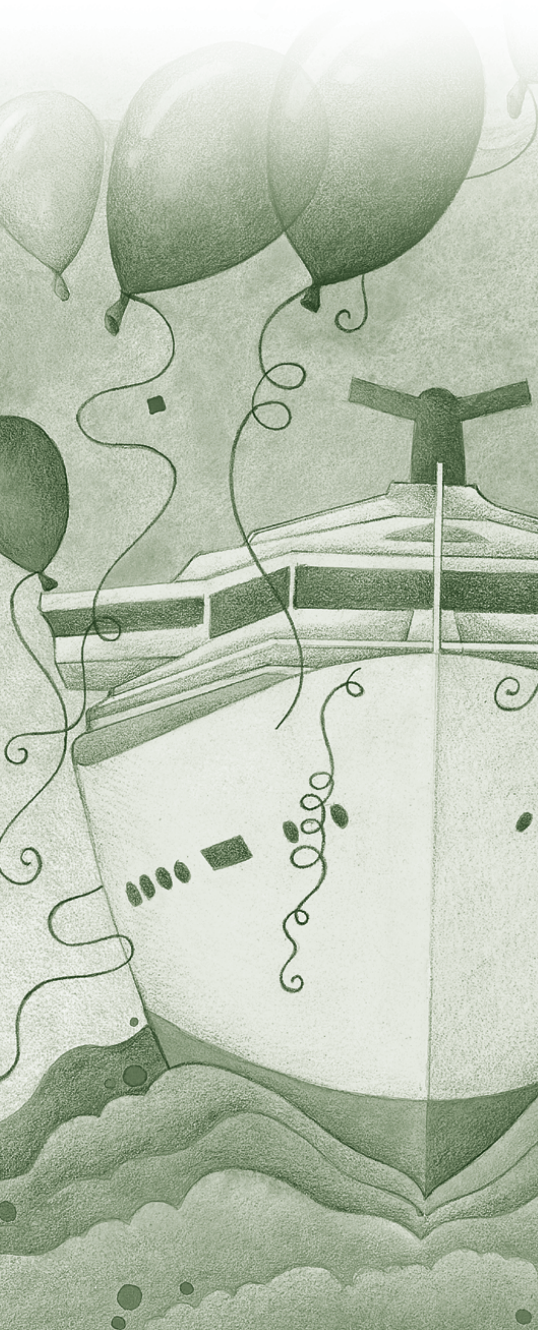




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Congrats and Welcome Aboard!

Congratulations to all of the new admittees who recently passed the bar exam and to those who participated in the bar admission ceremony held this fall. As many of you know, the Young Lawyers' Section serves as the host for the bi-annual admission ceremonies held each May and October. In the last several years, we have received many comments and suggestions about this important event and have worked extremely hard to make this a truly great experience for the admittees and their families. The YLS has recently added value to the admissions ceremony by inviting all **three federal district courts** to hold their swearing-in ceremonies contemporaneously with the Alabama State Bar's ceremony. This means that a new admittee can get admitted to the Alabama state courts and all three federal district courts at the same time, instead of having to travel separately to each federal district. **Leslie Ellis** and **Chris Waller**, both of Montgomery, are the co-chairs of the Admissions Ceremony Committee and deserve a great deal of the credit for the hard work they put into each ceremony.

I hope everyone is planning on heading down to the annual Young Lawyers'

Section CLE program in Sandestin. We have already started planning the event which will be held May 18-19. It is a great time to see old friends and make new ones in a relaxed atmosphere. In the past, we have been fortunate to have tremendous speakers who offer practical insights and tips that have "real world" application, as well as sharing insight on some of the biggest cases being brought in Alabama. This event promises to be as much fun as always!

The YLS is extremely proud to be involved in many **community service activities**. This past year we participated in a workday at Father Purcell's Children's Home for severely disabled children. We hosted a minority pre-law conference in Montgomery and in Birmingham. We also established a lawyer in every classroom program that allows members from our group to speak to young adults and children about our legal system. Your Young Lawyers' Section is constantly striving to maintain the Alabama State Bar's motto, "Lawyers Render Service."

For more information about our organization and upcoming events, please visit our Website at www.alabamayls.org/.

Lastly, our organization could not operate without the hard work of the other officers and members of the Executive Committee. These highly motivated professionals are:

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