

# YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

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The Kentucky Bar Association Young Lawyers Section is seeking volunteers to serve on its various committees for the 2009-10 bar year. As outlined below, committees will be working on exciting projects for the upcoming year, and as a committee member, you will be a key component in each project's success. While there may be in-person committee meetings, most of the work will largely be done through conference calls or by e-mail.

## **Communications Committee**

This committee is responsible for overseeing the Section's communications with its members utilizing various forms of media. This includes publishing a section e-newsletter on a quarterly basis, which features the activities of the KBA YLS and provides information relevant to young lawyers—both personally and professionally. The committee is also responsible for providing relevant content to Section members on the Section's website ([www.kbayls.com](http://www.kbayls.com)). Its goals for 2009-10 include publishing quarterly newsletters, reorganizing web content, and working with the Membership Committee to increase web-based resources for Section members. Committee Co-Chairs: Spencer McKinnis ([smckinnis@stites.com](mailto:smckinnis@stites.com)) and Randy Saunders ([rlsaunders@ofnlaw.com](mailto:rlsaunders@ofnlaw.com)).

## **Disaster Legal Relief Committee**

This committee is responsible for working with KBA and ABA Young Lawyers Division to implement disaster legal services when requested by FEMA in the event of a federally declared disaster. The committee is also responsible for updating the disaster legal relief manual on a periodic basis. Its goals for 2009-10 include developing a statewide response plan, which includes coordination with legal aid and pro bono organizations. Committee Chair: Scott Laufenberg ([slaufenberg@kscvlaw.com](mailto:slaufenberg@kscvlaw.com)).

## **Diversity Committee**

This committee is responsible for communicating the Section leadership's commitment to diversity to the larger membership and to the KBA. This committee's responsibilities include actively recruiting minority lawyers for leadership positions within the Section, building and expanding the Section's credibility within diverse communities by developing strategies for increasing the Section's involvement in those communities, and for increasing awareness of opportunities available throughout the KBA and the profession for minority lawyers. Committee Chair: Stephanie Renner ([srenner@stites.com](mailto:srenner@stites.com)).

## **Finance Committee**

This committee is responsible for generating revenues through sponsorship and proposing an annual budget. One of its goals for 2009-10 will be to increase sponsorship of Section activities. Committee Chair: Rebekkah Bravo Rechter ([RebekkahRechter@kycourts.net](mailto:RebekkahRechter@kycourts.net)).

## **Horizons Committee**

The committee is responsible for identifying and developing original member service and public service projects for future implementation by the Section. Its goals for 2009-10 include developing new member and public services projects and assisting the Chair-Elect in preparation for her year as Chair. Committee Chair: Nathan Billings ([nbillings@mmlk.com](mailto:nbillings@mmlk.com)).

## **Law Student Outreach Committee**

This committee is responsible for identifying and implementing strategies to encourage law students to become involved in the inactive KBA Law Student Division and the Section upon graduation. Its goals for 2009-10 include partnering with the KBA Small Firm Practice & Management Section to identify and implement strategies to revive the defunct Law Student Division and to assist law students in the transition to the practice of law. PLEASE NOTE: Ideally, many of these committee members will be in their first one or two years of practice. Committee Chair: Shane O'Bryan ([sobryan@whf-law.com](mailto:sobryan@whf-law.com)).

## **Membership Committee**

This committee is responsible for identifying and implementing strategies to recruit and retain members of the Section. It is also responsible for overseeing member-service projects including the New Lawyers Handbook and organizing Meet & Greet events. Its goals for 2009-10 include developing a membership recruitment brochure, working with the Law Student Outreach Committee to reinvigorate the inactive KBA Law Student Division, and working with Communications Committee to increase web-based resources for Section members. Committee Chair: Clint Quarles ([Clint.Quarles@ky.gov](mailto:Clint.Quarles@ky.gov)).

## **Programming Committee**

This committee works with the KBA Annual Convention planning committee to propose continuing legal education and professional programs, and other events at each annual convention. Its goals for 2009-10 include continuing to develop tracts of programming relevant to young lawyers at different stages of their careers, including a focus on law practice management issues and professional development. Committee Chair: Stacy Hege Tapke ([shege@edmondsonlaw.org](mailto:shege@edmondsonlaw.org)).

**Public Service Committee**

This committee is responsible for overseeing the Section's public service efforts. Its goals for 2009-10 include: Voices Against Violence -- a call to action of young lawyers to raise awareness about domestic violence issues and assist in meeting the legal needs of domestic violence victims and U@18—a project to educate high school seniors of their legal responsibilities as adults—statewide. U@18 was recently endorsed by the Kentucky Education Association. Committee Co-Chairs: Roula Allouch (rallouch@ortlaw.com) or Mary Ann Miranda (Mary\_A\_Miranda@kyed.uscourts.gov)

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact the appropriate committee chair or YLS Chair Jennifer H. Moore at Jennifer\_H\_Moore@kyed.uscourts.gov or 502.599.6362.