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Re: Young Lawyers Section: Executive Committee Appointment

Dear Member of the Young Lawyers Section,

As the incoming Chair of the Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (YLS) and on behalf of the current YLS Officers – Lawrence F. Morizio (Chair), Jeffrey J. White (Treasurer), and Jonathan S. Weiner (Secretary) – and the members of the YLS Long Range Planning Committee, I invite you to consider serving on the 2009-2010 YLS Executive Committee. YLS Executive Committee terms will run from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

What is the CBA/YLS?

As a member of the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) under the age of thirty-seven or in your first six years of practice, you are automatically a member of the YLS. With more than 2,500 members, the YLS is the largest Section of the CBA. The YLS presents seminars, programs, and events that are designed to enhance all aspects of the legal profession.

What is the CBA/YLS Executive Committee?

Pursuant to the CBA/YLS Bylaws, the Section is governed by an Executive Committee, which in recent years has included approximately seventy members. In an effort to ensure that our Executive Committee and the YLS programming fairly represents and serves the various practice areas in which our members are engaged, we have created substantive committee co-chair positions, which are staffed by attorneys who are employed in both the public and private sectors. The substantive committee chair positions that will comprise the 2009-2010 Executive Committee are found on the enclosed application.

What are the duties of CBA/YLS Executive Committee Member?

CBA/YLS Executive Committee Members are the heart and soul of the organization. The quality of each year's programming is the product of the creativity and dedication of the members who make these programs possible. Each member helps develop programs that are designed to improve the practice of law in Connecticut and projects that provide public service and pro bono opportunities for the membership.

As a legal community, we in Connecticut have been extremely fortunate to have had outstanding members of the CBA/YLS devote their time and energy to produce first-class seminars, functions, panel discussions, networking programs, dinners, and public service opportunities. To keep this tradition of excellence alive, we need your help.

With respect to time commitment, Executive Committee members are expected to attend **monthly dinner meetings** from August through May, which are generally held in the New Haven or Hartford areas (one or two meetings will be held in the Stamford area next year). In addition, members must attend an annual Retreat at which time Executive Committee members plan the upcoming bar year. This year's Retreat will be held on **June 26th and 27th** in Mystic. The Retreat is a day and half long event and will require members to be excused from work on Friday, June 26th.

How do I sign up?

Return the enclosed application to the CBA by Friday, **April 24, 2009**. The application may also be completed online at: <http://www1.ctbar.org/Misc/YlsExecComApp/Application.aspx>. **Submission of an application is a prerequisite to appointment to the Executive Committee.** The application process is designed to aid the YLS Selection Committee in its mission of creating an Executive Committee that will be able to respond to the needs and demands of the entire membership.

Whether you are a member who has served on the Executive Committee in the past, a member who has enjoyed attending past YLS seminars and events, or a member who has never been to a YLS program, we hope that you will consider serving the bar as a member of the Executive Committee.

In addition, we are always looking for energetic individuals to assist with the programming we have scheduled throughout the year. If you would prefer not to make the full commitment of serving on the Executive Committee, but would still like to help with one or two of our programs, please indicate your interest on the enclosed application.

Thank you again and I look forward to serving you this upcoming bar year.

Sincerely,

Proloy K. Das
Chair-Elect
Young Lawyers Section

**CBA/YLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPLICATION
2009-2010 BAR YEAR**

NAME:

EMPLOYER/FIRM/AGENCY:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR (Optional):

DATE OF BIRTH (Optional):

PRACTICE AREA (Please select no more than three from the following list):

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| 1. Administrative Law | 19. Government |
| 2. Antitrust and Trade Regulation | 20. Health Law |
| 3. Appellate | 21. Human Rights & Responsibilities |
| 4. Business Law | 22. Insurance Law |
| 5. Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Law | 23. Intellectual Property Law |
| 6. Construction Law | 24. International Law |
| 7. Consumer Law | 25. Labor and Employment Law |
| 8. Corporate Counsel | 26. Litigation |
| 9. Criminal Justice | 27. Municipal Law |
| 10. Education Law | 28. Planning & Zoning |
| 11. Elder Law | 29. Public Utility Law |
| 12. Environmental Law | 30. Real Property |
| 13. Estates & Probate | 31. Solo Practice |
| 14. Family Law | 32. Sports and Entertainment |
| 15. Federal Practice | 33. Tax |
| 16. Financial Institutions | 34. Technology Law |
| 17. Franchise Law | 35. Workers Compensation |
| 18. General Practice | |

1st Choice:

2nd Choice:

3rd Choice:

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PRACTICE:

PLEASE SUGGEST AN IDEA FOR A SEMINAR OR PROGRAM (Optional):

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE US TO KNOW ABOUT YOU (i.e. PAST LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, AFFILIATIONS WITH POTENTIAL SPEAKERS, ETC.):

PLEASE CERTIFY THAT YOU ARE A REGISTERED MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION:
