

The namesake of the YLD Outstanding Achievement Award Committee is the late National FBA President Robyn J. Spalter. Robyn embodied the essence of the YLD Outstanding Achievement Award because as she climbed the national FBA leadership ladder to become President, she “always focused on the importance of new and younger lawyers and the role that they would play in the future growth of the FBA.” Matthew Moreland, In Memoriam: Robyn J. Spalter Past President of the Federal Bar Association, THE FEDERAL LAWYER, August 2012, at 15.

Robyn inspired many and through the YLD Outstanding Achievement Award, the YLD knows that she will continue to inspire others. Robyn’s service to the FBA continues to be felt today. Sadly, Robyn passed away on May 28, 2012, doing one of her beloved pastimes, scuba diving. Given Robyn’s extensive leadership and achievement within the FBA and her untimely passing (well before her 50th birthday), it is most appropriate to honor Robyn by naming the YLD Outstanding Achievement Award after her.