

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT – 2010

**To: Stephen S. Shanor
2010 President, State Bar of New Mexico**

**From: Martha Chicoski
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Date: December 31, 2010

Re: 2010 Annual Report on Young Lawyers Division

Below is a brief summary of the Young Lawyers Division's primary activities and programs during 2010.

- Appointed Sarah Maestas Barnes to Region 2 Director position
- Four YLD Board members attended ABA/YLD Mid-Year meeting in Orlando, FL in February
- Co-coordinated the annual UNM Law/YLD Mock Interview Program took place at the law school in February, during which twenty-five attorney and judge volunteers conducted interviews with fifty law students
- Hosted a night at the Albuquerque Thunderbirds for participants in the UNM Law/YLD Mentorship Program
- Hosted multiple *Wills for Heroes* events: 2 in Albuquerque and 1 in Rio Rancho; another scheduled for Gallup in January 2011
- Co-hosted social for San Juan County Bar Association
- Held orientation for volunteers for *Wills for Heroes* program
- Hosted breakfast for YLD members and judges in Roswell in conjunction with Law Day
- Coordinated annual "ask a lawyer" call in program at the State Bar on May 1, 2010
- Awarded two bar scholarships to UNM Law graduates for just under \$2,000 each
- Awarded two fellowships to UNM Law students to work in non-profit jobs for the summer of 2010, totaling \$6,000

- Initiated series of luncheons with Justice Edward Chavez and members of YLD around the state, including Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Farmington, Roswell and Las Cruces
- Hosted reception for new admittees to State Bar in September
- Co-hosted American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division 2010 Fall Conference in Santa Fe at the El Dorado Resort and Spa; over 200 attorneys from across the country came together in Santa Fe to connect, collaborate and learn; YLD raised just under \$40,000 for this event
- Coordinated national launch of ABA/YLD 2011 public service project *Serving Our Seniors* in Santa Fe, which provides free estate planning documents to low-income senior citizens
- Co-sponsored annual Bridge the Gap CLE with Rob Koonce in November
- Hosted first Inspire/Aspire Dinner to recognize contributions of past YLD and BBC leaders to the Young Lawyers Division
- Held elections held in which 4 new members were elected to the Board.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of these programs/project. Thank you for your support during the past year. It has been an honor to work with you on the Board of Bar Commissioners. Happy Holidays!