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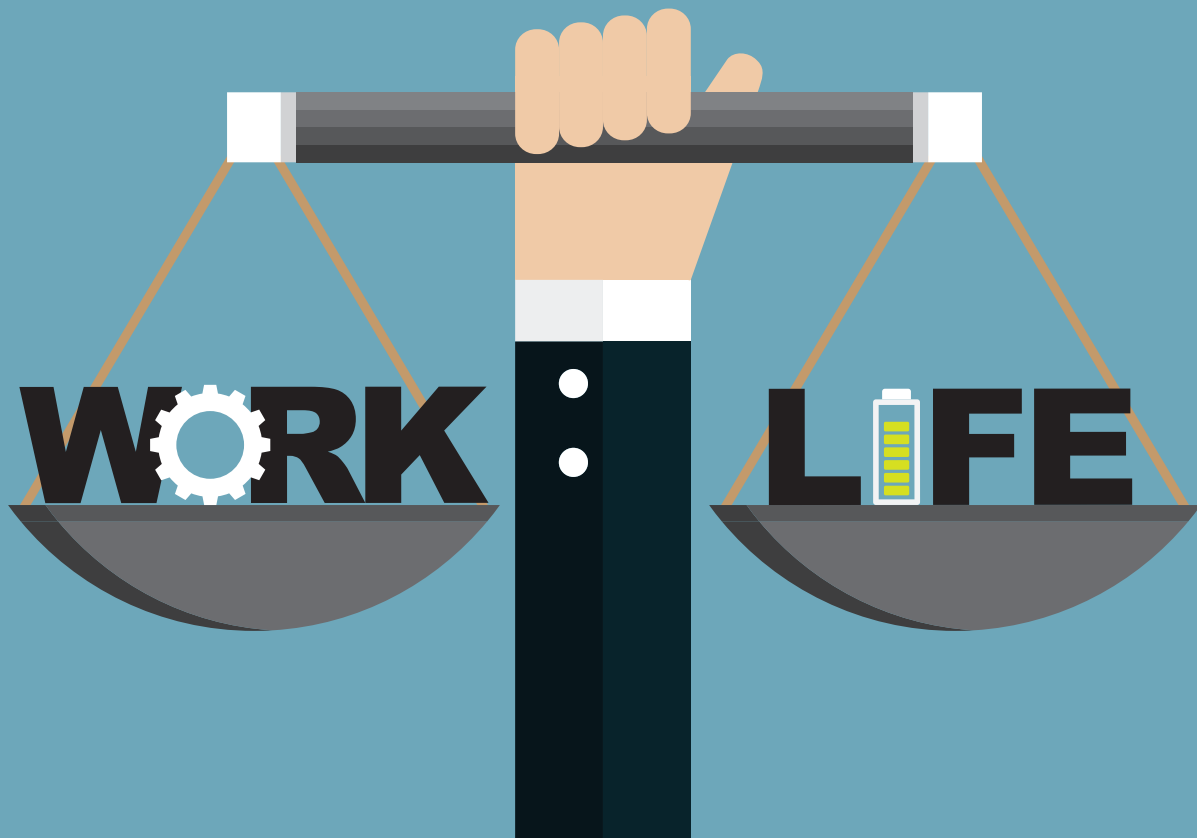
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From the President

What a Difference a Week Makes



**Will
Davis**

Wow. In the past 10 days or so, our lives have changed in ways we could not have imagined when the idea of coronavirus first came across the news in January. After a week of working remotely, I reached out to *YLD Review* co-editors Ashley Akins and Audrey Bergeson to discuss an overhaul of the Spring issue. Many of the first draft's highlights related to the YLD Signature Fundraiser and other YLD events across Georgia that have been canceled or postponed, and while we felt it necessary to get this issue out to promote some sense of routine in this otherwise non-routine time, we also wanted to send out an issue focusing on the positive things that continue to occur in this crazy time.

I would like to start by saying *thank you!* When I ran for YLD secretary four years ago, I committed to raising funds for the Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) as my YLD Signature Fundraiser beneficiary. GLSP began as a project of the YLD several years ago, and I began my career as a lawyer by working as a staff attorney in the Albany Regional Office for three years. The critical work provided by GLSP is a crucial lifeline for low-income rural Georgians. While I was heartbroken to cancel this year's fundraiser, our many sponsors and early ticket buyers allowed us to keep their donations, and we will still be able to donate more than \$23,000 to GLSP. See page 12 for a full list of sponsors. Please consider going online to www.glsp.org to offer continued donations in support of the Green Gala for GLSP. Additional thanks goes to Christina Gualtieri and Morgan Carrin for their countless hours of work in preparing for the fundraiser. The 2020 Green Gala for GLSP was going to be a tremendous success, and I hope we can continue to support GLSP in the months to come.

Thank you to my tireless committee chairs and affiliate leaders who have led their

committees/affiliates with vigor and begun new projects in hopes of generating new interest and membership this year. While many of those activities are postponed for the time being, I would especially like to give a shout out to Autumn Cole, Sara Fish, Taylor Hanks and Nicole McArthur (Leadership Academy); Bobo Mullens (Savannah YLD); Sarah Jett and Kayla Winters Strozzer (Community Service Projects Committee); Lauren Greer (Legislative Affairs); and Jack Grote and Jenna Rubin (Advocates for Students with Disabilities Committee) for their initiatives in creating new programming that puts the good work of the YLD at the forefront. I look forward to seeing how creative our committee chairs can be in the coming months.

Finally, thank you to Danny Naggia, David Sarif and the rest of the team at Naggia & Sarif for picking up the weight for my many days out of the office in the past year. I could not serve in this role without the aid of a supportive firm and partners, and I'm lucky to work for and with you.

While COVID-19 has thrown a wrench in the remainder of my term as YLD president in a way I could have never predicted, I'm choosing to focus on the positive things we have achieved since July and look forward to the next three months. We have a lot of remaining projects that need your attention and help.

This year's Legal Food Frenzy is more important than ever and runs from April 20 through May 1. The entire globe has been impacted by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus. Gov. Kemp recently ordered all public K-12 schools to close until the end of the school year. That means Georgia's food banks are seeing an increase in demand months earlier than in typical years when demand increases in the summer months.

Georgia's food banks have already stepped up, working with partner agencies to provide free breakfast and lunch to children who rely on free or reduced-priced meals. However, they need our help. Last year, Legal Food Frenzy raised a record

\$421,066 and 17,617 pounds of food for Georgia's food banks. Georgia food banks and our fellow Georgia citizens need us to raise even more this year, and I know we can do it.

As lawyers, we are leaders in our communities and our communities needs us now more than ever. To register your firm or legal organization for Legal Food Frenzy, visit <http://galegalfoodfrenzy.org/sign-up/>. Our YLD Legal Food Frenzy Co-Chairs Morgan

Lyndall and Veronica Rogusky can answer any questions you have about the event.

We are in the process of transitioning our May 2020 Build A Better Georgia Day from Habitat for Humanity builds into a call for blood donations. We are reaching out to local Red Cross affiliates across Georgia. See the information on page 4 for donation locations. The need for blood and plasma donations is huge, and in the time of CO-

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The Wellness of Work-Life Balance



Megan Kelley

The daily grind. The Sunday "scaries." The Friday night mail rush. The constantly ringing phone lines. The overfull calendar complete with deadlines, CLE luncheons and court dates. Many of us love this life and love staying busy at work. However, we need to remember to take some time for ourselves and demand a work-life balance as young lawyers. Some days this may seem to be an impossible feat. However, taking the necessary time for ourselves not only improves our health and our mindsets, but also increases productivity so we can bring our best, most refreshed versions of ourselves to work. Here are five tips for wellness for us young lawyers:

1 Take time for you!

Please take the hour for lunch. Or yourself for a walk or run around the river. Or some time after work at the beach if you are lucky enough to live close by. Your life has to consist of more than wake up, office, drive home, sleep. There is so much more out there to enrich your day-to-day life experience. I made taking the hour for myself a priority during law school. I was lucky



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enough to live by the ocean and taking one surf lesson per week helped me to breathe and refocus my energy from constantly studying. It has been a long time now since I have been a student or lived near the beach, but I still try to take an hour for myself (daily now!) to work out or do something that I feel enriches my life like meeting up for coffee or dinner with an old friend after work.

2 Exercise.

Breathe. In any yoga class—I highly recommend young lawyers at least check one out even if this is not a sport you are interested in—we hear so much about meditation and the power of counting our breaths to focus and refresh our mindsets. Meditation at your desk can be the difference between being enraged about some-

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From the Editors

YLD Signature Fundraiser



Ashley Akins



Audrey Bergeson

On March 21, 2020, the YLD was set to host its 14th Signature Fundraiser. While we were all unable to dance and celebrate together this year, we still wanted to take this opportunity to share with you why this event is so near to our hearts and why the money raised is more important now than ever.

This year's event raised funds to support Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP). Each year that the Signature Fundraiser is held, the YLD president selects a local beneficiary. This year, the event supports GLSP, a legal services organization that provides free legal representation to low-income Georgians outside of the metro-Atlanta area. It also happens to be where YLD President Will Davis got his start as a young lawyer.

While the event was canceled for the safety of all, the organizers have asked ticketholders to consider not seeking a refund, so that the money raised can still be used in support of GLSP. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the YLD will still be able to donate more than \$23,000 to GLSP at a time when legal services for low-income Georgians are vital.

This event is special to us and is one of our favorite YLD events. Ashley co-chaired this event in 2015 and 2016 and Audrey co-chaired the event in 2017. The YLD is proud to be the service arm of the Bar. From pro bono legal clinics to community service to fundraising, Georgia's young lawyers continually demonstrate their commitment to service. As past co-chairs of this

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VID-19, donations are needed now more than ever.

In closing, please take care of yourselves and your loved ones. The unknown and unpredictable nature of this illness can be scary, but there is comfort to be found in this unprecedented time. Please don't let this time of social isolation keep you from the ones you love—text, FaceTime, Skype. Use this time at home to virtually re-establish and check in on those friends and family members with whom you may have lost touch through the years. If you feel that you need to talk to a professional about your mental health, remember that the State Bar of Georgia offers six free clinical sessions to its members each year through the Lawyer Assistance Program. (See page 7 for more details.) The State Bar and the YLD are here to help you if you need it. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, any of our officers or members of your firm. Good can and will come out of this . . . we just have to stay patient and positive, and we shall see this through.

In the meantime, I'm watching the mid-90s movies I grew up on, and for the most part in my socially distanced mind, they hold up so I recommend starting with *Blank Check*, *Man of the House* and *Jungle 2 Jungle*. Stay safe, stay distanced if you can, and I hope to see you soon. **YLD**

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BUILD A BETTER GEORGIA WEEK

May 11–15, 2020

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Email Will Davis at will@nsfamilylawfirm.com or Stephanie Wilson at stephaniew@gabar.org to let us know you've donated!

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Use the hashtags **#buildabetterGAweek2020** and **#yldGA** on your social media platforms to encourage others to donate!

Judicial Spotlight

Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren



**Brittanie
Browning**

Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren was appointed to the Supreme Court of Georgia by Gov. Nathan Deal and was sworn in on Sept. 17, 2018. Although she did not initially plan on becoming a judge, her legal experience established the necessary skillset for the role. Justice Warren began her career by clerking for both Judge J.L. Edmondson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and Judge Richard J. Leon of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. She transitioned into private practice prior to starting her career with the state of Georgia.

Eventually, Justice Warren became the Solicitor General (SG) for Georgia under Attorney General Chris Carr. The position is a dual role: the state's top appellate lawyer and chief constitutional law advisor to the attorney general. The appellate advocacy portion allowed her to represent the state on appeal, including before the U.S. Supreme Court. Back in the office, she coordinated appellate work for the entire Office of the Attorney General. This role gave her a bird's eye view of the AG's Office and its overall advocacy. Her office ensured consistency in arguments between the various divisions of the AG's Office that specialize in different areas of law. The SG streamlines the process to review all appellate briefs coming through the office, ensures consistency and substance of legal argument, and maintains the highest level of advocacy for the state.

In her role as SG, Justice Warren loved statutory interpretation as well as analyzing the Georgia Constitution. This skillset and focus on the Georgia Constitution positioned her for the move to the Supreme Court. She cared how the Georgia Constitution was interpreted and wanted to apply the knowledge she gained and the jurisprudence she developed from her position as SG. An opportunity to utilize these skills arose when

then-Justice Britt Grant was nominated for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

The part that Justice Warren misses from her former role is the adrenaline rush of advocating for a client. However, her task now is bigger, as she sets out to find the right legal answer for each case. The most surprising aspect of the transition from an advocate's perspective to the neutral role as a justice is that the case does not stop after briefs or oral arguments. Instead, the Court often must do additional research to get to the right answer. By the time the case reaches the Supreme Court, no answer is easy or obvious. The nine-person court always works as a team. Even if there are disagreements, they are argued respectfully. Each opinion is edited multiple times; although it is an intensive process, it is an important task for the citizens of our state.

Everyone, including the Supreme Court of Georgia, is adjusting to the new reality associated with COVID-19. The Court responded to the evolving environment by postponing the oral argument calendar for March. Going forward, the Court will hear arguments via Zoom allowing cases to be heard while adhering to the social distancing guidelines issued by the state and federal governments. Justice Warren is proud of Chief Justice Melton for asking essential functions to continue while ensuring the safety of parties, litigants, attorneys and jurors across Georgia. The judiciary is adapting to the situation in these extraordinary times. The Court continues to perform its central functions, such as reviewing and analyzing briefs, drafting opinions and con-



Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren

ducting en banc meetings telephonically to keep the calendar moving. Justice Warren attributes the transition to remote work to the efforts of the support staff and to new ways of being efficient and effective even from home.

Currently, Justice Warren is embarking on the adventure of her first statewide campaign. It is a unique opportunity to explain the role of the Court to both lawyers and non-lawyers. The election process allows Georgia citizens to determine how their courts are led and participate in the process. Justice Warren's journey displays the importance for young lawyers to be open to take opportunities presented on our path. **YLD**

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Professional Development

How to Identify an Impactful Mentor



**Riane
Sharp**

I chose one of my most impactful mentors after approximately three days of knowing her. Crazy, right? There was just something about her that caused me to want to learn from her. She gets me, understands my goals, is good at listening, teaching, providing honest feedback and I can be my whole self with her. I realize that not all millennials have such great fortune when it comes to mentors. I understand because I have had many mentors of varying levels of impact. I am writing this article in hopes that more millennials will be able to identify compassionate leaders to learn from and ultimately help them achieve their goals.

First, there is no limit to how many mentors you can have. I suggest developing a personal board of directors that have variety of strengths. My mentors are different ages, genders and ethnicities, and have different skill sets and experiences. I often run big decisions or concerns by most of my board, but then I have my go-tos for small things as well.

Second, there are different levels to mentorship. In my experience, the levels can range from organic to forced, sounding board to advocate, formal to informal as well as other variations. I am a fan of an organic mentorship—meaning you are not assigned to your mentor, instead you both make a mutual decision to enter into the mentoring relationship with each other.

Now that I've shared a little bit on my mentorship philosophy and the varying forms it can take, I want to share what I look for in my mentors.

What I Look For

I look for leaders who:

Are Good at Their Job

This is multi-layered. I want someone who is knowledgeable, respected and has learned



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how to navigate the workplace successfully—whether they have the same employer as me or not. You should want someone who is good at their job; partly, so they can help teach you how to be good at your job, but also to make sure you're getting good guidance from someone who is doing well in ways that you hope to excel.

Are Worth Emulating

There is something about them you want duplicate. Whether it is developing expertise, the ability to connect with different people of all levels across the company genuinely or simply the ability to stress less. Be mentored by someone who you admire.

Care About My Professional Development

It is important that your mentor actually cares or will care about your growth. This is why I prefer organic mentorship to the assigned ones. Everyone will not care, that's just the truth. But the right one will care, and there is gold in that.

Are Available and Willing

Being a mentor is a time commitment. Depending on how you set up your mentor-

ship, you might be meeting for 30 minutes to an hour for several weeks or indefinitely. You might have the perfect person in mind to be your mentor, but if they do not have the time or are simply unwilling to help guide you at this time, they will not be as impactful as someone who does have the time and is willing.

Are Honest

I love to share different scenarios with my mentors and get their take on the best way to handle it. This feedback is most valuable when it is honest. I have made better decisions because of the honest feedback of some of my advisors and I am grateful for it.

These are just a few on my list, but you should come up with your own list based on your priorities.

How to Identify an Impactful Mentor

My biggest tip on how to identify an impactful mentor applies to potential mentors both inside and outside of your workplace... observe. Look for people who display the characteristics on your list and listen to how people talk about them when they are not

around. At least two people on my board from work always had people singing their praises when you mentioned their name. I could not help but think “they must be doing something right.”

Things to Remember About Mentorship

As you work to identify a mentor that is right for you, keep the following things in mind:

Mentorships are Two-Way Relationships

As your mentor pours into you, strive to meet a need for them as well. Initially, you may think you don’t have anything to offer or share with a more experienced professional, but you might be surprised to find out how much you do. Ask your mentor what they are looking to gain from this relationship? Maybe they need a more junior professional’s brain to pick to help plan an activity the whole department will appreciate or they could have technology issues that are simple for you to resolve. Get creative, but at the same time do not force this. Their needs may manifest after meeting with them a while.

Show Gratitude for Your Mentor Regularly

Your mentor is doing you a *huge* favor helping to develop and grow you professionally. Find ways to show you are thankful. I am a huge fan of handwritten notes, so that is usually my first expression of gratitude, but I also strive to learn what my mentor values. Is it chocolate? If so, easy. Who does not like a free meal every now and then? The possibilities are really endless.

Don’t Forget to Reach Back and Pull Forward as You Grow

Mentor others. You too have something to share. YLD

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Committee Spotlight

YLD Women in the Profession



**Jena
Emory**

We are excited to share with you what the YLD Women in the Profession Committee has been up to this year.

Membership

In August, the committee had 29 members. Currently, we have 89 members! Our committee is growing, and we look forward to planning more exciting events.

August

The committee began the year with coffee with Judge Debra Duncan of the Glynn County Probate Court at the YLD Summer Meeting in Saint Simons, Georgia. Judge Duncan was a gracious and informative speaker. She talked about her history and how she became a judge. She also shared tips for young lawyers in the profession, specifically the importance of not ruining your reputation and being prepared. She understands how difficult life is sometimes, and the need to move forward. She said that when you get up and get dressed in the morning, the worst part is over. Judge Duncan invited all of us to come visit her at Glynn County Probate Court. It was a great event!

September

On Sept. 18, 2019, we had our “Selfie” September lunch and learn, which focused on skills to build self-confidence in and out of the courtroom. Our speaker was Judge Kimberly Childs from the Cobb County Superior Court Bench. Judge Childs was a humble and open speaker. She discussed her career success and failures with equal ease. She also described her process for successfully running for judgeship as a woman. All who attended the event came away inspired. Judge Childs recommended that the committee have a



**Samantha
Mullis**

meeting/happy hour/networking event with the Cobb County Bar (or the Women of the Bar Section of the Cobb County Bar). We are in the process of scheduling this event. More updates to come.

October

On Oct. 16, 2019, we had our Organized October lunch and learn. Our speaker was Christina Baugh, a partner at Barnes & Thornburg. The focus of the event was how to be successful as a lawyer, a wife and a mother at the same time. We discussed how to balance a career, personal life and Bar participation. Our committee members especially loved the discussions about maternity leave and motherhood as a professional woman.

January

On Jan. 10, 2020, the committee had coffee with Judge Shondeana C. Morris of the Superior Court of DeKalb County at The Georgian Terrace. This coffee was in conjunction with the Midyear Meeting. Judge Morris spoke about being a woman in this profession, the special challenges that women face and how to overcome adversity.

February

On Feb. 17, 2020, the committee and the YLD Labor and Employment Law Committee hosted a “Fairness February” lunch and learn with Judge Janis C. Gordon of the State Court of DeKalb County. Fisher & Phillips LLP sponsored the event and provided wonderful swag bags. Judge Gordon spoke on the challenges facing young lawyers, proper courtroom demeanor and the way she runs oral arguments.



JOIN A YLD COMMITTEE

The YLD has more than 25 committees working to support our motto of service to the community and profession. Each committee works diligently to provide substantive programming in their respective focus areas.

To join a YLD committee, visit www.georgiayld.org.

Keep in mind that your committee membership will end on June 30 of each year. Visit the web after July 1 to re-join.

May

Assuming quarantine is over and Major League Baseball has resumed their schedule, for our end of the year blockbuster, the YLD Women in the Profession Committee is planning an outing to the Atlanta Braves vs. New York Mets game on May 22, 2020, at 7:20 p.m. at Truist Park (formerly SunTrust Park). ^{YLD}

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Attendees of the Organized October lunch and learn featuring speaker Christina Baugh.



DeKalb County Superior Court Judge Shondeana Morris (black and white dress) with attendees of the Coffee with a Judge event held in conjunction with the Midyear Meeting in January.



DeKalb County State Court Judge Janis Gordon (center) with attendees of the Fairness February lunch and learn.



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Taking the necessary time for ourselves not only improves our health and our mindsets, but also increases productivity so we can bring our best, most refreshed versions of ourselves to work.

thing opposing counsel does or fails to do for the rest of the afternoon and a racing heart rate over the stress of your caseload and a calm mindset with which to face conflict and tackle problems. Take time to breathe. Exercise in general has helped me to meditate and breathe. My preferred sport is Crossfit-style cardio fitness and while often out of breath and struggling throughout the hour, I can return to work the next day or after lunch when I attend a class and feel refreshed and ready to manage whatever the workday brings.

3 Make time for family/pets.

Your family is as important or more than your work. There is no need to always stay at work past five or whenever your office closes and your productivity is lowered when you can be having dinner with your family or need to let out your dog that has waited for you all day. We work to support them. We need to make a point to set proper time boundaries and enjoy our lives outside of our livelihood. Memories outside of the office are important.

4 Take a day off every now and then guilt free.

Take the day for yourself. Make necessary appointments or spend time with a sick family member. There is an old adage, "If

you don't make time for your health, you will be forced to make time for your illnesses." In a similar vein, do not feel guilty about occasionally having to leave the office early or come in late due to appointments where you are taking care of your health such as doctor or dental office visits or needing to take a sick dog to the vet. A good employer will respect that sometimes life happens.

5 Volunteer/participate in groups outside of work.

Volunteering outside of the office on behalf of a cause that you are passionate about can be the part of your week that you most look forward to. A commitment to create a better community can really brighten up your Thursday evening or Saturday morning. You will feel better knowing you are making even a small difference on behalf of your passion. Consider taking on a leadership role in a volunteer or extracurricular group outside of work as well. Leading others to help with a cause you are passionate about and to become leaders themselves is not only a great way to meet friends, but can be one of your most rewarding experiences. *YLD*

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Affiliate Spotlight

Savannah YLD



**Alec
Chappell**

The Savannah Bar Association's YLD held several events in recent months under the leadership of President David Bobo Mullens III of Oliver Maner LLP and the executive board. In October, the YLD held its annual Trolley Ride with Old Town Trolley Tours. In true Halloween spirit, the event combined merriment and scares. Attendees heard chilling tales from early Savannah history, including the notorious 1735 hanging of Alice Riley in Wright Square. The group also "learned" that Revolutionary War hero Nathanael Greene cursed Johnson Square, his burial place, which even today remains devoid of Savannah's otherwise ubiquitous Spanish moss.

On Jan. 16, 2020, the YLD partnered with the Savannah Chapter of the Georgia Society of CPAs for a trivia night at B&D Burgers. YLD Social Co-Chair Gary M. Tiller of Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams LLP served as emcee, stumping participants with questions ranging from the source of mozzarella cheese (the Italian water buffalo) to the name of Jupiter's anticyclonic storm (the "Great Red Spot").

The YLD has also continued its tradition of service. Several members volunteered to judge high school mock trial on Feb. 1 and Feb. 22, 2020. Additionally, on Feb. 25, 2020, YLD members mentored newly admitted attorneys at the State Bar's Savannah office as part of the Beginning Lawyers Program. Discussion centered on the importance of maintaining physical and mental health in the legal profession.

Finally, the Savannah YLD was set to host the 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament this June at the Landings, but the event has been postponed due to the pandemic. More information will be released soon. The YLD encourages all members and alumni, as well as any interested out of town guests, to field or join a team, as the tournament is al-



Members of the Savannah YLD and their guests aboard their annual Trolley Ride with Old Town Trolley Tours in October 2019.



(L-R) Savannah YLD executive board members Alec Chappell and Anthony Burton mentor new attorneys Brian Griffin and Michael Callicutt at the Beginning Lawyers Program in February 2020.

ways a good time and the proceeds go directly to the Savannah Guardian Ad Litem Charity. Please contact Dustin Hamilton of the Dozier Law Firm, LLC, at dustin@dozierlaw.com if interested in receiving further information to sponsor or participate in the tournament.

The Savannah YLD looks forward to another outstanding year of fellowship and

service in 2020 (or whenever we can all be together again). YLD

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event, we have seen this first hand. Young lawyers spend their (often very limited) free time giving their talent and resources to this event. It is a refreshing reminder that ours is a service profession made up of caring, kind and, of course, zealous professionals.

Take care, be well and thank you for your support. *YLD*

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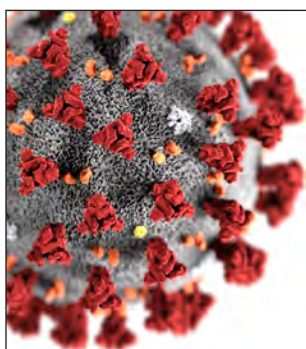
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