

YLD Hosts its First Emerging Professionals Conference



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On April 6, 2017, the YLD hosted its first Emerging Professionals Conference and Reception in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Conference started at the Minneapolis Club, with two one-hour panels moderated by Matt Moschella (Sherin and Lodgen/YLD Board Member/FBA General Counsel). YLD members and law students from the Twin Cities' three law schools attended. The first panel included Kip Bollin (Thompson Hine LLP/FBA President Elect), Sam Bolstad (former Federal Law Clerk and Current Minnesota Supreme Court Clerk), Glen McMurry (Dungan & LeFevre, FBA YLD Chair), Kevin Zhao (Greene Espel PLLP). Panelists discussed issues related to the transition from law school to private and public practice, including strategies for job placement, the benefits of having a mentor, and the advantages of FBA membership.

The second panel featured Kip Bollin, Lauren D'Cruz (Lind Jensen Sullivan & Peterson), Sybil Dunlop (Greene Epsel PLLP), David Goodwin (Gustafson Gluek PLLC, FBA Board Member), Katherine Graf (Target Corporation) and Ben Kwan (Halunen Law/President of Minnesota Asia Pacific Bar Association). The panelists discussed strategies on how to make the first year of practice successful, including strategies for being an effective law firm associate/young attorney as well as advice on dealing with the demands of the legal profession.

The Conference concluded with a reception and networking event at the Minneapolis Federal Courthouse Atrium. Members of the YLD Division, the Law Student Division, the Minnesota Chapter, and the Minnesota Federal Judiciary attended. The reception was a resounding success, as it afforded the opportunity for informal networking between law students, young attorneys, and experienced members of the FBA.

The YLD looks to build on the success of this Conference by hosting a 2018 Emerging Professionals Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.