



Young Lawyers Report

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What the New Year Will Bring

This year will bring some exciting changes to the Young Lawyers Division (YLD). I would first like to say a big thank you to Katie Jacobi, our new Vice Chair of the YLD. Katie practices in *HeplerBroom's* Chicago office and focuses her practice primarily on insurance coverage and bad faith litigation both in Illinois and Missouri. She will make a fantastic asset to the YLD this year and we could not be more excited to have her on the team.

During each month this year, the YLD will host or join with another committee to host an event. In looking toward the coming year, we intend to focus on networking and new member recruitment. In particular, we are looking to diversify the location of these events, with the goal of bringing together the entire state. We are striving to establish the YLD as a statewide resource for new attorneys and as a starting point for what we hope will become long and rewarding memberships with the IDC. We are excited to see what this next year will bring and look forward to presenting young lawyers with opportunities to connect with and engage in an enriching community.

As we look to the fall, we have the following events tentatively scheduled:

November: The YLD is planning to host a statewide fundraiser competition between regions of Chicago, Edwardsville, and Peoria. The fundraiser will take place during a happy hour, with more information provided later in the fall.

The YLD is very excited to get more involved in the community this year and to host more CLE events. We look forward to working with other committees in the IDC to join in other events. Be sure to monitor the calendar on the IDC website as we will be working to plan more events for the 2019 year.

About the Author

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