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Dear Law Student Member –

Allow me this opportunity to tell you a little about the New Jersey State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (NJSBA-YLD), the largest section of the NJSBA. The YLD is open to all NJSBA members under 36 years old or admitted to practice for five years or less. Our meetings and events include programming to serve your needs and address a variety of practice areas and interests. Additionally, we work closely with other sections and committees of the NJSBA to serve the people of New Jersey.

As a law student, your time is a precious commodity. We know that and want you to take advantage of the YLD web site by participating in the e-mail forum. As a member, you can take advantage of this benefit and post questions to lawyers about interviewing techniques, resumes, and cover letters. The YLD seeks to assist other new attorneys and law students with these skills, so please take advantage of it and check out our events for 2008-09.

This upcoming year is full of community service, educational and networking events to help you become the best lawyer you can be. We are the community service arm of the NJSBA. Each year young lawyers provide countless hours to help make NJ a great place to live. We are in the midst of planning some community service events, including the American Bar Association YLD's *Wills for Heroes* program, clothing collections for *Hire Attire* of New Brunswick, and Earth Day projects. This year, the *Wills for Heroes* program is a new addition to our agenda. We will be working in coordination with the ABA-YLD to facilitate this event. Join one of our community service project committees today and help us help our local communities! If you are interested please contact our Community Service Project Chairman, Brandon Minde, YLD Secretary, to let him know you would like to become involved in our community service projects. E-mail Brandon at brandon.minde@njecpo.org.

This past year, YLD premiered its 101 Series. Since, the YLD is committed to providing programming and activities to help you achieve your goals. Our programming for 2008-09 will include the 101 Series and Anatomy of a Trial Series. These programs will include, among other topics, deposition training for lay and expert witnesses, municipal court practice, and trial techniques. We are proud to offer this training to our members as a benefit at affordable pricing, just \$20 for the training and a light dinner. These series will be presented by "veteran" young lawyers, many of whom are certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as Civil and Criminal Trial Attorneys. Look for these events beginning in October 2008.

Exchanging ideas with your colleagues in a relaxed and casual atmosphere is paramount to a successful career. YLD plans social events throughout the year. Our Kick-Off Barbeque will be on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at the Law Center. Come meet the Officers and your colleagues and sign-up for a committee. Presently, YLD is making plans for the Breeders Cup event at Far Hills on October 18, 2008 and the Brew Ho Ho, co-sponsored with Middlesex County Bar Association Young Lawyers Committee, at the Fox and Hound in Edison, on December 4, 2008. See the YLD website for details at www.njsba.com, then click on Sections and Divisions and select YLD.

We are a very active organization dedicated to supporting young lawyers. We hope you will join us and use the YLD to help you become the best lawyer you can be.

See you soon!

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