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Greetings from the Chair



Martha Chicoski

2010 was another busy and productive year for the Young Lawyers Division. We continued with many of our longstanding service projects and programs, including Wills for Heroes; Junior Judges;

Law Day Call-In Program; Homeless Legal Aid Clinics in Las Cruces, Santa Fe and Albuquerque; YLD/UNM Law Mentorship, Mock Interview and Summer Fellowship programs. We most recently co-sponsored the annual Bridge the Gap CLE at the State Bar in November. Additionally, we launched two new public service projects—Voices Against Violence, a program designed to bring awareness to the epidemic of domestic violence, and Serving Our Seniors which provides basic free estate planning documents to low-income seniors.

As part of our continuing outreach to YLD members, we initiated a series of state-wide luncheons with Justice Edward Chávez of the New Mexico Supreme Court. YLD members in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Farmington, Roswell, and Las Cruces met with Justice Chávez in small personal settings to discuss concerns of new attorneys regarding the practice of law. We truly appreciate Justice Chávez taking time from his schedule to participate in these luncheons (and for coming up with the idea). In September, we also hosted a welcome reception for new admittees to the State Bar. This year's reception had a fantastic turn out and it was a pleasure to meet many of our fellow YLD members.

In October, we hosted the 2010 ABA YLD Fall Conference in Santa Fe. This event brought young attorneys from across the country together to connect, collaborate, and learn. One of the highlights was Chief Justice Charles Daniels' opening remarks, which consisted of an entertaining history of the judiciary in New Mexico. Thanks again to our sponsors who made for a successful conference.

On behalf of the YLD board, I wish outgoing board members Vice-Chair Alex Russell, Sarah Maestas Barnes, and Kinder Shamhart the best of luck in their future endeavors. Additionally, we extend a heartfelt thanks to Roxanna Chacon for her many years of service to YLD. As a past YLD chair and immediate past ABA YLD District 23 representative, her contributions to our board are immeasurable. During 2011, we will welcome new YLD board members Ben Sherman, Hans Erickson, and Cristina Adams.

In closing, I extend my sincere gratitude to the following: the Board of Bar Commissioners for having faith in my leadership skills during my tenure as acting chair and chair; Joe Conte, Christine Morganti, Tony Horvat, and the entire staff of the State Bar for their tireless work with YLD and for their patience with me over the years; our program volunteers for taking time from their schedules to help with our public service projects; and last, but certainly not least, to the YLD board, whose members stepped up time after time to help YLD continue to grow. I have no doubt that YLD will continue to thrive under the leadership of incoming Chair Tina Cruz,

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