



YLS members and family enjoy the Bayside Beer Party during this year's annual meeting.



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## Sign Up, Join In

I am honored to be serving this year as president of the Alabama State Bar Young Lawyers' Section. If you are 36 years old or under or if you are over 36 but you've been admitted to the bar for three years or less, then guess what? You're a member of the Young Lawyers' Section. No charge, no form to fill out, no hassle. You're in, and your membership provides you with a number of great opportunities to meet new people, develop your practice and serve our state bar.

Your YLS recently concluded a great year under the leadership of **Past President Jimbo Terrell**. Jimbo was a fantastic president, and he leaves big shoes to fill. I certainly appreciate all of the guidance he has provided me over the last year.

At the Alabama State Bar's Annual Meeting in July, 2009-10 officers were elected for our section. They are:

**President: Robert N. Bailey, II (Huntsville)**

**Vice President: Clay A. Lanham (Mobile)**

**Secretary: Navan Ward, Jr. (Montgomery)**

**Treasurer: Kitty Rogers Brown (Birmingham)**

We are very excited about the upcoming year and the events planned. As always, we will be hosting our annual Sandestin seminar, so go ahead and book your calendars for **May 12 through May 16, 2010**. Also, we will again be hosting our annual Iron Bowl CLE in Birmingham in November, and we will be sending out e-mails with the dates in the near future. Finally, we will host the bar admission ceremonies for new admittees in Montgomery in October and May.

We also plan to continue our service projects this year. Our award-winning **Minority Pre-Law conferences** will again be held in Montgomery and Birmingham in the spring of 2010 and we hope to continue to expand our **Lawyer in Every Classroom Program**. Also, our **FEMA Assistance Program** will be prepared to assist victims of tornadoes, hurricanes or any other natural disasters.

We encourage everyone to be a part of **Pro Bono Week** from **October 25 to October 31, 2009**. It is the Alabama State Bar's Pro Bono Celebration Task Force's goal to encourage each judicial circuit to conduct a clinic or celebratory event during pro bono week. I encourage all young lawyers to get involved in your judicial circuit's event and also to join the Volunteer Lawyers Program. If you are interested, contact Linda Lund at [linda.lund@alabar.org](mailto:linda.lund@alabar.org).

For more information about any of our events or programs, or to get more involved with your YLS, visit [www.alabamayls.org](http://www.alabamayls.org) or feel free to contact me at [rnb@lanierford.com](mailto:rnb@lanierford.com). ▲▼▲