

**The Florida Bar
Young Lawyers Division
Board of Governors Meeting
Friday, October 23, 2009, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Ponte Vedra Inn and Club**

1. **Call to Order** – President R.J. Haughey called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.
2. **Welcome and Introduction of Guests:**
 - (a) R.J. Haughey thanked the sponsor for our breakfast, Upchurch Watson White & Max and introduced Sponsor Sandy Upchurch.
 - (b) R.J. Haughey introduced Jacksonville Lawyer/former Florida Bar President, Hank Coxe, who addressed the group and applauded President Haughey for tomorrow’s community service project (*Ask-a-Lawyer*). Mr. Coxe addressed the board regarding issues facing the Bar and the important work done by the YLD Board of Governors.
3. **Reintroduction of Board of Governor Members present at meeting.** All board members present introduced themselves. The following members were not present: Ginger Barry, Stephanie Bolton, Kerri Fowler, Gordon Glover, Ward Griffin, Marc Lyons, Ed McCarthy, Joshua Miron, Cynthia Morales, Ghenete Wright Muir, Alan Raines, Elisha Roy, Peter Sartes, Victor Smith, Lou Ursini, Scott Westheimer, Victoria Wu, and Carlo Zampogna
4. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** by Michael Orr
5. **Social Agenda** - Wes Tibbals reviewed the social agenda for the meeting.
6. **LIASON REPORTS**
 - (a) **Administrative Law** – Chrissy Davis Graves – No Report.
 - (b) **Appellate Practice** – Chrissy Davis Graves – No Report.
 - (c) **Business Law** – Hunter Carroll – No Report.
 - (d) **City County and Local Government Law** – Ghenete Wright Muir – No Report.
 - (e) **Criminal Law** – Beth Wetzels – No Report.
 - (f) **Elder Law** – No Report.
 - (g) **Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law** – Ginger Barry – No Report.
 - (h) **Environmental & Land Use Law** – Sue-Ann Robinson – No Report.
 - (i) **Equal Opportunity Law** – Michelle Samaroo reported the section would like to add a diversity component to *Practicing with Professionalism* Seminar and

is discussing their goals with Jewel White Cole. The section is also trying to program a mid-year CLE

- (j) **Family Law** – Elisha Roy – No Report.
 - (k) **General Practice, Solo and Small Firm** – R.J. Ferraro – No Report.
 - (l) **Government Law** – No Report.
 - (m) **Health Law – No Report.**
 - (n) **International Law** – Wade Bowden reported that the section is hosting a reception during the ABA and Florida Bar joint International Law Sections meeting in Miami next week. The section is also trying to work on a joint function with the YLD at the mid-year meeting.
 - (o) **Labor and Employment Law** – Kelly Parsons – No Report.
 - (p) **Out-of-State Practitioners** – Mindi Wells requested information regarding the New Orleans meeting to post in the Out-of-State Practitioner newsletter. President Haughey reported the YLD will host a reception for all out-of-state practitioners while in New Orleans.
 - (q) **Public Interest Law** – Melanie Griffin – No Report.
 - (r) **Real Property, Probate and Trust Law** - Leslie Stewart reported the section is revitalizing its mentoring program. Information regarding the mentoring program will be on the website in January. Applications for Fellows are due in January. Fellows receive a \$2500 stipend to attend meetings.
 - (s) **Trial Lawyers** – Marisol Gomez. No report.
 - (t) **Worker’s Compensation Law** – Mark Flaherty. No report.
 - (u) President Haughey reported the Counsel of Sections is very pleased with the YLD liasons to the sections.
7. **Consideration of Minutes of Longboat Key meeting** - A motion to approve the August 28, 2009 minutes was made by Michael Orr, properly seconded by Marcy Shaw, and approved.
8. **Breakout Sessions:**
- (a) Affiliate Outreach Conference Committee – Jacqueline Simms-Petredis
 - (b) Pro Bono Committee – Cristina Alonso
 - (c) Law School Committee – Michael Orr
 - (d) Law Practice Transition Committee – Mindi Wells
 - (e) Local Bar Affiliates - Macy Shaw

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- (a) **AOC** – Jacqueline Simms Petredis reported the AOC will be held at the Westin on Harbour Island in Tampa. The theme is *Make a Splash*. Thursday night there will be a happy hour with the Hillsborough Young Lawyers Bar Association. Then there may be an informal dinner at the hockey game. Friday night's dinner is at the Aquarium. The committee is seeking judges for the grant presentations and corporate sponsors.
- (b) **Annual Meeting Committee** – Cynthia Morales - Renee Thompson reported the Bar is searching for sponsors for the judicial luncheon
- (c) **Awards** - Doug Woodward reported the committee needs nominations for the Pro Bono Award. The deadline is November 6th. Voting on this award will be handled by committee. The committee will give three awards at AOC.
- (d) **Bylaws** – Chrissy Davis Graves reported the committee is working on numerous amendments that will be rolled out at next meeting.
- (e) **CLE Committee** – Matt Welch - President Haughey reported CLEs have had excellent attendance this year.
- (f) **Communications** – Ed McCarthy - No report.
- (g) **Diversity Committee** – Victoria Wu – President Haughey reported the *South Florida Minority Mentoring Picnic* (which the YLD is sponsoring for \$5000) is Saturday November 14th. There will be a volleyball tournament at the picnic. The committee is seeking a coach/captain/organizer for a volleyball team. YLD has been asked to sponsor Central Florida Diversity Picnic in Tampa (which will be held in February). The executive committee voted to sponsor the event, in the same amount (\$5000) as last year.
- (h) **Executive Committee** – RJ Haughey reported Professor Mason from Florida International University reached out to the YLD to assist with a two-day writing seminar for law students and young lawyers. The executive committee decided to support but not organize this project.
- (i) **Government Symposium** – Chelsie Roberts reported the seminar will be Friday, January 22nd from 9-12 at the mid-year meeting. The topic is e-filing. The panel will address what will be confidential in court files, who will be responsible for confidential information and the clerks/courts differing views.
- (j) **Law Practice Transition Committee** – Mindi Wells reported the committee is focusing on mentoring efforts. The goal is to have the mentoring website (which will include all mentoring programs/materials provided by affiliates) up and running by January 1.
- (k) **Law Related Education Moot Court** – Lou Ursini – No Report.
- (l) **Law Schools Committee** – Michael Orr reported the committee discussed the Law Student Division website. The LSD proposed the website be updated to

include a database that tracks all members of the division. There is money in the budget for the website and the committee will attempt to have accomplished this proposal in the next two months. Steven Ngo discussed the LSD Facebook proposal (they want one). Mike Orr reported that the Communications Committee of the Florida Bar is also reviewing the Facebook proposal. President Haughey suggested the committee draft a memorandum on the pros/cons of Facebook for the Bar Communications Committee. President Haughey suggested looking at other states to see what they are doing with respect to social networking sites. Michael Orr reported the LSD will host a signature event in Spring – which will be a community service event. The committee is working with Mindi Wells to assemble mentoring materials for division.

- (m) **Local Bar Affiliates** – Marcy Shaw reported grant applications for *Holiday in January* and *Morning/Afternoon at the Courthouse* have been disseminated to local affiliates and are on the website. The deadline for both applications is November 30th.
- (n) **Long Range Planning Committee** – Renee Thompson reported the committee will meet January 22nd and 23rd during the mid-year meeting.
- (o) **Pro Bono Committee** – Cristina Alonso reports:
 - i. The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Pro Bono has a campaign (the *ONE Campaign*) for pro bono that will be promoted at AOC. A study shows that those who took on a pro bono case found it gratifying. The *ONE Campaign* encourages all attorneys to take on one case. The Florida Bar Foundation hired someone to promote the initiative. She is primarily working with Brevard, Hillsborough, and Dade counties and is focusing on young lawyers.
 - ii. The *Florida Children First Project* (that YLD partnered with) obtained funding. It is in its initial stages. Information about the project will be posted on the website and in the newsletter,
 - iii. YLD is still partnering with the FASH program (assisting homeowners to modify their mortgage pre-foreclosure). The program needs volunteer attorneys. Pre-foreclosure needs attorneys to assist with modifying mortgages. Florida Legal Services materials are on its website. Each lender has identified one employee to assist with loan modifications.
 - iv. The Florida Bar Foundation (which is the primary grant giver at AOC) has seen a drop in revenue due to the drop in IOTA funds (largely tied to the decline in the real estate market). This year revenues are only \$4 million (the worst case scenario planned for was \$10-12 million); The Foundation is pushing its Fellows' drive.

- v. Community Service Project – Melanie Griffin addressed the board regarding tomorrow morning’s *Ask a Lawyer* project with the Jacksonville Bar Association.
- (p) **PWP Committee** – Belinda Lazzara – No report.
- (q) **Quality of Life Committee** – Stephen Ngo reported the committee is gathering ideas for the Sound Mind/Body website. A psychiatrist, personal trainer and registered dietician will give monthly advice for working professionals. Renee Thompson provided articles about working mothers. The program is expected to rollout in 2010.
- (r) **Sponsorship and Budget Committee** – Sean Desmond distributed a pamphlet regarding the sponsorship initiative. There are three types of sponsorships: AOC, meetings, and the newsletter (selling ads). Sean thanked Matt Welch for getting Upchurch to sponsor this meeting. The committee is meeting with Lexis regarding an AOC sponsorship. Numerous firms have sponsored the suite.

10. LAW SCHOOL LIASON REPORTS:

- (a) BARRY – Orange County Bar working with Barry & FAMU to develop a mentoring program.
- (b) FAMU – (see Barry report).
- (c) FLORIDA COASTAL - This weekend is Alumni Weekend.
- (d) FIU- Is in need of judges for its mock trial competition on November 21st
- (e) FSU – Is working with the Law Student Division and Tallahassee Bar regarding starting a mentoring program
- (f) UF - No report.
- (g) NOVA - No report.
- (h) ST. THOMAS - Orientation went well. The school is having an annual gala tomorrow night.
- (i) MIAMI - The law student division has over 100 members. 1Ls completed a beach and city clean up. The law students are having monthly networking meetings. They raised \$5000 for the Leukemia Foundation.
- (j) STETSON – The YLD sponsored the 2nd Annual Pretrial Competition. On November 5th, Stetson will co-host a Hispanic Judges Panel with the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Florida. Stephanie Bolton assisted with organizing Law Day – where law students get to have lunch with practitioners and ask questions about what it is like to be a lawyer.

11. **President Elect’s Report** - Renee Thompson reported the Midyear Meeting will be at the Hilton Orange County Center January 20 -22nd. At recent board meetings, the Senior

BOG discussed how to create an e-portal for uniform filing. The BAR is taking an active role in the electronic filing mandated by the Legislature. While the Legislature mandated e-filing, it provided no funding. The Bar continues to address funding and confidentiality issues regarding e-filing. Ms. Thompson reported that nominations for the YLD board are due December 15th. After the meeting, Ms. Thompson was traveling to Alabama for the ABA Young Lawyers President Elects' Roundtable. Ms. Thompson commented that the agenda looked very similar to our AOC roundtable at AOC last year (which the ABA attended for the first time). Ms. Thompson distributed a list of the number of lawyers in each circuit.

12. **Program Administrator's Report** – Tom Miller reported budget preparations are underway for next year. Renee Thompson added that committee chairs should let Tom/Renee know if there are any line items that need additions/deletions in funds for the budget. Tom Miller added that members paying invoices for board social events have positively impacted the budget.
13. **President's Report** – The Supreme Court has not addressed the Basic CLE rules change. The CLE committee has already drafted announcements in anticipation of the change and is ready for the rollout. President Haughey thanked those members that joined SCOPE as the bylaws require. President Haughey has learned SCOPE was created by the YLD years ago. It receives about 85 calls a month. President Haughey requested that board members assist Jacqueline with AOC. .
14. **Good of the Order:**
 - (a) Mike Orr offered other affiliates information regarding the Jax Bar sports league (which is very active).
 - (b) Monica Segura was named an Up-and-Comer and got engaged. Her fiancé is running for state representative and she is throwing a fundraiser for him
 - (c) Marisol Gomez will attend an event with Justice Sotomayer. Ms. Gomez will be inducted as the President of the Puerto Rican Bar Association on November 14th. Ms. Gomez will be married in 3 weeks.
 - (d) Kevin Cook thanked the *Ask-a-Lawyer* volunteers and announced he and his wife are expecting their third boy in April.
 - (e) Hunter Carroll passed around the Civics newspaper created by the Sarasota YLD (and funded with AOC grant money). The newspaper was distributed on Constitution Day (September 15th) and was integrated in lesson plans in Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties.
 - (f) Adam Myron is on the nominating committee for Palm Beach Leukemia Society Man and Woman of the Year.
 - (g) Chelsie Roberts got engaged.
 - (h) President Haughey reported that Ellyn Bogdanoff (who was instrumental in advocating for the Bar and judiciary last year) is running for a Florida Senate seat out of Hollywood. Ms. Bogdanoff is the sister of Florida Bar Foundation President Adele Stone.

15. **Time and Place of Next Meeting** – Affiliate Outreach Conference in Tampa – January 15, 2009
16. **Adjournment** - President R.J. Haughey. At 11:45 A.M. the meeting was adjourned.