

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

BY DAVID A. GOODWIN



*Dear Younger Lawyers,*

I am happy to present the spring 2016 Younger Lawyer Division ("YLD") *Perspectives* e-newsletter. As a benefit of your YLD membership, this newsletter is published quarterly and delivered to you via email.

Glen McMurry and the entire *Perspectives* committee have worked hard to create an informative and interesting publication that we hope you will enjoy.

2016 has been another active year for the YLD. In conjunction with the FBA Midyear Meeting in Washington, D.C. this spring, the YLD held the 2016 **Thurgood A. Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition**, which was another success. This highly regarded competition draws teams from law schools across the country. Thank you to the YLD Moot Court Committee Members, competition judges, and volunteers who make this fantastic program possible.

As we turn towards summer, we enter the most active time of the year for the YLD, starting with the annual **Summer Law Clerk Program**. The program affords law students and new attorneys an opportunity to meet and interact with attorneys who practice throughout the federal government. The program begins with a kick-off event, and then proceeds throughout the summer with a variety of panel discussions and agency visits. This year, FBA Sections will also partner with us to organize subject matter panels. Please watch for updates on this program.

On June 20, the YLD will sponsor its annual **U.S. Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony** for all eligible FBA members who are interested in being admitted to the Highest Court. The event includes a reception traditionally attended by Supreme Court Justices.

As we look to the Annual Convention in Cleveland this September, the YLD will sponsor its annual awards luncheon. The program will include the presentation of the **Younger Federal Lawyers Awards** and the **Robyn Spalter Award**. The program honors outstanding younger lawyers and those who support the YLD. Please see the [FBA Awards Page](#) for nomination information. I hope to see you at the Convention in September.

In addition to these annual events we are excited to share new efforts by the YLD to increase collaboration with each Section and Division. To that end, we are reenergizing our liaison efforts and look forward to collaborating with all Sections and Divisions. Do not hesitate to contact me if your Section or Division would like to work with the YLD on any upcoming events.

Finally, we are working on exciting new programs to engage with members of the newly formed Law Student Division in order to assist law students successfully transition into their careers and become members of the YLD and the broader FBA.

The YLD is *your* Division. It reflects the broad and diverse membership of thousands of young attorneys in all practice areas. Feel free to contact me if you think there is something we could be doing to better serve our membership or if you would like to be more involved with the YLD. For more information on our Division and the opportunities it holds for you, please visit our website by clicking [HERE](#) and following the *Younger Lawyers Division* link. Please also "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for up to date content and announcements about our Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Goodwin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David. A. Goodwin