

Young Lawyers Division

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YLD Raises Money for Red Cross Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts

Once again, the IDC demonstrated their generosity at this year's Holiday Party held at Lloyds in December. The YLD hosted their annual Wall of Wine at the party, which raised money for the American Red Cross Hurricane Sandy disaster relief efforts. Since October 2012 when Hurricane Sandy devastated the East Coast, the Red Cross has distributed more than six million meals and relief items to victims of the damage. The families and businesses displaced by this storm will need assistance for months to come and we are very proud that the IDC is able to help the Red Cross with these efforts. The YLD sincerely thanks everyone who made a donation to our Wall of Wine and to such a worthy cause.

YLD Hosts Complimentary CLE

In November, the YLD hosted a complimentary CLE at the offices of HeplerBroom LLC in Chicago. Dr. Nathan Soderborg of Exponent gave a presentation on "*Statistics in the Courtroom: What They Mean and What They Don't.*" This discussion included the analysis of statistical inferences and confidence intervals, as well as the use of comparative risk analysis in litigation cases. Dr. Soderborg also explained both the data and engineering analysis used in liability investigations. A special thanks goes to Dr. Soderborg for taking the time to give this very interesting presentation. Dr. Soderborg and Exponent are one of IDC's many wonderful sponsors, and we hope you will consider them for your upcoming cases.

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