



A Team Effort

Thank you for allowing me to serve as president of the Alabama State Bar Young Lawyers' Section this year. I have enjoyed my tenure and am sorry to be departing. However, the YLS is in more than capable hands with **Bob Bailey (president-elect), Clay Lanham (secretary)** and **Navan Ward (treasurer)** leading us into the future. It has been another great year for the YLS, and this is due to the many individuals and firms who supported the section this year and made our programs and events so successful. To the extent possible, I will recognize these individuals and firms in this article.

The YLS held its Sandestin Seminar in May. These members of the Sandestin Committee worked extremely hard to make this event a tremendous success: **Clay Lanham, Katie Hammett, David Cain, Shay Lawson, Brandon Hughey, Larkin Peters, Leslie Ellis, Brad Hicks,** and **Clifton Mosteller.**

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Thanks also to our tremendous panel of speakers who helped make the Sandestin seminar a huge success.

Speakers

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On April 15th and April 29th, the YLS held its award-winning Minority Pre-Law conferences in Montgomery and Birmingham. **J. R. Gaines, Navan Ward, Kitty Brown, Sancha Epiphane,** and **Catherine Long** put a great deal of time, effort and energy into coordinating and planning these events and should be commended for this exceptional program.

Additionally, the following firms and organizations sponsored the YLS Minority Pre-Law conferences:

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In addition, special thanks go to Past YLS President **George Parker**, and to all of the members of the Young Lawyers' Section's Executive Committee. Without your help, there is no way that I could have led the group this year. I also thank Alabama State Bar President **Mark White**, Alabama State Bar President-Elect **Tom Methvin** and the entire staff of the Alabama State Bar who helped make my job easier and who were so supportive of the YLS and our many programs and events. I also express my sincere appreciation to my law partners for their support of me and the YLS during this year. Last, but certainly not least, I thank my wife, Julie, for her patience, understanding, support and wisdom. As always, I encourage you to become more involved in your YLS. If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your YLS president for 2008-2009.



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