

mba | Young Lawyers Section

What is the YLS?

An inclusive section of the bar, comprised of any MBA member in practice less than six years or under the age of 36. The YLS provides leadership, networking, professional development and service opportunities. And we have fun!

Ask the Expert

*Dear Expert,
I have been dealing with an opposing counsel who does not return my phone calls, emails, or correspondence. Or, if they do, it is late in the evening, which is not much help. I need to get long outstanding documents and start scheduling depositions. Help!*
-Ignored and Annoyed

Dear Ignored,
Although clients might be shocked at how some attorneys respond to the other side, these sorts of events do happen. When I encounter these lawyers (and sometimes even pro se litigants), I try to keep a reasonable mind about what might be driving their apparent indifference to this case. Reach out to other attorneys to see if they have had similar issues with this person, or if they are currently involved in a case that is taking the opposing counsel's time away from your matter. However, I still follow a general plan of attack:

Document. Document. Document. Keep a list of all attempted phone calls, and document in a follow-up phone call. If you do by chance or perseverance get them on the phone, try to establish the timelines of which you will expect discovery. Follow up with a confirming letter or email and keep track of all agreed deadlines.

Be mindful of court and case deadlines to make sure that this is not an attempt to delay the case or trial. Try not to let these issues go on for too long before ratcheting up. If it takes an outreach effort each day, sometimes that may have to happen. Be careful not to get in the trap of just calling, leaving a voice message, and not getting a response. Vary your methods of outreach with a few phone calls, a letter, and an email. Be mindful not to do it all at once and try not to give the appearance that you are trying to harass anyone. If you are not getting a response, then set reasonable deadlines for a response.

If final steps are in order, be stern but also courteous. If you are going to send a notice of deposition after not hearing back on scheduling, think about a cover letter that says the date is also reasonably flexible, and provide additional days you are available and would be willing to accommodate the party's schedule.

Before conferring on a motion to compel or even filing a motion, consider if it might motivate the other side if you send them a courtesy draft and noting the date you will file your motion if you cannot confer and resolve the issues.

**Joshua Stadtler and Legal Aid Services of Oregon
YLS Pro Bono Spotlight**

by Olivia Wotman
YLS Pro Bono Committee

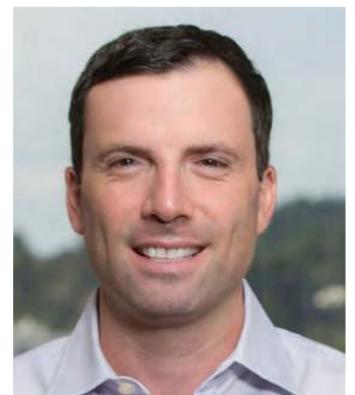
Legal Aid Services of Oregon's (LASO) Domestic Violence Project is a volunteer lawyer program where survivors of domestic violence are matched with pro bono attorneys for representation in contested restraining order hearings. LASO offers a variety of other volunteer opportunities that are OSB-certified pro bono. It also offers free PLF coverage to pro bono practitioners.

Joshua Stadtler, a Partner at Dunn Carney, LLP, has been volunteering with LASO's Domestic Violence Project for years. He is committed to serving his community and has done so through his work in the United States Peace Corps where he taught English in South Africa. Josh is a former YLS Pro Bono Committee member (2014-16). He is currently serving on the Board of Directors for Portland Homeless Family Solutions, and also co-chairing Dunn Carney's Pro Bono Committee, which manages his firm's participation in a legal clinic representing indigent clients in collaboration with LASO. He continues to maintain his own pro bono practice, including representing survivors of domestic violence.

Josh was drawn to the Domestic Violence Project due

to the meaningful impact such representation offers the clientele, the challenging subject matter, and litigation experience. Through volunteering for the Domestic Violence Project, Josh gained experience developing client relationships, and also further developed his ability to issue spot, learn the law, prepare opening and closing statements, and conduct direct and cross examination.

While it is healthy to feel a sense of trepidation when handling novel issues, the best way to learn something is by doing it. Josh stated he developed a lot professionally through his volunteer work by figuring out which questions to ask, and developing relationships with people that could help answer those questions. To this day, even as a partner at his firm, he seeks advice from attorneys whose input he values, some of which he developed relationships with volunteering. Josh shared that LASO's attorneys are always available to consult with volunteer attorneys, provide valuable input, and share its wealth of knowledge, experience, and resources. If you are looking for meaningful volunteer work, are seeking litigation experience, but cannot commit to taking long-term cases, then LASO's Domestic Violence Project is right for you.



Joshua Stadtler

Josh believes volunteering is an important part of being an attorney due to the significant access to justice gap. It may even help attorneys find meaning in their career, if they don't find it in their day jobs. He stated that anyone that has a passing interest in pro bono work should do it as much as they can.

Josh encourages new attorneys to try practicing and volunteering in different areas of law to find an area that brings meaning and enjoyment. It doesn't matter what your practice area is. Volunteering for LASO's Domestic Violence Project will help you develop client management skills, provide litigation experience, and support you while handling unfamiliar terrain.

To learn more about how to get involved with LASO, please contact Jill Mallery at 503.224.4086 or jill.mallery@lasoregon.org or Danielle Ramos at 503.224.4086 or danielle.ramos@lasoregon.org

YLS CLE Preview

by Maxine Tuan
YLS CLE Committee Chair



It is my pleasure to serve as chair of the YLS CLE Committee this year. This year, the committee is comprised of 14 volunteer YLS members who will organize more than 27 MCLE-accredited seminars. Our Fall Advanced Pre-Trial Litigation Series is already underway, but it is not too late sign up for the remainder of the series and earn an Access to Justice credit

by attending "Litigating on a Budget." On October 29, judges from the tri-county area [Judge Patricia McGuire, Multnomah County Circuit Court, Judge Theodore Sims, Washington County Circuit Court, and Presiding Judge Kathie Steele, Clark County Circuit Court] will discuss the intricacies of ex parte at the seminar "Ex Parte Matters: A Tri-County Overview on Protocols and Professionalism." The committee is also beginning to organize our Winter Series "Young Litigators Forum," a new and exciting Spring Series, as well as additional seminars.

Our committee is focused on presenting innovative programming for newer attorneys at affordable prices and convenient times. We aim to provide newer attorneys with the nuts and bolts of a variety of law practice areas, allow seasoned

attorneys a venue to share their knowledge, and create a forum where attorneys can meet one another and build professional relationships in the Portland metro area. Most of our seminars are audio recorded and occur on Thursdays over the lunch hour at The Standard Insurance building.

Over the past few years, the YLS CLE Committee has made efforts to expand and diversify our pool of speakers. This year, our committee will continue these efforts and emphasize securing quality experienced speakers with attention to diversity and inclusion. The committee listens to feedback from the YLS Board, our speakers, and CLE attendees when selecting speakers and topics for future CLEs. If you have suggestions for topics that you want more information on or wish you had access to in your first years of practice, topics you think every young lawyer should learn, or an interest in becoming a speaker, please contact me at mt@wysekadish.com.

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October Drop-In Social

Wednesday, October 9

5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Lovely Rita, The Hoxton Hotel
15 NW 4th Ave., Portland**

Please join the YLS and the Oregon New Lawyers Division for a drop-in social at Lovely Rita in the Hoxton Hotel for an evening of networking.

This is a free event, no RSVP necessary. Arrive early to enjoy complimentary appetizers and drinks.

Details at www.mbar.org.