



Allegheny County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division

Congratulations on passing the bar exam! As a newly admitted attorney in Western Pennsylvania, joining the Young Lawyers Division of the Allegheny County Bar Association is one of the best investments you can make in yourself and in your career – and it’s all free to join your first year!

- **Who is in the YLD?** When you join the Allegheny County Bar Association, if you have been practicing for ten (10) years or less, you *automatically* become a member of the YLD.
- **What does the YLD have to offer?** The YLD provides young lawyers with unparalleled access to networking opportunities, both with peers and with more senior members of the legal community. The YLD also provides professional development and mentorship opportunities, direct access to many public service initiatives, and continuing legal education programs. Finally, the YLD regularly hosts fun, social events and activities in Pittsburgh and throughout Western Pennsylvania.

Three Ways to Get Involved in the YLD

1. **Join a Committee:** The best way to get involved in the YLD is to attend monthly committee meetings. The meetings are very relaxed, they are open to all, and lunch is provided! Committee members brainstorm, plan, and execute the various events and programs that the YLD puts on each year.

Whether you are interested in helping plan an educational event, a public service initiative, or simply socializing with peers, there is a YLD committee for you. Getting to know committee members at a meeting is an excellent way to network and move your career forward, or simply to make a new friend in the legal community. A full list of the YLD’s committees (and their meeting schedules and locations) can be found on the backside of this page.

2. **Attend an Event:** The YLD hosts networking, educational, and public service events almost every month. These events include everything from structured speed-networking and lunch-and-learn CLEs to charitable drives and laidback happy hours. The YLD has hosted social and charitable events at museums and art galleries, PNC Park and Heinz Field, local restaurants, bars, and breweries, as well as numerous city parks. The YLD aims to offer a wide variety of events so you can have fun while getting to know other young lawyers.
3. **Get on the List:** Upon joining the ACBA, you will automatically be signed up for the weekly YLD e-newsletter, called “the Sidebar,” which will keep you up to date on everything going on with the YLD! We can’t wait to meet you!

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YLD Committees

All committee meetings are held at the ACBA Headquarters, on the Fourth Floor of the Koppers Building, which is located in downtown Pittsburgh at 436 Seventh Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

All YLD members are encouraged and welcome to attend any of the listed committee meetings, and no advanced RSVP is necessary. Free lunch is provided at all committee meetings!

1. **Education Committee:** The Education Committee provides YLD members with educational programs, including CLEs and lunch-and-learn seminars, focusing on practical legal skills, mentoring from seasoned attorneys, and other topics relevant to young lawyers' success. **The Education Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month at noon.**
2. **Public Service Committee:** The Public Service Committee serves Allegheny County residents through a variety of programs, projects, and initiatives, while giving young lawyers an opportunity to network, supplement their legal practice, and give back to the community. Programs range from providing written legal assistance to senior citizens to presentations on specific legal topics faced by high school seniors. The Committee aims to give young lawyers an opportunity to reach out to the public while promoting a positive image of lawyers and the legal profession in general. **The Public Service Committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month at noon.**
3. **Member Services Committee:** The Member Services Committee provides YLD members social and networking opportunities with other members of the YLD, members of the ACBA at large, and members of the state and federal judiciary. Participating in the Member Services Committee allows its members to craft vital networking and professional development skills necessary for the growth and progress of young lawyers in Allegheny County. **The Member Services Committee meets on the third Wednesday of every month at noon.**
4. **Diversity Committee:** In 2008, the YLD formed the Diversity Committee to address concerns regarding the lack of diversity in the legal profession and ACBA. Through social events, educational initiatives, and mentoring, the Committee works to increase young minority involvement in the ACBA and in the legal community at large. **The Diversity Committee meets on the third Thursday of every month at noon.**
5. **Communications Committee:** The Communications Committee promotes involvement with the YLD by advertising upcoming events and programs through a weekly e-newsletter called, the "YLD Sidebar," and through the YLD's social media outlets. Additionally, the Committee publishes an ABA award-winning newsletter, "Point of Law," which includes substantive legal articles from YLD members and colleagues from the legal community, while also highlighting the YLD's activities. **The Communications Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month at noon.**
6. **Membership Outreach Committee:** The Membership Outreach Committee is responsible for recruiting, retaining, and supporting membership in the YLD and ACBA at large through new and unique endeavors. This is accomplished by connecting YLD members with other young professionals in the Pittsburgh community, by strengthening the YLD's contacts with local law schools and new law graduates, and by implementing new initiatives to leverage the already strong existing network of YLD and ACBA members. **The Membership Outreach Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month at noon.**