time lawyers, which helps avoid over-staffing, thereby reducing overhead as caseloads fluctuate.

So how do you go about looking for the perfect, flexible job

arrangement? The traditional job hunting methods – networking, word-of-mouth, the classifieds, headhunters, and cold calls – are now being replaced by the Internet. An explosion of employment opportunities in the legal profession is now available on your computer. In addition, legal recruiting via the Internet is gaining momentum.

A good place to start looking for a legal job is the Law Employment Center (www.lawjobs.com). This web site is also useful for employers looking to recruit lawyers, paralegals, and legal secretaries. It includes lists of legal recruiters, advertisements, surveys of what lawyers earn, recent articles about employment trends in the law, and a profile of the country's largest law firms.

Other web sites, not necessarily specific to the legal field, include America's Job Bank (www.ajb.dni.us); Career Mosaic (www.careermosaic.com); Careerpath (www.careerpath.com); E-span (www.espan.com); and Online Career Center (www.occ.com).

Using the Internet to seek employment opportunities allows you to become more informed. For example, a lawyer in New Mexico can learn that a part-time position has just become available in Florida.

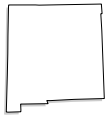
In addition, the Internet allows you to become increasingly knowledgeable about a particular law firm. The Law Employment Center's web site includes statistics on the starting salaries at the top law firms in the nation, giving you valuable information about what your salary range might be before an interview. A law firm's homepage can also give you background information about that particular firm.

So, if you're looking for an alternative employment option, a new job, or a career change, think first about using the Internet.

Where to Find It ?

You tell us. Please give us your ideas and articles for *In Brief's* Where to Find It Section.

**Contact: Ann Utterback
at amulaw@aol.com
or 299-6481!**



Reports From Around the State

Trent Howell, YLD Vice Chair

The YLD Law Day Call-In will be on Saturday, April 28th. Albuquerque-area lawyers can sign up with the Program Chair, Lisa Chavez, (505) 768-7396.

If you are unable to work a full shift, drop by for whatever time you have. You can take a few calls or just watch your fellow young lawyers hard at work.

Region 5 hopes to host its first Brown Bag Lunch with local judges within the next few months. These lunches are intended to give young lawyers a chance to meet the judges, to ask questions on courtroom practices, and to receive the judges' perspective on the opportunities and obstacles for young lawyers. Please contact me if you have questions about the program or suggestions on interested or interesting judges.

The YLD Leadership Training Program should begin this Fall. The program expects to take a class of 20-25 applicants, representing various geographical areas of the state and practice areas of the Bar. Though it is still in the planning stages, this program looks to be a great opportunity for young lawyers interested in moving up in their firms, their profession, and their communities. Be on the lookout for applications, which should circulate this summer.

Contact me with any questions or suggestions. trent@gilkeylaw.com. (505) 242-4466.

David Overstreet Region 4 Director

The Brown Bag Lunch Program has officially expanded to the Twelfth Judicial District. The first meeting will be held on April 26, 2001 at the Western Sizzlin in Alamogordo at 12:00 noon.

The Honorable Karen B. Molzen is scheduled to host the next Brown Bag Lunch Program in Las Cruces. The meeting will be in the Grand Jury Room on the second floor of the Federal Courthouse Building in Las Cruces.

On April 28, 2001, Region Four will conduct its Spring "Ask-a-Lawyer" Call In program. The Young Lawyers in Region Four will be answering calls in Las Cruces and in Alamogordo. Since we will have two locations, we will need additional volunteers. Anyone interested in participating should contact me at 437-5800.

Dianna L. Luce Region 3 Director

On November 13, 2000, Lea County hosted another Brown Bag lunch with the Judges. We had a great participation and YLD provided pizza for lunch. Honorable Don Maddox addressed the group. Honorable Gary Clingman and Lewis Cox, Lea County Bar President, also joined us at the luncheon.

Joel Carson of the firm of Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin has graciously agreed to start the Brown Bag Lunch with the Judges program in Roswell. Please contact Joel with topic suggestions for the meetings and information on the program.

The Ask-a-Lawyer Call In for Law Day is set for April 28, 2001. Lea County will be participating in the program hosted by the Shoobridge Law Firm in Hobbs, New Mexico. Chaves County is also participating in the Call In with the Sanders, Bruin, Coll and Worley law firm hosting the program in Roswell, New Mexico. Please contact Kea Riggs at 622-5440 or Joel Carson at 622-6510 to volunteer to assist with the Call In in Roswell. I encourage all young lawyers who have not participated in this program to volunteer. It is a great opportunity to help your community as well as meeting other attorneys in your area. If you have any suggestions or want to volunteer for any of the YLD programs, please contact me at 397-2496 or diannaluce@aol.com.

Thoughts From The Student Bar...

by Patrick J. Griebel
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As President-elect of the Student Bar Association, I would like to introduce myself to the Young Lawyers Division. It appears as if I've won the most recent school-wide election, despite the confusion of my first name being the same as Patrick Buchanan. I greatly look forward to working with the Young Lawyers Division, and I believe the student body has much to gain from a close relationship with your organization.

My predecessor, Cedric Hay, saw the many advantages that were possible through fostering greater outreach and communication with the Young Lawyer Division. I too believe that the benefits are many fold, and intend to continue and improve upon past outreach efforts. I want to create as many opportunities as possible for students to form mentor relationships with your members, at least informally if not formally. There are so many challenges that law students face that can be eased with the insight of a more experienced eye, one that sees from the point of view of having graduated law school, having passed the bar, and having practiced for some time. I can tell you that for many of us, that promised land is on the other side of "yonder hill." Many of these same issues are issues that I ran on and that resonate among the student body.

Current students could greatly benefit from advice on a host of murky questions that we face: How does one create the most powerful resumes possible? How should we effectively pursue interviews for summer employment? How much would participation in a judicial clerkship help one's career? Once those core classes are checked off,

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In the Spotlight:

The Brown Bag Lunch Program

by David Overstreet

The Brown Bag Lunch Program is one of the YLD's most successful member service programs. The Program improves the social and professional relationships among young lawyers and judges and allows judges to give young lawyers practical advice for successful practice in their courtrooms. The Program provides maximum benefit with minimal interruption of the busy schedules of young lawyers and judges.

Judges throughout the state have generously given their time and resources to support the Program and have been instrumental to its success, and the YLD is looking to further expand the Program. The following is a brief update on the Program in some selected cities: Santa Fe - pizza and soft drinks with the First Judicial District Court Judges and the Court

of Appeals Judges addressing legal topics of interest in Santa Fe; Hobbs and Roswell - dutch-treat informal meetings at various local restaurants designed to facilitate questions and answers on topics of interest in the area; Las Cruces - pizza and soft drinks with each of the sitting Third Judicial District Court Judges discussing advice for practice before the judges; Albuquerque - we are currently working with the judges in the Second Judicial District and hope to expand the program to Albuquerque in the next few months; Alamogordo - dutch-treat meetings with all young lawyers and judges in Otero and Lincoln counties to be held on the last Thursday of every other month beginning April 26, 2001.

For more information about how you can participate in or assist with a Brown Bag Lunch Program in your area, please contact your Region Director, as listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Young Lawyer of the Quarter David and Goliath or Rising Star.... Al Park

by Henry Alaniz

Last November, Al Park was elected to the New Mexico Legislature as a State Representative. Al was very active in the Young Lawyers Division and was elected to the position of Chair Elect. Al resigned that position to devote time to run against an incumbent in this district. The incumbent had held the position for a very long period of time. He was well known and respected in this district. Al knew that he had to work long and hard and he did. He beat the incumbent by a narrow margin.

But the story does not end there. Al's hard work and energetic attitude got Al appointed on some

very important committees. One was the House Judiciary Committee. He was also appointed to the House Consumer and Public Affairs committee and named its vice chairman of the committee. As a "rookie" legislator, Al introduced, and got passed the first bill to come out of the legislature which was signed by Governor Johnson.

Al's involvement, appointments and legislation did not go unrecognized. The *Albuquerque Journal* had a front page article on March 5 titled "Rising Stars" with Al's picture. Al is certainly a positive image to the legal community and to the Young Lawyers Division.

Student Bar . . . Continued

what classes would we most benefit from? What are the different practice areas such as criminal prosecution / defense, civil defense, plaintiff's work really like? Would you do anything differently if you were in my shoes? I would at least like to pursue the idea of formalizing a mentorship program if at all possible given everyone's busy schedules. However, many of the same benefits could be derived from informal relationships as well.

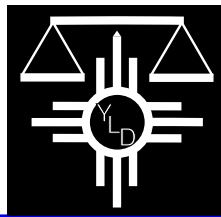
With that in mind, I look forward to arranging social events to facilitate such networking. Continuing the "mixers" is a great idea, as would be joint golf outings, luncheons, etc. I also intend to extend invitations to all of our social events to your membership. Finally, I would like to extend to the Young Lawyers Division a heartfelt request for feedback with me personally via the above e-mail address. If you have suggestions about what I personally or the Student Bar in general can do to assist law students, I strongly encourage you to contact me. I'm looking forward to working with and getting to know you!



*Submit an
Article!*

Submit an article on a young lawyer who should be highlighted in our newsletter for the Young Lawyer of the Quarter.

Contact Ann Utterback at
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WHERE CAN I VOLUNTEER AND WHOM DO I CONTACT?

- **AIDS Law Panel** - Statewide referral panel consisting of volunteer attorneys who give legal information and advice to low-income persons who have the HIV virus. (Laurie Hedrich, 880-8699)
- **“Ask-a-Lawyer” Call-in Program** - Takes place in cities throughout New Mexico in which lawyers answer telephone calls from the public and provide legal information. (Trent Howell, 242-4466)
- **Bar Exam Program** - YLD and a member of the Board of Bar Examiners speak to persons taking the bar exam to provide information about what to expect. (Melanie Patten, 346-2700)
- **Bar Journal** - Places articles in the YLD section of the quarterly State Bar publication. (YLD Board of Editors: K.C. Maxwell, 842-9960; Gabe Parra, 883-2500; Nelse T. Schreck, 765-5900)
- **Bridge the Gap CLE Program** - Aids lawyers in their new profession. (Jeff Croasdell, 765-5900 and Gabrielle Valdez, 343-1776)
- **FEMA Program** - Volunteer attorneys to be contacted in case of a disaster. (Ann M. Utterback, 299-6481)
- **Homeless Legal Clinic** - On-site clinic located in Albuquerque that provides legal information and advice to homeless persons. (Sean Olivas, 346-9140)
- **Today’s Law School** - Monthly seminars in Albuquerque and Santa Fe that provide legal information on a variety of legal topics to the public (Kimberly Middlebrooks, Albuquerque 247-0751; Bryan Biedscheid, Santa Fe, 982-1947)
- **UNM Mock Interview Program** - Links law students with young lawyers who conduct mock interviews. (Jeff Albright, 247-2315)