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Jessica R. Toplin, the current YLD Treasurer, is a Trial Attorney in the Commercial Litigation Branch of the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. Toplin's practice primarily involves litigating Federal employment and Government Contracts matters before the United States Court of Federal Claims. Toplin also maintains an appellate practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

In 2003, Toplin graduated from the George Washington University with Bachelor's in Business Administration, double majoring in Human Resources Management and Marketing and minoring in Communications. Prior to college, Toplin always assumed that she would pursue a career in business or politics. However, after living in Washington D.C. for a few years and spending a significant amount of time with her uncle, a patent litigator and senior partner in a large D.C. law firm, she decided to enroll in law school because she was intrigued by the intellectual challenge of litigation and thought that practicing law might provide a unique opportunity to blend her interest in business with her desire to serve as an advocate for others.

Toplin attended the George Washington University Law School and received her J.D. in 2006. During the summer after her first year in law school, Toplin interned in the Torts Branch of the Civil Division of the Department of Justice. This internship helped Toplin realize that she had a passion for public service. As a result, Toplin decided that she wanted to pursue a career as a civil litigator at the United States Department of Justice.

After graduating from law school, Toplin moved to Orlando, Florida and served as a law clerk in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. In 2008, Toplin entered the Department of Justice through

the Attorney General's Honors Program and has remained there ever since.

Toplin has been involved in the Federal Bar Association since 2009. In addition to being an active member of the YLD, Toplin is a member of the District of Columbia Chapter. She has served on the District of Columbia Chapter Board, and as Chair of the Chapter's Younger Lawyer's Section.

Toplin is admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court, United States Court of Federal Claims, United States Court of International Trade, and the States of Pennsylvania and Florida.