



The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division



GRANT APPLICATIONS



Affiliate Outreach Conference 2013

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Submitted By: Young Lawyers Division of the
Brevard County Bar Association

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I. SHORT PROJECT TITLE:

Brevard YLD Beach Day for Education

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III. DESCRIBE YOUR AFFILIATE:

The Young Lawyers Division of the Brevard County Bar Association (“Brevard YLD”) has approximately 140 members to date. Approximately half of that number are associate members, who are no longer eligible for membership in the YLD (due to age/length of practice), but attend Brevard YLD socials and charity events.

IV. SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The Brevard YLD has made an effort to promote community involvement among its members, including promoting the needs of numerous local non-profit organizations. As such, the Brevard YLD has recognized the importance of education in our members’ success as lawyers, and wanted to afford the same educational opportunities to local children in need.

As our local community and national citizenship at large has continued to face economic cutbacks and hardships, the non-profit sector continues to see growing needs and decreased funding. After the Brevard YLD researched the growing needs of local non-profits with a focus on underprivileged children, the non-profits all proclaimed a continuing need for educational materials, such as school supplies, tutoring sessions, studying materials, SAT preparatory materials, pens, paper, etc.

To help off-set the educational needs of these children, the Brevard YLD wants to reach-out to the local community (both legal and non-legal) to ask for the donation of educational materials and monetary donations to purchase educational materials.

To raise awareness and promote donations, the Brevard YLD wants to host a fun-filled, community beach day. The goals of the Brevard YLD Beach Day for Education are to promote the educational needs of children in our community who may not otherwise be afforded such educational opportunities, as well as to bring the community together for a fun beach day to help a good cause.

V. PROJECT OBJECTIVES/DESCRIPTION:

After discussing the needs of local charities that help children and teenagers (“children”), many asked for educational materials and supplies. The range of educational needs of the children is vast and varies depending on each individual child, whether it’s a child diagnosed with autism who needs specialized tutoring or a teenager preparing for college. Promoting education seemed like a natural cause for the Brevard YLD, particularly because education has always been an integral part of our careers as lawyers.

It is our goal to provide the educational materials and donations to multiple charities in Brevard County who promote the educational needs of children and teenagers in need in our community. We also hope to provide a portion of the materials to local families in need of educational supplies, in addition to local charitable organizations.

Although our primary goal is to promote the educational needs of children in our community – we want to accomplish this goal in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. Also, Brevard County is well-known for its beautiful beaches and amazing weather, so we felt a Beach Day Fundraising Event would be perfect. We will encourage all participants to come prepared for a day of fun in the sun, while also bringing donations and educational materials to be donated to local charities, organizations and families who help children in need in Brevard County.

Although many organizations in our community already receive community support and/or government funding for different items, such as housing needs, food, clothing etc., the organizations also stated there is always a growing need for educational materials for the kids they are helping.

In addition to the members of the Brevard YLD, we believe the residents of Brevard County are wonderful promoters and supporters of community involvement, as well as charitable organizations, so we wanted to host an event to promote both causes. We hope the event will promote a wonderful image of young lawyers in Brevard County, as well as bringing together our wonderful community to promote a noble cause – to help in the educational needs of kids less fortunate than ourselves.

For lawyers, education is an important and integral part of our history and our success. We believe education provides important opportunities for all, and we felt it was fitting to help kids who may not be afforded the same educational opportunities we may have had growing up. Like all children, these charities who help children in need want to provide a stable and loving home, which includes educational opportunities. One of the main purposes of providing educational opportunities to the kids is to encourage the children to one day become independent and contributing members of society.

We believe this is an easy project to replicate because it requires very little materials, and should be easier to promote each year as the awareness of the event gains momentum each year. Brevard County is full of beautiful beaches and wonderful weather, so the location is the easiest part of the event. The hardest part of the event is promotion and getting the word out to the community at large about the event. However, because the event is open to all, we do not believe attendance will be a major problem.

Additionally, the Brevard YLD will advertise this project in our monthly Brevard County Bar Association (“BCBA”) newsletters, distribute brochures to BCBA members, distribute brochures to local participating businesses, as well as solicit private donations through direct communication. The Brevard YLD would use AOC grant money to fund the creation of marketing materials, rental of beach pavilion(s), and advertise the project in our local bar newsletter. If there are any grant funds remaining after the aforementioned, the Brevard YLD would propose purchasing educational materials or providing the funds directly to the charitable organizations for the purchase of educational materials.

Brevard YLD President Elect Christina M. Sanchez will present this proposal at the AOC.

VI. PROJECT EVALUATION:

Because there are multiple wonderful causes in Brevard County for people to promote, it is our goal the Brevard YLD Beach Day for Education will be competitive with other community events. We believe the measure of effectiveness for our event will be if we can help at least 100 children’s educational needs in our community. We hosted a smaller event in the past to promote education and were able to raise supplies to help approximately 20 children. It is our goal during a full day event of fun at the beach, which will be open to both the legal and non-legal community at large, we hope to increase educational donations by five to help at least 100 kids.

VII. PROJECT ORGANIZATION:

The Brevard YLD proposes a four tiered organization plan.

- a. Design and Creation of Beach Day marketing materials.
- b. Design and implementation of aggressive advertising for donations and promotion of the event in local media outlets and in the local bar association newsletter for a period of several months.
- c. Private outreach to local practitioners and businesses (for donations and promotion).
- d. Ultimate presentation of donated materials.

VIII. BUDGET:

Marketing/Brochures	\$500 (\$100/month for 5 months)
Pavilion Rental	\$100

As part of future budget discussions, the Brevard YLD hopes to reserve a portion of our annual budget for the annual Brevard YLD Beach Day Fundraiser Event.

IX. TIMETABLE:

We believe it will take approximately four months to prepare for the Brevard YLD Beach Day for Education. We anticipate approximately two months planning the event and approximately 2 months to promote the event. We anticipate cross-promotion by our local legal community, as well as the charities we are hoping to provide educational materials for at the close of the event.

Broward County Bar Association
Young Lawyers Section
AOC PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION 2013

I. Short Project Title:

*JUVENILE DIVERSION RECORD EXPUNCTION WORKSHOP OUTREACH AND
SCHOLARSHIP FUND*

- II. Contact Information:** The President-Elect for the Broward County Bar Association, YLS, Marissa J. Pullano will be the contact for this application and will also be presenting the project.

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- III. Describe Your Affiliate:** The Broward County Bar Association currently consists of approximately 2,300 active members, of which, approximately 800 are active members of the Young Lawyers Section. This Affiliate is a division of the Broward County Bar Association and as such, it is the largest voluntary Bar Association in Broward County. The Board of Directors for the Young Lawyers Section of the Broward County Bar Association regularly attended the Affiliate Outreach Conference with the exception of January 2012. Prior to January 2012, the Young Lawyers Section of the Broward County Bar Association regularly attended for ten (10) consecutive years. This is the first time the affiliate is presenting the Juvenile Diversion Record Expunction Workshop Outreach and Scholarship Fund project.
- IV. Summarize the Purpose of Your Request:** The project proposed by this Affiliate is outreach to a quarterly juvenile diversion record expunction workshop held in conjunction with the Broward County State Attorney's Office and numerous juvenile diversion programs in Broward County. As part of this affiliate's outreach to the Workshop we are requesting funding for a scholarship fund in the approximate amount of \$1,500.00 which will provide the processing fee of \$75.00 to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for twenty (20) youth who have successfully completed a Juvenile Diversionary Program in Broward County. This affiliate has staffed the Expunction Workshop in November 2012.
- V. Project Objectives:** The objectives of this affiliates' participation in outreach to the Juvenile Diversion Record Expunction Workshop are as follows:

- This project provides financial assistance to twenty (20) at-risk youth who have successfully completed a juvenile diversionary program for a non-violent misdemeanor arrest and who otherwise could not afford the processing fee of \$75.00 which is required by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to expunge a non-violent misdemeanor juvenile arrest. This financial assistance is a community outreach project which is important to the Young Lawyers Section.
- This project provides community outreach to the Broward County community at large. The Juvenile Diversion Record Expunction Workshop assists youth who have successfully completed a diversion program within the last six (6) months and that have no other arrests on their record and those who have not previously expunged a record. Youth with non-violent misdemeanor charges may only apply for expunction.
- The project will provide outreach services to over 250 youth in Broward County. The project will provide financial assistance to twenty (20) youth over quarterly participation in the Juvenile Diversion Record Expunction Workshop.
- The Broward County Office of the State Attorney began the Juvenile Diversion Record Expunction Workshop several years ago. The Office of the State Attorney has partnered with several community juvenile diversion programs to provide a quarterly Expunction Workshop. Broward County State Attorney, Maria Schneider, head of the Juvenile Division of the Broward County Office of the State Attorney, has identified financial assistance as an immediate need of the Juvenile Diversion Record Expunction Workshop. Ms. Schneider has also identified staffing as an issue as she depends heavily on her juvenile prosecutors who at times cannot volunteer on a regular and consistent basis due to their work obligations.
- Over 250 youth who have successfully completed a diversionary program will benefit from the Young Lawyers Section consistently staffing the workshop. Additionally, if fully funded, twenty (20) youth will benefit from financial assistance in order to expunge their non-violent misdemeanor offenses and increase the likelihood of becoming successful community members and citizens.
- The community at large will benefit from project as it directly benefits underprivileged youth and provides direct financial assistance to address a concrete need.
- No materials will be sold or provided to participants.
- Young Lawyer Affiliates can partner with the local Office of the State Attorney Office and county juvenile diversion programs to replicate this workshop.

VI. Project Evaluation: The success of our project this year is easily measured by providing financial assistance to twenty (20) at risk youth who are in need of direct financial assistance to expunge their non-violent juvenile arrest. In addition, success can be measured by our affiliate participation which we will open up to all members of the Young Lawyers Section of the Broward County Bar Association. If we can have twenty (20) volunteers become part of the Young Lawyers Section outreach to the expunction

workshop that is an easily identifiable success. Failure would be if we were unable to provide financial assistance and or provide twenty (20) volunteers on a quarterly basis.

- VII. Project Organization:** The outreach to the Juvenile Diversion Record Expunction Workshop will be organized by three (3) Affiliate board members, one being the Chair of the event who is ultimately responsible to oversee that the workshop is properly organized and structured so that the Co-Chair can take over the event once the previous Chair ages-off the Board. The third board member will act as a liaison to the Young Lawyers Section and secure volunteers to provide legal assistance at the Record Expunction Workshop held on a quarterly basis.

The BCBA YLS makes contact with Maria Schneider, the head of the Juvenile Division of the Broward County State Attorney in order to request the quarterly scheduled Expunction Workshop for the 2013 year. Once dates have been secured, Maria Schneider will provide BCBA YLS with the name of a juvenile diversion program in Broward County which has identified a need for financial assistance of five (5) at risk youth for the upcoming quarterly scheduled Expunction Workshop. The BCBA YLS will issue five (5) individuals checks in the sum of \$75.00 to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and distribute same to the five (5) at risk youth identified by the juvenile diversion program. The project liaison will reach out to the BCBA YLS list serve and garner twenty (20) volunteers to be trained to provide legal assistance to the Workshop. The volunteers will commit to participate in the quarterly workshops.

As mentioned above, all of the logistics necessary to ensure that the workshop is adequately staffed is handled by the Chair and/or co-Chair and committee members, with the help of other BCBA Board members, as necessary. A predetermined representative from the BCBA is tasked with acting as a liaison between Maria Schneider, and the juvenile diversion programs in Broward County.

BCBA YLS → Chair/Co-Chair → Maria Schneider
→ Juvenile Diversion Program
→ Twenty (20) at-risk youth

VIII. Budget:

Item	Amount	Cost
Scholarship	20 @ approximately \$75.00 each	\$1,500.00

BCBA YLS is committed to assisting at risk youth in Broward County with this public service. Whatever funds are not contributed from the YLD will be paid by this Affiliate along with donations, which may vary tremendously from year-to-year from fundraising efforts.

IX. Timetable:

January 2013	Contact Maria Schneider to identify quarterly expunction workshop dates for 2013 calendar year and juvenile diversion program which has identified need for financial assistance.
Feb. – Dec. 2013	Send e-mail correspondence to recruit for expunction workshop.
Feb. – Dec. 2013	Perform Quarterly Outreach to Juvenile Diversion Record Expunction Workshop

X. Exhibits: To be presented at the Conference, if any.



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III. Description of Affiliate:

The Caribbean Bar Association, Inc. ("CBA"), founded in 1994, is a voluntary bar organization comprising of more than 100 registered attorneys, jurists and legal professionals of Caribbean descent who reside or work in South and Central Florida. The CBA is committed to serving the needs of the Caribbean-American community in South Florida. Since its inception the CBA has implemented numerous activities and partnerships to articulate and promote the goals and objectives of the Caribbean-American lawyers in South Florida; to foster and encourage professional excellence among Caribbean-American lawyers; to promote a greater awareness of and commitment to the civil and political rights of the Caribbean American community; to increase the enrollment of Caribbean American law students; and to promote the general welfare of Caribbean citizens in South Florida. Approximately 50 percent of CBA's membership comprises of lawyers with less than 7 years in practice.

In 2009, two CBA members, Cherine Smith Valbrun (former President) and Veniese Wilkinson, (former Treasurer) attended the Affiliate Outreach Conference. In 2010 Cherine Smith Valbrun attended the Conference. In 2012, Carol Green (former President) and Schuyler Smith (current President) attended the Conference. This year, the Affiliate Outreach Conference will be attended by Schuyler Smith (President), Annika Ashton (Vice-President), and Kimare Dyer (Secretary).

IV. Purpose of Request:

For the 2012-2013 term, the Executive Board of the CBA has made it a priority to continue strengthening our existing relationships with the local Caribbean-American Community by reengaging the community at-large and by developing initiatives that will promote and protect the interests and welfare of that constituent. To that end, in years past, the Young Lawyers Division of the CBA hosted a Caribbean Reading Celebration for children between the ages of four (4) to nine (9) years old,

which has proven to be very successful and well-received by the Community at-large. Since its inception, the Caribbean Reading Celebration has been held in Broward County. This grant application is being submitted for the purpose of continuing the Caribbean Reading Celebration and expanding the program to Miami-Dade County.

V. Project Objectives/Description:

Recognizing there was, and continues to be, a need to improve the literacy skills among young children, especially those from underserved communities, the Young Lawyers Division of the CBA in 2008 instituted the CBA's Caribbean Reading Celebration to address low literacy levels in South Florida's African-American communities, and has strived to make it an annual event. The CBA has also identified the need for American youths to learn more about the history and culture of Caribbean Americans, who comprise of a sizeable population in South Florida communities. The Caribbean Reading Celebration is designed to make reading fun, piquing the students' interests and inciting their quest for knowledge of Caribbean history and culture.

The Caribbean Reading Celebration consists of a day of several story time sessions with young lawyers reading to children between the ages of 4 to 9 years old. The Reading Celebration is slated to take place in April 2013. Last year the program was hosted at the African-American Research Library in Ft. Lauderdale and was attended by approximately 50 students from the elementary school Phyl's Academy. This year, we plan on hosting two reading celebrations; at the African-American Research Library in Ft. Lauderdale, as well as, at the South Dade Cultural Arts Center. We will work with the identified elementary schools to arrange transportation for a group of children to the venue to participate in the Caribbean Reading Celebrations. Once the students have arrived, the Young Lawyers Division of the CBA will read from a Caribbean book to the children and invite the children to participate and comment on the story being read. Caribbean ring-games, food and drinks will be offered and we plan to invite a Caribbean author and/or illustrator to read, sing and/or draw for the children. At the end of the Reading Celebration each child will be given a Caribbean story book.

The Caribbean Reading Celebration's objectives are:

- A. To increase young lawyers' involvement in addressing the needs of their surrounding communities through direct interaction with some of the most financially challenged families;
- B. To introduce and encourage reading among children between the ages 4 to 9 years old;¹

¹ Academic data from every urban U.S. school district shows that there is a dramatic need for intervention with students early in their academic careers. Studies have shown that young children who have limited early literacy skills at school entry represent the greatest challenges facing educators today. These children typically fail to benefit fully from the core literacy instruction provided by educators to all children, falling farther behind

- C. To educate children between the ages 4 to 9 years old about the history and culture of Caribbean Americans through a fun yet educational medium;
- D. To help young children recognize that reading books can be fun as it opens wide the doors of the imagination; and
- E. To simply put a smile on the faces of young children from underprivileged areas.

Project Description Overview:

- The project will provide services for the community and young lawyers.
- The specific number of participants of in the program is unknown at this time. However, we aim to host 50 children per event.
- During the Caribbean Reading Celebration the children will be entertained while they learn about Caribbean-American culture and history and the achievement of at least one Caribbean-American author and/or illustrator. The attorneys who participate will receive a shirt and the children will receive a Caribbean story book.
- This project is relatively easy for other young lawyers or voluntary bar associations to duplicate.

VI. Project Evaluation:

The CBA Executive Board will work with the African-American Research Library and the South Dade Cultural Arts Center to maintain a log of the children who attend. We will also seek feedback from the participants, teachers and the venues that host the event.

VII. Project Organization and Structure:

Two CBA Executive Board Members will co-chair the project. The South Dade Cultural Arts Center and African-American Research Library will identify a group of children who will be transported to the respective locations to participate in the respective Caribbean Reading Celebration. The Young Lawyers Division of the CBA will provide young attorneys to read to the children and identify and provide the author and/or illustrator to read and/or draw for the children.

as they progress through their educational career. (Vellutino, Scanlon & Reid, 2003) The early identification and application of early literacy interventions with young children who are at risk for developing reading difficulties is necessary to ensure the acquisition of proficient reading skills (Burns, Griffin & Snow, 1999).

VIII. Budget: (based on an estimated 50 children attending each reading day celebration)

Item	Estimated cost
Books for children	\$1400
Gift Bags	\$300
*Food and drinks	\$500
Transportation	\$200
Total Expenditures:	\$2400
Income	
CBA Funds	\$300
Fundraising	\$400
YLD Affiliate Grant	\$1700

IX. Timetable:

- January: Submit grant Application and finalize basic plans with South Dade Cultural Arts Center and African American Research Library.
- February: Fundraise, interview author/illustrator, recruit volunteers for both events and confirm venue for Caribbean Reading Celebrations.
- March: Finalize selection of author/illustrator, advertise, continue fundraising and recruiting volunteers.
- April: Advertise and host Caribbean Reading Celebration.

Photos of Last Year's Caribbean Reading Celebration

Participants in the Caribbean Reading Celebration line up on stage next to an array of Caribbean-themed children's books.



Carol Green, last year's CBA President, playing games with the children at the African-American Research Library during the Caribbean Reading Celebration.



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2013 AFFILIATE OUTREACH CONFERENCE**

**CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN
LAWYERS, YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE**

**PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION:
DEVELOPING DISTINCTION IN WOMEN**

**SUBMITTED BY: CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS,
YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE
JESSICA D. THOMAS, YOUNG LAWYERS CHAIR
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Jessica D. Thomas will be presenting this project at the Affiliate Outreach Conference.

III. Describe Your Affiliate

The Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers (“CFAWL”) is a professional organization devoted to actively promoting the advancement of women in the legal profession and expanding the leadership role of its members in the community. CFAWL seeks to promote women’s opportunities and rights, uphold the highest standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession, and promote reform in the law and facilitate the administration of justice.

CFAWL has approximately 372 members this year. CFAWL’s Young Lawyers Committee (“YLC”) has a membership of approximately 212 young lawyers or those new to the practice of law.

~~This will be the fifth year that CFAWL is attending the Affiliate Outreach Conference (“AOC”). In 2012, the AOC awarded grant funding to CFAWL for the Changing the Family Landscape project. In 2011, the AOC awarded grant funding to CFAWL for the Extreme Makeover: Harbor House Central Florida project. In 2010, the AOC awarded granted funding to CFAWL for the Community Outreach Fair. In 2009, the AOC awarded granted funding to CFAWL for the professional Women’s Exchange and the development of a membership mentoring program.~~

IV. Summarize the Purpose of Your Request

This year, CFAWL’s Young Lawyers Committee is planning a new project called “Developing Distinction in Women.” This project will directly benefit the Central Florida Community.

“Developing Distinction in Women”

- § A one-day program of networking and workshops aimed at promoting physical, emotional, and professional development for local women.
 - o Reach out to Police Officers, Teachers, Nurses, Commissioners, Principals, School Board, Non-Profits, Mental Health Professionals, and other groups of women integral to our community
- § GOAL: How to help women progress in our community and in their individual professions.

- Encouraging interaction between professions to share useful knowledge acquired in our respective professions.
- o The one-day event would offer the following workshops:
 - § How to stay healthy
 - Yoga quick class
 - Healthy cooking class and demo
 - § How to stay sane
 - Tips for relaxation
 - Workshop led by mental health professional addressing psychological issues facing women in our community
 - § Professional Development
 - How to break a glass ceiling and move up in any profession
 - o Workshop encouraging sharing from women in different areas of the community on personal experiences of professional development
 - § How to stay safe
 - Workshops presented by participants in the public service field offering tips on how women can protect themselves in our community and utilize available resources for personal, family and business protection.
 - § Networking Event
 - Networking event to encourage making new connections and professional development

CFAWL has been integral in developing the presence of female attorneys in the Central Florida community. While CFAWL's efforts are primarily focused on developing connections in the legal community, our vision for this program is to reach out to the greater community of women in Central Florida to share personal and professional experiences for the betterment of women across various professions that are integral to our community.

A program where women of all walks of life can share their trials and triumphs would afford the entire Central Florida area with members who can connect across profession and fields to make an immense impact on the vitality of our community. This program will reach out to female members of law enforcement, education, health and public service to hone each respective field's strengths and to apply those throughout the Orlando community.

In addition, female members of these professions often have similar circumstances and addressing their physical, emotional and professional development on a whole will truly develop their distinction.

V. Project Objectives/Description

- There is always a need to grow ideas and partnerships amongst those who have been underrepresented in the past. Moreover, it is paramount that those with different roles in the Central Florida community to not only co-exist, but to have a positive impact on each other. One of CFAWL's major goals is to promote the

advancement of women. It is very important to our organization that women of all walks are able to advance.

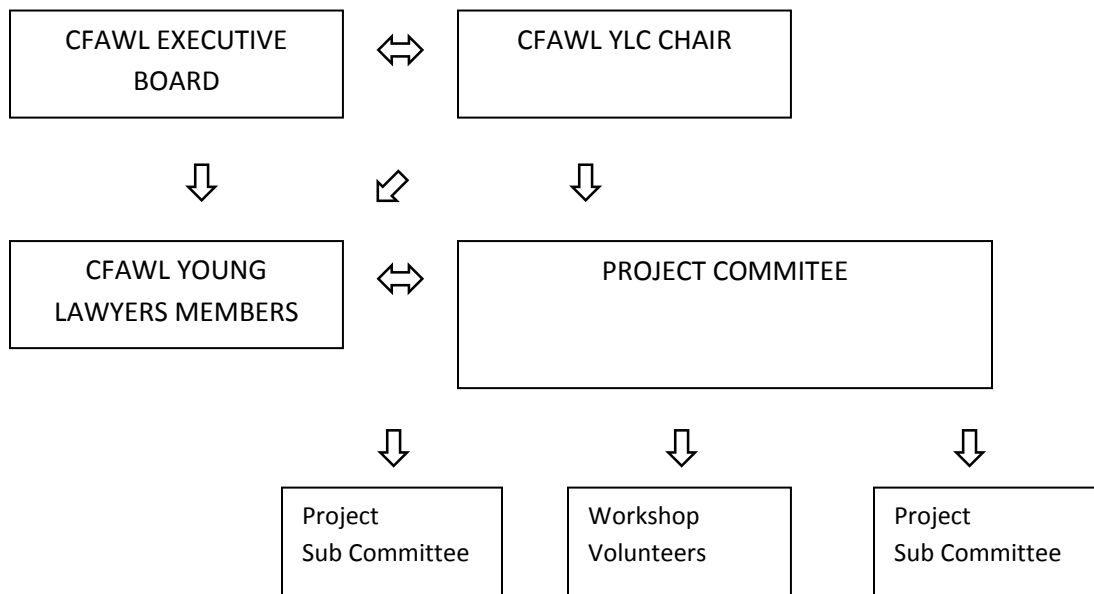
- This project will provide useful knowledge and experiences to the women throughout our community while simultaneously providing an invaluable opportunity for young lawyers. Each field cultivates the youth of their profession in the ways they were established and thrive. In addition, relationships with members of different fields would provide an ultimate networking opportunity.
- This project will serve approximately one hundred (100) Central Florida women.
- To date, there is not a similar project that connects various fields of women for a one day event to share insight into their field's respective initiatives that yields a positive result while simultaneously providing workshops that address their physical, emotional and professional development.
- The public will benefit from this project because female leaders from various industries will broaden their horizons of knowledge, created new relationships and thus quantified the possibilities for advancement and positive influence. The public benefits from an efficient transfer of ideas between fields that are beneficial and expeditions in this format. The workshops available provide a personal approach to this project and result in the public having officials whom are at their tip top shape physically, mentally and professionally.
- This project will have an immense impact on the community. For example, when a client whom is ill has an attorney who has a good relationship with health professionals; then an individual has then been connected to a needed resource and renewed their trust and confidence in a previous one. In addition, a law enforcement officer who has encountered gender discrimination and has overcome it, may share her methods with a principal facing the same outlook; their connecting allows for the old adage of not reinventing the wheel to become a reality.
- Any materials, if any, will be provided to the participants freely by the workshop leaders or printed as an expense of the project.
- Other young lawyer affiliates may replicate this project easily by simply reaching out to other professions and extending an invitation to gather for the transfer of ideas and the development of individual well being.

VI. Project Evaluation

The best possible result expected to be achieved by the end of the funding period for this project is that Central Florida women from various fields will have developed beneficial relationships that transcend their profession and have obtained new measures to maintain their physical, mental and professional development. The effectiveness of this project will be measured through the initial feedback from general participants and thereafter a request to CFAWL members to personally evaluate their experiences after participating in the project. With specificity, the criteria for the success of this event will be enumerated through a survey distributed via email used to register. The survey will not be issued until 30 days after the event. This time lapse will allow for the true purpose and desire for the event to reveal. Participants will indicate if they have had contact with someone from another field, what if any tools/methods they have used that

they learned of at the event and what impact the event has had on their development in the career. If 50% or more of the surveys answer YES to post contact, YES to implementation of a project learned tool/method and YES that the event has had a **positive** impact on their career development and this will indicate success.

VII. Project Organization



Developing Distinction in Women will be organized by the CFAWL YLC. The YLC is a committee within CFAWL which is headed by a chair. It is anticipated that the YLC will develop a sub-committee to organize and execute the components of this project. The young lawyers on the committee will organize the event and liaise with various professional organizations of Central Florida along with the CFAWL executive board in coordinating and executing the project.

VIII. Budget

Item	Expense	AOC	Sponsorship	Cash Donation	In-Kind
Venue	\$600.00				X
Marketing Materials	\$300.00	X			X
Refreshments	\$1,300.00		X	X	X
Contact Books for distribution and utilization of participants	\$500.00	X			
Gratuities/Gifts for workshop leaders	\$50.00	X			
Parking for participants	\$500.00	X			
Gratuities/Gifts for Project Committee Volunteers	\$100.00	X			
Project Materials: Name Tags, Pens, Note Pads, Workshop Materials, etc.	\$650.00	X			
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM AOC	\$2,550.00				

IX. Timetable

JANUARY-FEBRUARY	Email Blast seeking YLC sub-committee members; initial advertising regarding in-kind donation of venue address budget and funding; compile listing of professional organizations to reach out to for involvement
FEBRUARY-MARCH	Continue email blast to garner more sub-committee members; finalize venue/time/date in May; parking; seek sponsorship for refreshments; begin to find printing options for Contact book; Contact workshop leaders; initiate drafting of all marketing materials; develop registration forms and process for check in
MARCH-APRIL	Begin to distribute marketing materials to all participatory professional organizations; continue to seek refreshment sponsorship; finalize lay out for Contact Book and needed contents; open registration for project 3/1/13; finalize all workshop volunteers attendance and materials
APRIL-MAY	Finalize Contact book and begin printing, Finalize all project materials; Close Registration 4/30/13; Developing Distinction Event held in May
MAY-JUNE	Survey created; Survey distributed 30 days later in Mid June; Results qualified and quantified late June and Reported to YLD/AOC

**CLEARWATER BAR ASSOCIATION
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION
2012 AFFILIATE OUTREACH CONFERENCE
PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION**

“Connecting Clearwater Colleagues”

Presented by:
Michelle E. Nadeau and Rachael L. Wood

I. PROJECT TITLE AND DESCRIPTION

“Connecting Clearwater Colleagues” will introduce new attorneys to our local young lawyers division. The first aspect of the project is to prepare a Directory listing the members of the Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and their practice areas. This Directory will be provided to new attorneys at the Swearing-In Ceremony. Young lawyers in Clearwater will be able use this booklet for networking, mentoring and referring work. The second aspect of this project is to hold a networking and CLE event for all young attorneys which includes break-out sessions on various practice areas (i.e. personal injury, criminal law, family law, and probate) so that new attorneys can meet other young attorneys who practice in those areas.

II. CONTACT INFORMATION

Our project will be presented at the 2013 Affiliate Outreach Conference (“AOC”) by Michelle E. Nadeau and Rachael L. Wood, whose contact information is as follows:

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III. CLEARWATER BAR ASSOCIATION- YOUNG LAWYERS AFFILIATE

The Young Lawyers Division of the Clearwater Bar Association is comprised of approximately one hundred thirty (130) total members, twenty (20) of whom are active members. Although we are a relatively small affiliate, we diligently work to make a difference in our community.

The Clearwater Bar YLD attends the Affiliate Outreach Conference (hereinafter “AOC”) each year and utilizes the awarded grant monies to implement programs that positively impact our community. This year’s grant application is for a new project.

IV. PURPOSE OF PROJECT

The purpose of this project is to strengthen networking opportunities for young lawyers in the Clearwater area and increase active participation in the Clearwater YLD. This project has three purposes: 1) to focus on increasing network and referral opportunities amongst young lawyers, 2) to give lawyers who have recently passed the bar the opportunity to learn from both senior and newer members of the bar, and 3) to increase interest and participation among older members of the Clearwater YLD.

We intend to increase networking and referral opportunities for young lawyers by disseminating a well-organized, bound Directory listing contact information and the practice area of attorneys who are members of the Clearwater Bar and are 36 years of age and younger or in practice five years or less. With the number of young lawyers who venture out on their own each year increasing due to the diminishing number of positions available at conventional firms, it is essential for these lawyers to be able to reach out easily to other young lawyers whether it be to refer a case or for assistance in tackling a particular issue. The Directory would provide a “one-stop-shop” for finding this important information rather than having to rely on meeting the right person at a networking events and then finding their often misplaced business card.

The Directory would also help new bar members find mentors in their area of interest and assist them in their job search. As such, a copy of this Directory would be given to all members who attend the second component of this project – a networking event for young lawyers, which would include a break-out discussion with people who practice in the lawyers’ practice area/area of interest and an Ethics CLE. This event would allow new members to ask questions and establish lasting relationships and encourage older, inactive members to attend. Given the importance of networking and referral sources, we envision this event occurring annually and becoming a building block of our membership and legal community.

V. PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

The primary objective of our project is to provide newly initiated Florida Bar lawyers and Clearwater Bar Young Lawyers Division members with a comprehensive member Directory with information of all Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division members. This project also aims to reach out to the members of the Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division to become more active through continuing education and legally related activities at a yearly event.

To what groups will the project provide service?

The project will benefit newly initiated Florida Bar lawyers and Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division members. Members of the Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division who participate in this project will also benefit from sharing

knowledge and experience from their various practice areas of law with newly initiated Florida Bar lawyers and Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division members.

How many people will the project service?

Our goal is to reach at least three hundred (300) newly initiated Florida Bar lawyers and Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division members each year.

What other projects in the area have attempted to provide similar services to the same group? When and with what success? How is your project different?

The Clearwater Bar Association has a comprehensive member directory that list member lawyers in the area. Our project is different because we are focusing on a comprehensive directory of Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division members only and will separate them by practice area for referral and peer information purposes.

How will the public benefit from the project?

The public will benefit from our project because newly initiated Florida Bar lawyers will have access to Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division members for information, potential job opportunities, and client referrals. The public benefits when those in need of legal services are put in contact with the appropriate attorneys and resources. Our continuing education and peer activities will also benefit the public through better law practice for the Clearwater area.

What impact will the project have in the community?

We all know that young lawyers do not have all of the knowledge that more experienced lawyers possess. There are not readily available resources to provide young lawyers with access to the information or help that they may desire. A comprehensive directory of all Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division members will allow the young lawyer to contact another young lawyer to gain some insight or knowledge in a specific area of law practice. Further, the continuing education provided will provide the public at large with the benefit of better legal services in the Clearwater area.

Will the materials, if any, be sold or provided to the participants?

The Directory and continuing education materials will be provided to the newly initiated Florida Bar lawyers and Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyers Division members. Directories will be available at the event and will also be provided to new bar admittees at the Swearing In Ceremony we host (together with the St. Petersburg Bar Association) two times each year. These materials will be purchased through a printer in the Clearwater area.

Is this an easy project for other Young Lawyers Sections to duplicate?

Yes, this project would be easy for other affiliates to duplicate. The only major contribution of the Young Lawyers Division is the time of its members and the purchasing of the supplies.

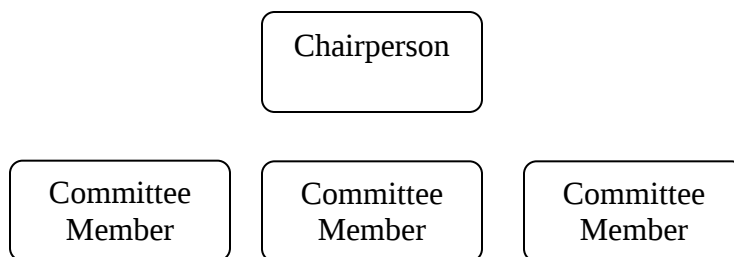
VI. EVALUATION

Because there are two parts to our project, there are two different ways to measure the results. With regards to the Clearwater Bar YLD Directory, we expect to have a complete booklet containing attorney names, contact information, and area of practice assembled in time to hand out at the September swearing in ceremony. The booklet will be distributed to new attorneys for use with networking, referring work, and mentoring. The success of our CLE event will be determined by the number of attorneys who attend and obtain the CLE credit, as well as the evaluations attendees will complete at the end of the event. Additionally, we hope and expect that the CLE Event and the Directory will also result in the formation of mentoring and professional relationships.

VII. ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

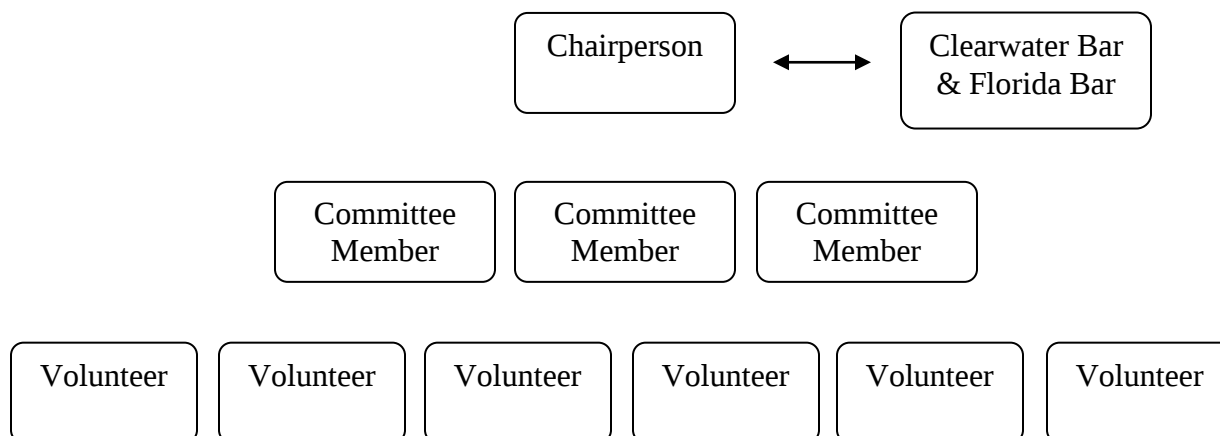
Part 1- Clearwater Bar Young Lawyer's Directory

One Clearwater YLD member will serve as chairperson of the project. A committee made up of other Clearwater Bar YLD members will be formed to assist the chairperson with implementing the project.



Part 2- CLE Event

One Clearwater YLD member will serve as chairperson of the project. The chairperson will work with the Clearwater Bar Association and The Florida Bar to get approval for any requested CLEs. Additionally, a committee made up of other Clearwater Bar YLD members will be formed to assist the chairperson with implementing the project and coordinating volunteers. Volunteers will come from both Clearwater Bar Association and our Young Lawyers Division.



VIII. BUDGET

We are seeking \$1,007.50 in funding for our project. The funding will be used for the CLE application fee for the ethics CLE, printing costs and materials for the meet and greet event with current and prospective YLD members, and to print member directories for current and prospective YLD members.

Description	Cost
CLE Application Fee	\$ 45.00
Materials for Meet and Greet Event and CLE	\$350.00
Young Lawyer Division Directory Printing Expenses \$1.75 per book x 350 books (for current members and new bar admitees in Pinellas County)	\$612.50
TOTAL COST	\$1,007.50

IX. TIMETABLE

January through July	Gather and organize ClwBar YLD member contact information.
July	Formalize electronic material and order/receive printed material. Select date and location for event
August	Determine CLE speaker, subject matter, and availability of CLE credit(s)
September	Assemble invite list and send invitations Attend Swearing-In Ceremony and hand out Directories
October	Host CLE event
November	Review Evaluations
May (2014)	Attend Swearing-In Ceremony and hand out Directories

X. EXHIBITS

None.

Young Lawyers Section of the Collier County Bar Association
Grant Application for Bowling for Legal Aid

I. Short Project Title: Bowling for Legal Aid

II. Contact Information and Persons Presenting to AOC:

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III. Description of Affiliate: There are approximately 65 members of the Collier County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (“CCYLS”). CCYLS had attended AOC for the past several years. This is the first time presenting this project.

IV. Summary: In April, the CCYLS will host a bowling tournament, and all proceeds will be donated to Legal Aid’s Educational and Legal Rights Program. Additionally, in an effort to promote the business of young lawyers and help relieve Legal Aid’s overwhelming needs, CCYLS will ask each attorney participant to commit to taking at least one pro bono case in the next year.

V. Project Objectives/Description: For this 2012 project, the CCYLS will involve local judges, attorneys, paralegals and law students in a one-day bowling tournament. The CCYLS will also be extending an invitation to the Lee County Bar Association and judges to participate in this event. This event will develop camaraderie among young lawyers within the local community and throughout Collier and Lee County, in addition to benefitting Legal Aid. Legal Aid is a vital service provided to the residents of Collier County and this project provides much needed funding for the organization.

For young lawyers, an opportunity to network with other attorneys and the judiciary is one of their primary goals. The Bowling Tournament provides them this chance. In exchange, we will be asking each attorney participant in the Tournament to sign a commitment letter, promising to take at least one pro bono case per year. Thus, the Bowling Tournament serves the dual function of bringing young lawyers together and providing much needed services to Legal Aid. Our objective is in line with the Florida Bar’s One Campaign – to encourage our local attorneys to make one promise to take just one case and help one client.

Further, all proceeds will also be donated to Legal Aid for use in their Education and Legal Rights Program, which is traditionally underfunded. This is a program where the attorney advocates for the legal rights of special needs children who may not be getting the services they are entitled to from the school system.

The Bowling Tournament can be replicated by any other young lawyer affiliate by working with their local bowling alley and own membership to promote and execute the event.

VI. Evaluation: Friendly tournament or competition-style events have proven to be a success in the past and have allowed us to make substantial contributions to charity. If we are able to cover the cost of the event and advertising, all sponsorship and entry fee dollars go directly to Legal Aid. Any funds going to Legal Aid will help support their mission. In addition to financial assistance, Legal Aid will reap the benefits of the participants' pledge to take on at least one pro bono case this year.

VII. Organizational Structure. The CCYLS will motivate other YLS members to participate, request donations of sponsor dollars or prizes and invite local judges, attorneys, and members of the Collier and Lee County Bar Associations to enter a team in the tournament. The local Collier County Bar will support the CCYLS project by donating staff and covering advertising costs in the monthly ads to promote the event. CCYLS will promote the project through newsletter and email announcements, collect fees, reserve the bowling alley, and organize refreshments, food and prizes. It is our goal to have the local judges involved as "celebrity servers" to serve food to the teams during the tournament. The event will be open to all members of the Collier and Lee County Bar Associations, the judiciary and their staff, family and friends.

VIII. Funding: CCYLS intends to use any grant graciously given by the AOC towards the expenses of the event. Additional funds will be obtained through sponsor dollars and entry fees.

IX. Budget:

Bowling Alley (for approximately 200 attendees)	\$ 3,000.00
T – shirts	\$ 1,500.00
Advertising (newspaper, etc.)	\$ 500.00
Total Requested	\$ 5,000.00

X. Timetable: The event will take place in April 2013, with organization and advertising beginning in early 2013.

XI. Exhibits: None.

Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division AOC Project Grant Application

Affiliate Organization Name: The Cuban American Bar Association ("CABA")

Date: December 14, 2012

I. Short Project Title: CABA's Florida Law School Chapter Reunion and Mentoring Event

II. Contact Information

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The project will be presented by Dax Bello and Olivia Rodriguez, CABA Young Lawyers Committee Chairpersons.

III. Describe Your Affiliate:

CABA is a non-profit voluntary bar association in the State of Florida. Founded in 1974, CABA's members include judges, lawyers and law students of Cuban, Cuban-American descent, as well as those who are not of Cuban descent, but are interested in issues affecting the Cuban community. CABA's mission is to promote equality of our members; serve the public interest by increasing awareness to the study of jurisprudence; foster respect for the law; preserve high standards of integrity, honor, and professional courtesy among our peers; provide equal access to and adequate representation of minorities before the courts; facilitate the administration of justice; build close relationships among our members; support the Cuban-American indigent community; and increase diversity in the judiciary and legal community.

IV. Summarize the Purpose of Your Request:

CABA has established student chapters at various law schools throughout Florida. CABA's Law School Chapters Event is geared at providing the members of our CABA student chapters access to members of our legal community, mentorship opportunities and a specific time to get to get know one another. It is expected that this event will take place in the spring when law students are available to attend.

V. Project Objectives/Description:

CABA's Law School Chapters Event will address law students' ever-growing need to form connections with legal practitioners and judges to optimize the ability to find a job and become part of a community, upon graduation. It also provides a support network and particular opportunity to find a mentor and build friendships with other law students. CABA has always supported law students through scholarships, mentoring and events. CABA's law school chapters

are the next step in bringing more services to these students. We expect to serve approximately 75 to 100 law students throughout the State of Florida. Currently, there are no similar law school chapter projects in our area such as this one. This event not only does it benefit and impact the students, but also the community by helping provide law students a vehicle to finding jobs and interacting with more seasoned attorneys who can guide them upon graduation. This event will be *free of charge* to law students, and may be an example for other organizations. Opening chapters in the various Florida law schools will establish a pipeline by which the opportunities afforded in the CABA organization are provided earlier to law students.

VI. Project Evaluation:

We expect CABA's Law School Chapters Event to result in finding employment leads for law students, as well as establishing bonds with specific members of our legal community. We will measure the effectiveness of our project by having the CABA liaison to each school survey the law school chapter members after the event. The criteria for success or failure will include opinions from the student attendees, opinions from the practitioner attendees, and the results of CABA's survey to each chapter. From those results, CABA will assess the success and determine improvements for next year's event. CABA will also happily provide a closing report upon completion of the project to the YLD.

VII: Project Organization:

CABA's Law School Chapters Event will be headed by the President of CABA with the help of the Growth and Expansion Committee Chairperson, who will then work with the specific law school chapter liaisons. The liaisons will work with the law schools' administration and students to have them participate. The liaisons will also report back up the organizational structure regarding their progress.

CABA President → Growth and Expansion Committee Chairperson → Law School Chapter
Liaisons → Law Schools and Law Students

VIII. Budget

Materials with Resources for Law Students.....	\$1,250.00
Invitations/Postage.....	\$1,000.00
Nametags/Supplies/Marketing/Photographer.....	\$1,000.00
Venue and Refreshments.....	\$1,500.00
Total Cost.....	\$4,750.00
Amount Requested from the YLD.....	\$3,250.00

Additional funds to continue this project and the cost of venue and refreshments will be covered by CABA's own yearly allocated event funds. CABA may also pursue additional sponsorship opportunities.

IX: Timetable:

CABA's Law School Chapters Event will take place in the spring, and CABA will work with each of the law schools and chapters to find the best date.

If you have any questions or comments, please let us know. Thank you.

Funding Request Application
for
AOC Young Lawyers Affiliates
DCBA – YLS Pro Bono and Community Service Committee
“Service Juris Day”

***Project Grant Applications: How to Qualify for Award Money:** Applications for award money from the Young Lawyers Division should consist of a narrative summary of your project, divided into sections using the bold section headings below. Please note that these headings have been revised in the past couple of years. Past affiliate projects that have applied for award money have received awards up to \$5,000.00, although typical awards range from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00. The submission of a grant application does not guarantee the receipt of award money. Award decisions will be made at the sole discretion of the YLD Board of Governors following project presentations at this year's Affiliate Outreach Conference (“AOC”) on January 19, 2013.*

I. Short Project Title: *Provide a title for your project for use in the AOC materials.*

“SERVICE JURIS DAY”

II. Contact Information: *Provide the name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of a contact person or persons at your Affiliate. Additionally, please identify the individual(s) who will present your project at the AOC on January 19, 2013.*

Mailing Address:

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Project Contact Persons:

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Evian White, Email: ewhite@lsgmi.org, Telephone: (305) 438-2552

Project Presenters at AOC:

Suzette L. Russomanno and Ethan Wall

III. Describe Your Affiliate: *Please provide a brief description of your Affiliate, including:*

the total number of members of your Affiliate, if known. the past attendance of your Affiliate at an AOC in the past. If this is your Affiliate's first time attending an AOC, please state so in this section. If your Affiliate has previously presented this project before at an AOC, please state so in this section.

The Dade County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (“DCBA/YLS”) currently has over 1,300 members. Our Affiliate makes an effort to attend every AOC. We have not previously presented this project before at the AOC.

IV. Summarize the Purpose of Your Request: *Please provide a brief overview of an organized and well-conceived project to be completed within one calendar year from the date funds are received. Your project should not be primarily political or partisan in its purpose as these purposes will not be funded. Likewise, projects that are inconsistent with the activities and priorities of the Florida Bar will not be funded.*

WHY Service Juris Day? “Nobody likes a lawyer until they need one” goes the old adage. Unfortunately, public opinion studies on the legal profession support this view. One way to counter the negative images of our profession is to do more public outreach work. Not only must we give back to our community, but other members of our community must also see us give back. Furthermore, attorneys and especially young lawyers need an outlet by which they can gather together in camaraderie, roll up their sleeves and provide hands-on, fulfilling, team-building, stress-reducing community service to their neighbors in need. It has been several years since the DCBA/YLS has had its own Service Juris Day project for its members and the local community. We are hoping that, with the assistance of The Florida Bar YLD, we can make this one of the DCBA/YLS’ signature events for years to come.

WHAT is Service Juris Day? Service Juris Day is a special community service event that brings together diverse members of the legal services arena in a one day volunteer experience geared toward improving our community and spreading goodwill. Service Juris Day will comprise of several community service projects organized in different areas of Miami-Dade County. The participants will register for one of the many organized projects, which may require them to engage in the following tasks: painting, landscaping, food service, environmental protection, donation drive distributions, teaching and interaction with various neglected segments of our community including but not limited to those who are homeless, hungry, unemployed, aging, disabled, at-risk, and underprivileged.

WHO makes Service Juris Day? Miami-Dade County has a large and varied legal services community and bringing members of that community together in an event that showcases its willingness to assist fellow citizens is a great way to build camaraderie and connect our legal community to the greater Miami-Dade county citizens. The event is intended for individuals, law firms or other companies who work in legal services, as well as their clients and family members. We expect to have over 200 participants for this event including lawyers, judges, law students, summer associates, and legal staff. We also intend to get media coverage by local news media outlets and newspapers. The beneficiaries of this event will include the legal community, public charities, and the Miami-Dade community at large.

WHEN is Service Juris Day? Service Juris Day will be tentatively held in May 2013.

WHERE is Service Juris Day? Lawyers and other members of the community will have the choice of community service projects that will be located at various sites throughout Miami-Dade County.

HOW will Service Juris Day come to be? This will all be possible through the hard work of the affiliate’s Pro Bono and Community Service committee members and the much needed funding from the AOC. Funding is needed to help purchase materials, supplies and other expenses for this grand project to come to be.

V. Project Objectives/Description: *With specificity, describe the nature of the project. In so doing, please also address the following questions: ☐ What needs does the project address? Why are these needs important to your Affiliate?*

The project will address a multitude of needs.

✓ It will help combat the negative reputation of our profession by spreading goodwill, especially as we interact with fellow community members and public charities, and as publicity is made regarding this event.

✓ It will help improve our community at large by assisting public charities who assist various neglected segments of our community including but not limited to those who are homeless, hungry, unemployed, aging, disabled, at-risk, and underprivileged.

✓ It will provide a unique networking opportunity and team-building experience for lawyers, judges, legal staff, and their families.

✓ It will be individually fulfilling, stress reducing, and will provide a sense of accomplishment for all participants.

We hope to revive the concept of Service Juris Day in Miami-Dade County and make it an annual event for the DCBA/YLS. The 2013 DCBA/YLS Service Juris Day of Miami-Dade County will be administered solely by the DCBA/YLS and will fill the void left behind when "Hands on Miami" a volunteer network that previously sponsored and organized a Service Juris Day for the DCBA, dissolved a few years ago.

☐ *To what groups will the project provide services (young lawyers, the community at large)?*

The project will provide needed services to the community at large (but will also be a unique and fulfilling experience for young lawyers). Everybody wins on Service Juris Day.

☐ *How many people will the project serve?*

The assistance and improvements to be provided on Service Juris Day will serve and benefit an infinite amount of citizens in Miami-Dade County.

☐ *What other projects in the area provide similar services to the same group(s)? When and with what success? How is your project different?*

Currently there are no annual community service day activities in Miami Dade County that are solely organized and administered by a voluntary bar association and geared toward legal community volunteers. As previously stated, "Hands on Miami" sponsored and organized a Service Juris Day for the DCBA in years past, but they dissolved a few years ago and left a void in our community. The local law schools organized a service day in the past, as well as The Florida Bar YLD Last year's YLD project focused on the clean-up of a historical site in Miami-Dade County, Vizcaya Museum & Gardens; however, The

DCBA/YLS Service Juris Day will focus on providing pro bono and community services to the at risk and underprivileged citizens of Miami-Dade County.

☐ *How will the public benefit from the project?*

The community service day will benefit public charities throughout Miami-Dade County. The charities tentatively include: *Feeding South Florida* (which combats hunger) and *Casa Valentina* (which assists at-risk teens who have aged out of the foster care system). Other public charities may also be added to this list.

☐ *What impact will the project have in the community?*

It will help combat the negative reputation of our profession by spreading goodwill, especially as publicity is made regarding this event. It will also help improve our community at large by assisting various neglected segments of our community including, but not limited to, those who are homeless, hungry, unemployed, aging, disabled, at-risk, and underprivileged.

☐ *Will the materials, if any, be sold or provided to participants?*

Our affiliate will be providing the materials needed for the various community service tasks to the participants, including work gloves, trash bags, painting supplies, and landscaping tools. The actual improvements, such as the paint, plants, and food, will also be provided by us. In addition, we may provide commemorative t-shirts for participants.

☐ *Is this an easy project for other young lawyer affiliates to replicate?*

Initially, this may not be an easy project to replicate because it will require a great deal of planning, organization, funding, and man-power during its inaugural year. However, it is truly a worthy project that can surely be replicated given an affiliate's will and determination to provide community service to its local citizens once the framework for the project is established during the inaugural year.

VI. Project Evaluation: *Please provide the results you expect to have achieved by the end of the funding period. Explain how you will measure the effectiveness of your project. With specificity, describe the criteria for success or failure of the project.*

A survey will be conducted which will allow attendees, program participants, program beneficiaries and program managers to evaluate the successes and failures of the program.

The project will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1) Quantity of member participation
- 2) Public charity feedback and appreciation
- 3) Accomplishment of project goals – were the tasks completed?
- 4) Adequacy of materials and equipment
- 5) Efficiency of project schedule and logistics
- 6) Safety and comfort level of participants
- 7) Qualitative feedback and testimonials from participants and beneficiaries
- 8) Community and media coverage of event

VII. Project Organization: *Provide a narrative and an organizational chart showing the proposed project structure. Outline the lines of authority and role of your Affiliate, senior bar, bar staff, other law-related organizations, community groups and appropriate governmental agencies, and how they will relate.*

The level of Authority is as follows:

- I. The DCBA/YLS will oversee this project.
 1. The Pro Bono and Community Service committee will organize the project in conjunction with advice and consultation and co-supervision of the staff members of the public charity/nonprofit beneficiaries
 - a) The entire legal community will volunteer including lawyers, judges, law students, legal staff, and members of other local affiliate groups.

VIII. Budget: *Develop a preliminary line item budget of monies needed to complete your project. State whether additional funds can be obtained, if necessary, to achieve the project objectives and continue the project in the future beyond the one year AOC grant period. You may incur costs that exceed the YLD grant requested. If so, please state the projected source for those funds. Show the total cost, the amount requested from the YLD and contributions from all other sources (cash or in-kind). If you budget for expenditures to cover refreshments, staff or attorney time, rental or meeting space or travel reimbursement, you must show income outside of the YLD grant funds to cover these expenses, as YLD funds cannot be used for these expenditures.*

Our affiliate will be providing the materials needed for the various community service tasks, including work gloves, trash bags, painting supplies, and landscaping tools. The actual improvements, such as the paint, plants, and food will also be provided by us. This grant will be the primary source of funding. The Pro Bono and Community Service committee's budget funds will also be used for the project and additional funding may be requested from the DCBA/YLS; however, additional funds will only be awarded if the DCBA/YLS board approves the request by a majority vote.

Line Item Budget Proposal:

Program Materials and Equipment	\$3,500.00
Breakfast, snacks, and water for participants (private sponsors)	\$1,200.00
Promotions costs for fliers, ads, etc	\$ 500.00
Participant T-shirts	\$1,500.00
Total Proposed Budget for entire event:	\$6,700.00

IX. Timetable: *Provide a timetable for the project's major activities.*

Our Service Juris Day will be scheduled on a Saturday in the Spring, most likely in May, to follow Law Week and allow summer associates to participate. The projects will be from 9AM-12Noon.

Choosing potential beneficiary organizations and project tasks:	Jan 2013
Confirming a date after consulting beneficiary organizations:	Jan. 2013
Publicity and Pre-Registration Begins:	Feb. 2013
Soliciting Food and Water Sponsors	Feb. 2013
Continuing Communications & Coordination:	Mar. 2013
Purchasing of Materials and Equipment:	April 2013
Coordinating logistics of Service Day Activities:	April 2013

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION'S AFFILIATE OUTREACH CONFERENCE GRANT APPLICATION 2013

STATE-WIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT

The following is the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL) Young Lawyer Section's project grant application for funding from the Florida Bar Young Lawyer Division Affiliate Outreach Committee.

I. Short Project Title & Description

How a Dispute Becomes a Lawsuit

This program, a mock trial competition, is designed to teach school-age children about the legal system and simultaneously address gender inequality perception issues in the community. The simplified fact pattern and packet, developed by the FAWL Young Lawyers Section, would focus on a search of a backpack at a school and be designed to take place within one classroom period. The materials would also include information about the appeal process, but the primary focus will be on the trial. The materials will be geared towards children in the 6th to 8th grade range.

The materials will encourage the class to put on a mock trial, with the aid of young lawyers, and videotape the trial. Videotapes would then be submitted to a group of young women lawyers for review and selection. Those selected will be invited to attend a mock trial "finalist" competition. The program provides an incentive for schools and students to participate in programs to learn about the legal process and to fine-tune speaking skills.

II. Contact Information

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III. Describe your Affiliate

FAWL strives to propel women lawyers into economic, social and leadership spheres of power. FAWL actively promotes gender equality and the leadership roles of FAWL's members in the legal profession, judiciary and community at large. To achieve these goals, FAWL upholds the highest standard of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession, promotes reform in law, and facilitates administration of justice. FAWL's statewide membership exceeds 2,900 members. Approximately 25% of members are young lawyers.

FAWL attended the AOC last year and presented this project for the first time. The pilot project launched state-wide and mock trials took place in several middle schools from Pensacola to Miami. Educators welcomed the opportunity to expose their students to the legal profession and applauded the innovative use of technology and limited resources. It is FAWL's hope to increase

participation this year and host a live final round at a central location in the state. FAWL also views this project as a leadership opportunity for young lawyers in individual chapters and a starting point for chapters who wish to develop a young lawyers section.

IV. Summarize the Purpose of your Request

This program has several important goals. The first is to aid in the general public's and middle school age children's understanding of the legal system. The goal is also to generate interest in middle school age children in pursuing a career in the legal profession. Another purpose of this program is to get young female lawyers reaching out to the community, positively influencing public perception of young female lawyers and the legal profession in general. It is also hoped that this will promote a gender balanced view of the legal profession.

V. Project Objectives/Description

The program objectives are as follows:

- Aid in the public's understanding of the legal system
- Increase middle school age children's understanding of and interest in the legal system
- Enable younger generations to see that female attorneys are prevalent and have a great impact on the legal profession.
- Generate interest in becoming a lawyer in young women
- Create a positive image of the legal system
- Create a positive image of female attorneys

Current programs teach students generally about the structure of the legal system or encourage students to perform mock trials. However, this program would provide an incentive for students to learn and master this knowledge so they can compete. Though some mock trial competitions are available for high school age children and college students, there do not appear to be any focused on middle school age children. Middle school is the time students begin to really learn about government structure, and it is hoped that focusing on children of this age range will spark an early interest.

In addition to providing a forum for middle school students to demonstrate newly developed skills and compete with other students, this program will expose these children to young female lawyers. It is hoped that this exposure to young women lawyers participating in the community will leave a positive impression of the legal profession in these young minds, help balance gender perceptions about lawyers, and encourage middle school age girls to consider the legal profession for their future careers. It is hoped that by sparking an early interest in the legal profession, these children will be encouraged to focus on their school work as they finish middle school and begin high school, and to continue to learn about the legal profession.

VI. Project Evaluation

The program will be evaluated based upon the number of participants, in terms of schools, students, and young lawyers. The participants will complete a survey which seeks input regarding most and least useful aspects of the program, educational value of the program, and suggestions for future similar programs.

VII. Project Organization

This project will be organized, coordinated and run by FAWL's Young Lawyers Section. All materials for the schools will be distributed state-wide. The mock trial competitions will be held, initially, in just one location in a central area of the state. It is hoped that this program will achieve success and eventually be capable of being reproduced regionally with a state "semi-finals." FAWL's Young Lawyers Section will partner with local FAWL chapters to promote and generate interest in the program. Young female lawyers from around the state will be encouraged to participate in the competition as jurors and judges. The participants in the competition will be strongly encouraged to take the program back to their local FAWL chapters and replicate the program in their region.

VIII. Budget

The FAWL Young Lawyer's Section requests \$1,750 in grant funding. The section will request a line item budget allocation from FAWL and seek sponsorships in order to cover the remaining expenses.

Expenses	AOC Grant	Sponsorships/In Kind Donations /FAWL Line Item	Total Expense
Awards for students and teachers participating	\$500	\$250	\$750
Video recording for schools that do not have access to that technology	\$750		\$750
Copies of fact pattern for students to lessen burden on schools/teachers	\$250		\$250
Event Name Tags/Miscellaneous Supplies	\$200		\$200
Postage	\$50		\$50
Advertisements		\$300	\$300
Refreshments at Final Event		\$300	\$300
Travel Stipend for Finalist Teams		\$500	\$500
	\$1,750	\$1,350	\$3,100

IX. Timetable

The FAWL YLD plans for this program to take place in the Fall of 2013.

- *February to April 2013: amend the educational packets of information to include a new fact pattern and ask chapters to plan to participate, form committees, and preliminarily reach out to local schools

- *March to August 2013: chapters solicit involvement from local schools

- *Fall semester 2013: distribute materials to participating schools and conduct the mock trials

**2013 AFFILIATE OUTREACH CONFERENCE
GRANT APPLICATION**

“BEFORE THE LAW WAS EQUAL”
A Documentary of Desegregation in the Hillsborough County Legal Community

Presented by: The Young Lawyers Division of the Hillsborough County Bar Association
(HCBA YLD)

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Rachael Greenstein will present the project at the Affiliate Outreach Conference.

II. Size of Affiliate:

The HCBA YLD is comprised of over 1,000 members. We are a very active affiliate. Below is a list of the events we host for our membership throughout the Bar year:

- Quarterly luncheons with speakers on a variety of topics
- Holidays in January Project
- Judicial Shadowing Project
- Coffee at the Courthouse
- Wills for Heroes Pro Bono Project
- Bay Area Legal Services Family Law Forms Clinic
- Cornhole for a Cause
- Steak and Sports Day
- Plan and Host the State Court Trial Seminar
- Assist with planning and implementation of Law Week activities
- Conduct Mock Trial Competition for area high schools
- Happy Hours

III. Attendance at Past Affiliate Outreach Conferences:

Representatives of the HCBA YLD have attended the Affiliate Outreach Conference for the last several years. Last year, our affiliate was awarded funding to film and edit this documentary. Through the funding the HCBA YLD has received from the Florida Bar YLD as well as funding from the Florida Bar Diversity Leadership Grant and the American Bar Association, the HCBA YLD was able to film interviews of 10 prominent lawyers and judges in the Hillsborough County community, edit the documentary and host a Diversity Summit which

educated members of the HCBA and the public regarding segregation that existed in our legal community and methods for encouraging diversity and creating equality in the legal profession today.

In the past, the HCBA YLD has received funding for its Graphic Novels for Grads project where we distributed hundreds of illustrated law-based novels to local high school students and coordinated young lawyer volunteers to discuss the novels with the high school students during the Great American Teach-In. We also were awarded grant funding for our project "Cornhole for a Cause". This event, benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters Tampa Bay, has been held for the past three years, and we will be hosting the event again in March 2013.

At last year's Affiliate Outreach Conference, our "Before the Law was Equal" documentary was awarded the President's Award. The HCBA YLD was also awarded the Most Outstanding Public Service Project Award for our Cornhole for a Cause tournament. In 2011, the HCBA YLD was awarded the Most Outstanding Member Program Award for our Judicial Shadowing Program. This is a half-day program that matches young lawyers with local members of the judiciary giving them a behind-the-scenes look at the daily routines of judges and a valuable mentoring experience.

IV. Summary:

The HCBA YLD has taken on the initiative in conjunction with the HCBA Diversity Committee to create a unique documentary detailing the history of the Hillsborough County legal community in the 1950s and 1960s during segregation. The goal of the project is to preserve oral history from prominent judges and lawyers who practiced in the Hillsborough County area during this era. All of the interviews have been conducted and the other information compiled as discussed below. The HCBA YLD is in the final stages of editing the documentary and is starting the planning process for the film's premiere.

V. Project Objectives/Description:

The objective of the project is to create a living piece of history that appeals to all generations and can be shared over the years documenting the segregation era within the Hillsborough County legal community. Through this project, the HCBA YLD hopes to educate the community about segregation and the impact of racial discrimination on the legal community during this important time period. The HCBA YLD further desires to educate the community about existing types of discrimination that continue to affect the legal profession and society as whole.

The project was conducted in three phases:

Phase One – Members of the HCBA YLD interviewed 10 prominent judges and lawyers in the Hillsborough County community. Also, during this initial phase, members of the HCBA YLD compiled other historical documents and photographs from the time period to include in the documentary.

Phase Two – The HCBA YLD hosted a Diversity Summit on September 6, 2012 that included two of the interviewees in the documentary as well as two other prominent attorneys in the community in a panel discussion. CLE credit was obtained for the program, and portions of the recorded event will be included on the website for the documentary.

Phase Three – The HCBA YLD is in the final stages of editing the documentary and plans to mass-produce the documentary onto DVDs that can be provided to local schools and loaned out to other organizations for educational purposes. The HCBA YLD will also create a web page for the documentary where the public can access the full length interviews, Diversity Summit and all documentation assembled during the project.

To further educate the legal community, students and public at large, the HCBA YLD is working with the Tampa Bay History Center in hopes of hosting a premiere event for the film at the museum. The HCBA YLD is in need of additional funding to assist with hosting this event.

VI. Evaluation:

The HCBA YLD will measure the success of the project with feedback from those who participate in the project and those who view the documentary. Specifically, the HCBA YLD will invite members of the legal community, teachers and students from local schools and visitors to the Tampa Bay History Center to provide us with comments about the documentary.

VII. Organization and Structure:

The HCBA YLD has partnered with the HCBA Diversity Committee to create a subcommittee solely focused on planning and creating this documentary. There are five members on the committee from the HCBA YLD and HCBA Diversity Committee. The HCBA YLD President is responsible for overseeing the work of this subcommittee.

Members of the subcommittee are responsible for contacting the interviewees, scheduling interviews, conducting the interviews, gathering historical documents, organizing and marketing the panel discussion, marketing the panel discussion, overseeing the production and editing of the documentary, promoting the documentary to the legal community and local schools and coordinating the presentation of the documentary at the Tampa Bay History Center. The subcommittee hired a videographer from the Stetson College of Law to record and edit the documentary.

VIII. Funding Capability:

The HCBA YLD received funding from the Florida Bar YLD, Florida Bar Diversity Leadership grant and the American Bar Association to film and edit the documentary as well as host the Diversity Summit. The HCBA YLD hopes to receive additional funding from the Florida Bar as well as sponsorships from local firms for the premiere event.

IX. Budget:

We are seeking \$1,500.00 in funding for the premiere of the documentary. This funding will allow the HCBA YLD to host this educational event at the Tampa Bay History Center. It is not enough to fund the entire event, but as stated above, the HCBA YLD is determined to find the remaining funding from other sources such as law firm sponsorships and the HCBA YLD budget so this documentary can be shared with a broad audience.

A budget (both projected* and known costs) is detailed below:

Item	Cost
Rental Space	Donated by Tampa Bay History Center*
AV Equipment / Videographer Expenses	\$1,000*
Postage	\$250*
Printing/Photocopies	\$250*
Marketing for Event	\$1,000*
Decorations for Event	\$500*
Refreshments	\$2,000* (funded by other sources)
Total Expenditures:	\$5,000.00

X. Timetable:

December 2011 – June 2012:

- Contacted potential interviewees.
- Scheduled and conducted interviews.
- Conducted research regarding interviewees and time period.

September 6 2012:

- Held Diversity Summit with panel discussion.

September 2012 – February 2013:

- Compile all interviews, panel discussion and historical documents and edit into an approximately one-hour documentary.
- Mass-produce documentary onto DVDs.

April 2013:

- Host premiere event to the legal community and general public at the Tampa Bay History Center.
- Promote the documentary to local schools and other organizations.



HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

2013 AOC Grant Project Application **“Taking Legal Action against Domestic Violence”** **Informational Video for the Spanish-Speaking Community**

I. Short Project Title & Description

“Taking Legal Action against Domestic Violence”

II. Contact Information

For the purposes of this grant and project, the appropriate HBACF contact is Jessica Gonzalez-Monge. Jessica Gonzalez-Monge and Moises Medina will present this project at the AOC.

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III. Affiliate Description

The Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida (“HBACF”) is a non-profit organization celebrating twenty-one (21) years of service in 2012. Currently, there are approximately one hundred and thirty (130) members.

The HBACF has attended the AOC for the past four (4) years. This project has not been presented previously at an AOC.

IV. Purpose of Request

The proposed project will consist of a video which is intended to inform the Spanish-speaking community on how to identify the issue of domestic violence and provide information regarding the legal process as it relates to domestic violence. The informational video will assist viewers in understanding the legal steps they or their loved ones can take to combat domestic violence. Ideally, providing them with this knowledge will create safer homes and a safer community. The

video will be uploaded to the HBACF website and searchable through YouTube. DVD copies of the video will be available to community organizations, such as Harbor House and local churches. Additionally, we intend to broadcast the video through public service announcements on local networks.

V. Project Objectives/Description

Needs Addressed by Project

According to members of Harbor House Central Florida, a center for domestic violence victims, the Hispanic community is not well informed when it comes to combating domestic violence through the legal process. We believe that the need to disseminate information regarding the legal process to the Spanish-speaking community exists and requires immediate attention. A large portion of Central Florida's Hispanic community must overcome a language barrier on a daily basis. This barrier, as brought to the attention of the organization by members of the Orange County judiciary, often results in a lack of knowledge or confidence to seek assistance through the legal system to prevent domestic violence. As one of the largest and most active minority bar organizations in Central Florida, the HBACF believes it is part of its mission to address this concern. As such, the HBACF proposes this project specifically targeted to address the concerns outlined above.

Groups Served by Project

The project will serve the Spanish-speaking community at large. The goal is to reach as many Spanish speaking individuals in the Central Florida area by providing copies of the video to numerous community organizations and via PSA announcements. We believe a greater number of individuals will benefit from this project by providing the video through the HBACF website and making it searchable via YouTube. Providing the video online will increase the number of individuals that will have access to the information and will benefit from this project. The HBACF believes the positive results of the program will reach great numbers in the Florida community at large. The more awareness there is on combating domestic violence through the legal process, the safer the adults and children in our community will be.

Other/Similar Projects in the Area

The HBACF has been unable to identify any similar informational video(s) in Central Florida. There are programs, such as Harbor House of Central Florida, that offer their guidance and services to victims of domestic violence to the local community. However, the organization has been unable to identify any program that is put together and run by attorneys in Spanish regarding the legal steps to take to combat domestic violence.

Public Benefit

Undoubtedly, the project will provide much needed legal guidance to the Spanish-speaking community in Central Florida and beyond. Making this information easily accessible to the public will ensure that these individuals know their legal remedies and use that knowledge to improve their lives, their loved ones lives and other lives within the community.

Course Materials

To the extent funding and budgeting allows, DVDs will be provided to local organizations to be distributed amongst the community. The DVDs will be provided free of charge. Additionally, we intend to provide a concise informational sheet in Spanish with the information outlined in the video that will also be distributed throughout the community. Further, materials will be available in English in case organizations also lack similar resources in English.

Ability to Replicate Program

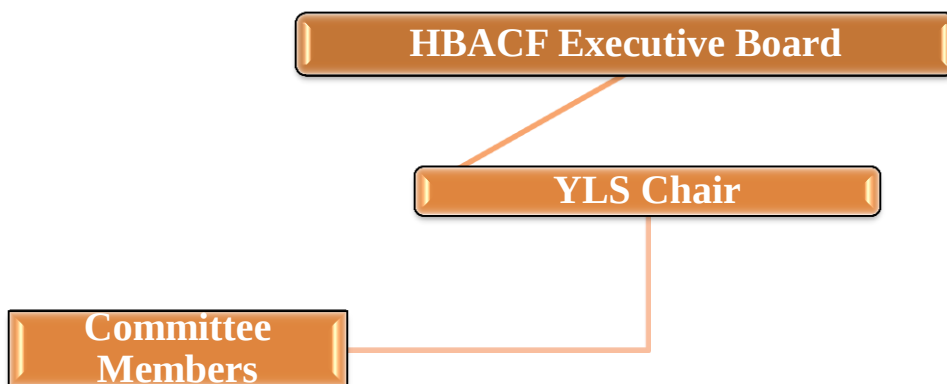
Once the information provided in the video is outlined, it will be easy for other young lawyer affiliates to replicate the program. The HBACF will gladly share the materials with other organizations wishing to make copies or duplicate the efforts. We intend to make the information easily accessible to other organizations by providing the video online. Further, the video concept can be tailored to address other legal concerns affecting various communities.

VI. Project Evaluation

The success of the project will be determined by the extent of distribution that will be done within the Central Florida community and beyond. We intend to frequently monitor the online views of the video to evaluate the project. Additionally, the video will provide up to date information regarding community resources available to victims of domestic violence. We will frequently contact the community resource facilities to determine the extent and effects of the distribution.

VII. Project Organization

The project will be chaired by the 2013 Young Lawyers Section Chair, Jessica Gonzalez-Monge. The chair will report to the HBACF executive board for approval of all programming, budgets and promotional materials. To assist in carrying out the program, a committee will be formed of HBACF members. The committee will be charged with communicating with other voluntary bar organizations to foster support and attendance at the programs. The committee for the project already has garnered the support and commitment of a Judicial Hearing Officer and other young attorneys.



VIII. Budget

The chart below summarizes the preliminary budget for this project. To the extent grant funds fall short and/or are not eligible to cover certain expenses, the difference will be sought from corporate sponsors and contribution from the HBACF's general budget.

ITEM	COSTS
Technology Equipment Rental	\$1,200.00
Green Room Rental ¹	\$400.00
DVD Production	\$350.00
Postage (for delivery and dissemination to various organizations)	\$150.00
Printed Materials	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$2,300.00

IX. Timetable

The preliminary plans are to record the video in May of 2013. The first four (4) months of 2013 will be used for planning and outlining the information to be provided in the video. Once filmed, the video will be edited and should be ready for distribution by July of 2013. The remainder of 2013 will be used for distribution to organizations and broadcasting on PSA's.

X. Conclusion

The HBACF believes the goals and objectives of this project will carry out the mission of the organization. The project will help shape a better informed community about the legal process and resources available to them to ensure safety and carry out justice.

¹ The HBACF will provide outside income for green room rental if this expenditure cannot be covered using YLD funds.

2013 AOC GRANT APPLICATION

Indian River County Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division

Amount of Grant Applied For: \$3,000.00

THE RIGHT BOOK: YOUNG LAWYERS OFFERING THE GIFT OF LITERACY

“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children that have not yet found the right book” – Frank Serafini

I. Short Project Title:

Our project is called “The Right Book: Young Lawyers Offering the Gift of Literacy.”

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III. Describe Your Affiliate:

The Indian River County Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division (IRC YLD) has approximately 25 members. Our diverse membership includes private practice attorneys and government attorneys and runs the full gamut of areas of legal practice (from real estate to criminal defense). The IRC YLD has presented grant proposals at the AOC for at least the last five years, but this is the first year for this project.

IV. Summarize the Purpose of Your Request

The IRC YLD will partner with local elementary schools to present “the right book” to classes of local elementary school students. During regular school hours, our members will discuss with the students why the particular book each attorney is reading to the students was “the right book” for him or her and how learning to enjoy reading at an early age helped the attorney academically, professionally, and socially. The book will be age appropriate, of course, and will give the presenting IRC YLD member an opportunity to demonstrate to students how important reading is to success in the classroom and how reading proficiency has propelled the attorney towards his or her goals in life. The project will have an effect lasting beyond the presentation day, because we will be providing a copy of “the right book” selected by our IRC YLD member to every student in the class. Each member’s presentation will further allow the attorney to link his or her early interest in reading to academic and professional success and encourage the students to develop enthusiasm for reading.

V. Project Objectives/Description:

Literacy rates have been a long running concern in this country. Although reading proficiency is important in all academic areas, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) estimates that 68 percent of our nation's children entering fourth grade cannot read "proficiently;" for children in low-income households, the rate is 83 percent. While there are organizations attempting to address this issue, the members of the IRC YLD have a strong desire to contribute their time and energy to such a worthy cause. We believe that our members will be able to have an impact as we believe we are addressing the issue in a different way than some of the other organizations that are engaged in improving literacy in our communities.

The objectives of our project help fill the need for reading role models for the students attending the elementary school students in Indian River County in three ways. First, the project will allow children to see young professionals from their community expressing the importance of reading in their lives. Indian River County is a fairly small, tight-knit community and many of our members are attorneys that attended the very schools in which they will be speaking. We believe that our program will send a powerful message to students that not only is academic success possible, but with an appreciation for reading, they to can achieve their academic and professional goals, whatever they may be.

Second, our program will provide each student with a concrete reminder of their visit from one of our members. We feel that being presented with a book will have a positive impact on the children involved in our project. Many of these students come from families where reading is not emphasized. The child's physical possession of that book will serve as a constant reminder of the advice and mentorship provided by the visiting member of the IRC YLD.

Third, because the ability to read proficiently is necessary to excel in all other academic areas, it is our hope that our project will not only have a positive effect on the reading interest and abilities of the students in the selected classrooms, but also on other areas of study as well. Our program is really a program for the community at large, although we will only be visiting elementary schools. An elementary school student excited about reading and proficient in reading across all academic subjects is an excellent ambassador to the community at large. In fact, an engaged, motivated elementary school student may have a positive impact on siblings both younger and older, as well as parents that may not be making reading a priority at home.

We estimate that 15 members of the IRC YLD will be able to participate in our project. Each of those attorneys will be paired with an elementary school class that will contain, on average, 20 students. We estimate, therefore, that our project will service somewhere in the neighborhood of 300 local elementary school students. Our project aspires not only to read to and interact with local primary school students, but also to provide them with a spark that hopefully ignites a life-long enjoyment of reading.

VI. Project Evaluation:

Our project will be evaluated, through feedback from the teachers and students impacted by our classroom reading and interaction. In the longer term, the success of our project will

ultimately be judged by the number of the students who latch onto the wonderful possibilities that the love of reading provides. Our hope is that, sometime in the future, some of the students that receive books through this program will return to one of our local elementary schools and share “the right book” with another generation of local primary school students.

VII. Project Organization:

The organization of this project began during the fall and winter of 2012. Members of the IRC YLD contacted local teachers and school representatives to learn more about what type of program might benefit their students. Our members had already expressed an interest in addressing the literacy concerns in our community. After speaking with school personnel from primary schools in our area, we decided that an opportunity to read to students in the classroom and present them with a book would be the most beneficial for the students involved.

Our affiliate will be responsible for coordinating the volunteer IRC YLD members that will participate and for purchasing the books that will be distributed to the students. The purchasing of the books will occur during February and March and our classroom visits will be scheduled for late March and April, after the students have returned from their spring break. The IRC YLD will also be responsible for contacting teachers at the participating schools to determine the scheduling the visits to the classrooms. We will not place any demands on the participating teachers or their students.

VIII. Budget:

We are asking for a grant award of \$3,000.00 to cover the cost of the books to be given out during our program. Due to the recent wave of funding cuts, we will not be asking for any contributions from the participating students, teachers, or schools. We do not anticipate the need for additional funds, but if additional monies become necessary, we will use funds from the IRC YLD operational budget as well as individual contributions from our members. A feature of this program is that it is completely scalable and could be done, with an admittedly smaller impact, for \$1,000.00.

Books for students (300 x \$10.00 per book)	\$3,000.00
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IX. Timetable:

Date	IRC YLD
Fall/Winter 2012	Confer with local educators
January 4, 2013	AOC Grant Application Due
January 19, 2013	AOC Grant Presentation
February, 2013	• Begin Purchasing of Books • Finalize Number of Volunteers • Begin Scheduling Visits
March, 2013	• Finish Purchasing Books • Finishing Scheduling Visits • Begin School Visits
April, 2013	Finish School Visits

X. Exhibits:

We have not included any exhibits with this application.

RUN FOR COVER PROJECT – JBA YLS

The Jacksonville Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (“JBA YLS”) hereby submits the following summary in support of its grant application for the Run for Cover project.

I. Short Project Title

Run for Cover

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III. Describe Your Affiliate

The JBA YLS has over 700 members. Throughout the calendar year, the JBA YLS hosts a variety of programs and events for members of the Jacksonville Bar Association and the Jacksonville community at large.

The JBA YLS is very active in the Jacksonville community and the Florida Bar. Two members of the JBA YLS Board of Governors currently serve on the Florida Bar YLD Board of Governors. Additionally, two (2) to four (4) representatives of the JBA YLS attend the Florida Bar YLD Affiliate Outreach Conference (“AOC”) each year, including the last AOC in 2011.

IV. Summary of Purpose of Request

Each spring for the past eight (8) years, the JBA YLS has hosted its annual Run for Cover, a 5K charity run/walk benefiting the Florida Skin Cancer Foundation. Run for Cover was developed as a tribute to Alan C. Sundberg, Jr., the son of former Florida Supreme Court Justice Alan C. Sundberg and brother of Tallahassee attorney Bill Sundberg, who died from melanoma in 1998 at the age of 33. Bill Sundberg and several doctors founded the Florida Skin Cancer Foundation, a non-profit corporation dedicated to the prevention and treatment of skin cancer through the funding of skin cancer research and by educating the public as to the dangers of skin cancer. We are seeking a grant of \$3,000 to assist in our budget this year.

V. Project Objectives/Description

Run for Cover is designed to increase awareness of the importance of prevention and early detection of skin cancer, as well as aid the Florida Skin Cancer Foundation in its efforts to prevent and treat skin cancer. This family-oriented event features a 5-K road race/walk through the streets of Jacksonville and free skin cancer screenings by local dermatologists for the 5 K participants, volunteers and spectators. Run for Cover is open to all members of the JBA and members of the local community. Participation in Run for Cover has grown from 100 to almost 400 runners since its inception eight (8) years ago. Race participants may run in honor of loved ones who have suffered or died from skin cancer or may participate in support of the cause generally. Additionally, many JBA YLS members participate in Run for Cover by assisting with planning the race, raising donations to the Florida Skin Cancer Foundation, and volunteering on race day. This race is important to the JBA YLS because, among other reasons, it provides an important service to our community at large and is one of the few true community service events the JBA YLS organizes. Many young lawyers participate.

The JBA YLS held its 5th annual Run for Cover this past year in May 2012. Approximately 300 runners and walkers participated in the race. Before and after the race, local dermatologists screened over 150 participants and spectators, and identified precancerous and cancerous conditions for multiple race attendees. Most significantly, the JBA YLS increased the level of sponsorships to approximately \$2000, the highest amount of sponsorships in the history of Run for Cover. We hope to increase the size of the event and contribute more to the Foundation and local dermatological groups.

This year, the JBA YLS designated Run for Cover as one of its premier events in order to increase the stature and popularity of this project. Run for Cover is presently being scheduled for a Saturday in April or May 2013. We are potentially moving the date due to a conflict with another run/race. The JBA YLS constantly adds to the quality and substance of the Run for Cover to increase participation in and support of the race by:

- (1) moving the date of the race to avoid recurring conflicts with other area races;
- (2) changing locations of the race route to more populous and scenic routes;
- (3) changing times of the race to coordinate with other area events that may pair well with the race;
- (4) incorporating corporate challenges among law firms and legal entities, in which the firms and entities will sponsor or subsidize the registration fee of their respective employees and compete against one another for the highest number of participants and fastest runners;
- (5) adding a post-race celebration with live music and beverages for participants and spectators to enjoy; and
- (6) adding a relationship with the Jacksonville Dermatological Association who participates and will help cross-promote the event.

Run for Cover is one of the major public service projects performed by the JBA YLS each year that offers YLS members an opportunity to both increase the reputation of lawyers among the general public and provide a valuable service to the general public. In addition to

providing free skin cancer screenings to members of the JBA and the local community, each year the JBA YLS donates a minimum of \$500 to the Florida Skin Cancer Foundation from Run for Cover. Although dozens of road races occur each year in Jacksonville, including a very prestigious national 15K championship, Run for Cover is the only race that raises awareness and money for this worthwhile cause and provides a unique opportunity for participants to receive the cost-free skin cancer screenings. Over the past eight years, dozens of local racers have been helped by the early detection of skin abnormalities as a result of this race. It should also be noted that this event could be easily replicated throughout Florida. The JBA YLS is proud of the increasing size and notoriety of this project each year.

VI. Project Evaluation

The JBA YLS is lucky to have a track record with this event. Run for Cover has been a proven success over the past eight (8) years, growing in stature, participation and sponsorship each year since its inception. Success of the 2010 Run for Cover will be measured by the amount of (1) increased participation in the race, as determined by the number of race entries and participants running or walking on race day, (2) increased participation in skin cancer screenings, as determined by the number of persons receiving skin cancer screenings, (3) increased number of spectators watching the 5 K race and enjoying the post-race festivities, and (4) increased amount of sponsorships from local businesses and law firms.

VII. Project Organization

The JBA YLS will handle all aspects of fundraising, coordination and operation. The JBA YLS has designated Renee Maxey and Alexandria Hill as co-chairs to run the event. They will be assisted by First Place Sports, a company in Jacksonville who handles on-line registration for hundreds of races annually. First Place Sports has assisted by providing an on-line portal for registration, which ultimately is provided to the YLS. We will also be assisted by the Jacksonville Dermatological Association, who will provide staffing on the day of the event for screening. Depending on the award of this grant and the sponsorships of local firms, we may also have entertainment for the runners after completing the run. While many members of the JBA staff and senior JBA Board of Governors participate in this event as runners, we do not seek their assistance in planning or operation. This event is always a success due to the team effort of those described above.

VIII. Budget

During the past eight (8) years, Run for Cover expenses have ranged between approximately \$4,400.00 and \$7,500.00. Based on the history of expenses for this event and the restructuring of the race, it is estimated that Run for Cover will cost approximately \$8,000 this year. Generally, the expenses of Run for Cover consist of the following items:

	Budget
Race t-shirts	\$2,000
Post-Race Entertainment and Refreshments	\$2,000
Management Fee by First Place Sports for Race	\$2,000
Donation to Florida Skin Cancer Foundation	\$1000
Donation to Jacksonville Dermatological Association	\$1000
Total	\$8,000

As demonstrated by the eight (8) year history of Run for Cover, the JBA YLS is committed to continuing the Run for Cover project past the one year AOC grant period. Throughout the past eight (8) years, the JBA YLS has dedicated a large portion of its financial resources to Run for Cover each year and will continue to do so in future years. Although Run for Cover is an expensive endeavor that has proven challenging as a fund-raising project, the value in providing free skin cancer screenings to the public motivates the JBA YLS to improve this project each year. Should we not be able to obtain the total amount requested in this grant application of \$3,000, we will attempt to raise the needed funds through nominal registration fees and through additional firm sponsorships.

IX. Timetable

November 2012:	Meet with 1st Place Sports to determine and schedule dates of race and finalize preliminary race information (completed)
January 2013:	Coordinate skin cancer screenings with local dermatologists (in progress)
February 2013:	Meet with 1st Place Sports to discuss race logistics, including selection of race route, and additional advertisement of Run for Cover to increase race participation. Hold first committee meeting to develop action plan for race and begin securing sponsorships. Begin initial advertisement of Run for Cover and distribution of race flyers.

February 2013: Continue obtaining sponsorships for Run for Cover and advertising race.
Make decision on selection of entertainment and extent of entertainment based upon grants and sponsorships.

March 2013: Coordinate remaining race logistics with 1st Place Sports.
Order t-shirts for race participants and volunteers.
Confirm number of dermatologists who will be conducting skin cancer screenings.

Late April/ early
May, 2010: Run for Cover race day

X. Exhibits and Presentation of Project

In light of copying costs, and the fact that the YLD is intimately familiar with this event (it was awarded a grant several years ago), we are not providing any additional exhibits with the submitted application. We are not in need of any technology for this presentation. Thank you for consideration of our application.

Josiah T. Walls Bar Association, Law and Justice Conference: Youth Act for Change!

February 23,
2013

University of Florida
Levin College of Law

Community Service project presented to the Florida Bar Young Lawyers
Division, Affiliate Outreach Conference January 2013



An organization of minority lawyers dedicated to responding to the needs of our
community.

Josiah T. Walls Bar Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 13894

Gainesville, FL 32604

Law and Justice Conference 2013:

Youth Act for Change!

I. Contact Information:

Sheree Graham is the contact person for the Josiah T. Walls Bar Association YLD. She can be reached at grahams@pdo8.org or (904)966-6315. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1059, Starke, FL 32091. Ms. Graham will present our project at the AOC on January 19, 2013.

II. Affiliate Description

The Josiah T. Walls Bar Association is an organization of minority attorneys practicing in the Third, Fifth and Eighth Judicial Circuits. Membership is also open to students at the UF Levin College of Law through our Student Division. JTWBA has a total of twenty active members. The Young Lawyers Division is an active group of approximately seven attorneys. Josiah T. Walls has presented community service projects at AOC conferences for the past several years. Last year, JTWBA presented the Law and Justice Conference: It's Your Community!.

III. Project Summary

JTWBAYLD's request is for a youth conference for middle school students. The *Law and Justice Conference 2013: Youth Act for Change* is a continuation of last year's conference. At *Law and Justice 2012: Its Your Community*, eighty(80) local middle school students discussed the law's applicability to their lives, the role of law enforcement, the importance of community action and the local needs they could address while in their youth. Inspired by and based on the Street Law program and curriculum, Law and Justice 2013 will bring local students and civic leaders-including attorneys and law students- together in a one day, high impact conference at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. This year's conference will highlight the importance of civic action and identify ways in which the students can get involved and affect change in the community.

IV. Project Objectives/Description

- ***What needs does the project address? Why are these needs important to your affiliate?***

This project fulfills a need for a conversation on civic responsibility, especially among youth. Those served by this program are often found to be apathetic, failing to see themselves as stakeholders in the community. As an organization dedicated to community service, it is important to the JTWBA YLD to continually encourage our youth to positively contribute to the community. The project also fills a need for kids to interact closely with legal professionals and students. Many of the kids served by the Law and Justice 2012 conference, and the Street Law program of previous years, have only been exposed to the law and legal professionals in adverse settings(delinquency court, etc.). The Law and justice conference is a forum in which students are shown how the law can be a vehicle of self empowerment and positive change.

- ***To what groups will the project provide services?***

This project will provide services for middle and high school students. Many of the students served by this event have participated in after-school programs for “at-risk” kids.

- ***How many people will the project serve?***

The project will serve approximately one hundred (100) students.

- ***What other projects in the area provide similar services to the same groups? When and with what success? How is your project different?***

The University of Florida College of Law has sponsored a Youth Summit, which engaged high school students in discussions of how law and policy affected them. The Law and Justice Conference aims to reach a larger group of students, primarily of a younger age group. The Conference is also different in that students have an opportunity to use the information given to them to solve a real world problem. Further, a vehicle for continuing the work started by the students is available via the Law and Justice Facebook page.

- ***How will the public benefit from the project?***

This high energy, interactive event seeks to inspire youth to become active leaders in the community. Students will, at no cost, have an interactive experience with legal professional and students as well as law enforcement officers and community leaders.

- ***What impact will the project have on the community?***

This conference aims to serve as the beginning of an in-depth conversation on youth advocacy. Students will leave with a view of themselves as stakeholders in the community capable of affecting positive change in the world around them.

- ***Will the materials, if any, be sold or provided to participants?***

Materials are not sold to participants. Participants will be given materials for use during and after the conference(pens, notepads, tote bags, etc.). Gift cards are also provided-in limited number- as incentives. Certificates will be given to each child participating in the conference.

- ***Is this an easy project for other young lawyer affiliates to replicate?***

This project is easy for other affiliates to replicate. The curriculum is based on the “Street Law” curriculum, which is available via the internet. Students from the UF College of Law, local attorneys, and law enforcement officials participate as workshop speakers. Afterschool program directors with the Reichert House, Boys and Girls Club, etc. assist with recruiting participants. Also, the UF College of Law and Eighth Circuit Bar Association provide facilities, volunteers and financial support.

V. Project Evaluation

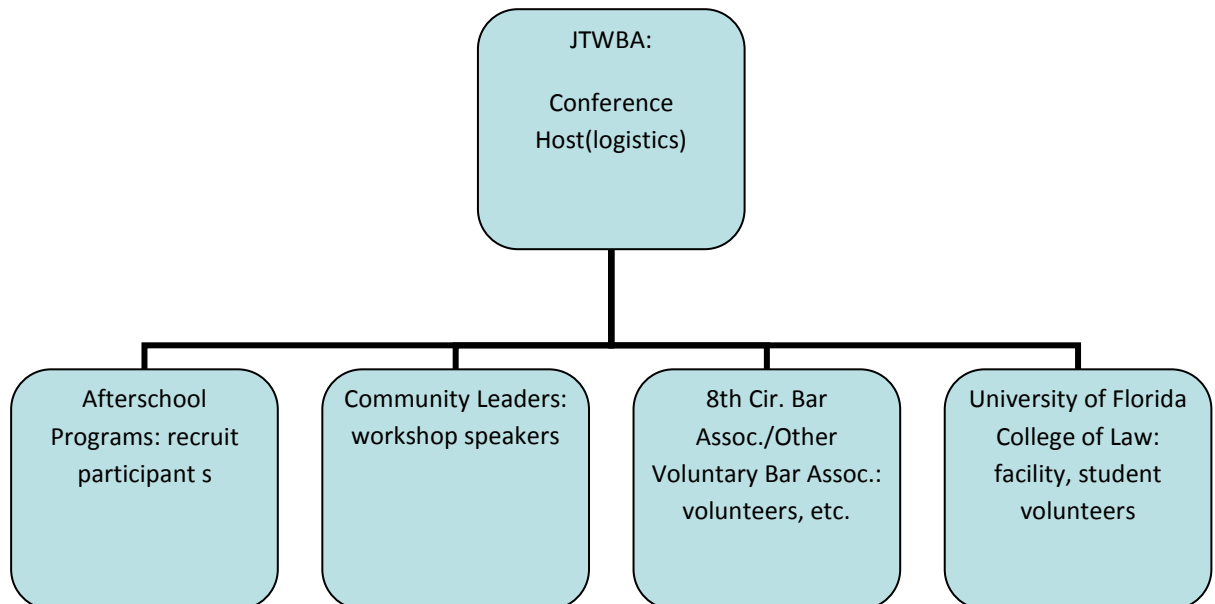
The project's success will be measured in terms of achieving the following objectives:

1. Reaching a larger, broader and more diverse group of students than in previous "Street Law" programs,
2. Meaningful discussion and acknowledgement of civic responsibility; Higher levels of youth enthusiasm for community involvement,
3. Greater program recognition by government, media, public and private entities,
4. The development of a viable project addressing a community need.
5. A genuine and thoughtful effort at solving a community problem identified by students.

JTWBA YLD has created a survey to assess whether most of these objectives have been met. The conference's Facebook page will also be instructive in assessing the interest in future programs and the progress of the community program developed by the participant students and volunteers.

VI. Project Organization

The JTWBA YLD will host the conference with several partners, including the UF College of Law, the Reichert House Afterschool Program, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Eighth Circuit Bar Association. The JTWBA is responsible for the production of the conference and coordinating volunteers. JTWBA is solely responsible for administering grant funds. The partner organizations provide support to the Conference by providing meeting space, technical support and additional financial assistance.



VII. Budget

Facilities.....In Kind

(University of Florida College of Law)

Food: Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks.....\$600.00

(Revenue Source: JTWBA)

Promotional Items/Gifts.....\$550.00

-Tote bags, water bottles, pens, key chains, coupons/gift cards

Materials.....\$800.00

-Folders/labels, name tags, pens/pencils, copies, materials for presenters (\$50 X6)

Speaker Honorarium.....\$250.00

Awards.....\$90.00

Publicity.....\$75.00

-Registration Banner, Brochures

Signage.....\$75.00

Videographer.....\$275.00

Photographer.....\$275.00

Total Estimated Budget \$3,090.00

VIII. Timetable

The Conference is scheduled for February 23, 2013 at the University of Florida College of Law. A working group, consisting of attorneys and students, will be formed and charged with implementing a plan to address the community project conceptualized by the conference participants. The working group will report the plan in writing and include a timetable for completing the project. The group will be asked to submit its report as soon as practicable at a post conference workshop, but no later than June 2013.

IX. Exhibits: None attached

Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar Association
Grant Application

- I. Contact Information:** John Miller, President of the Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar, and Shannon Puopolo, Vice President and President Elect of the Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar, are the presenters and contact persons for the grant application.

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- II. Describe Your Affiliate:** The Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar is made up of young lawyers dedicated to furthering their professional growth and developing leadership skills necessary to make them leaders within the Lee County Bar. In recent years, the Lee County Bar Young Lawyers Division has become more active in the community and increased its membership. Last year was the first year in some time that Lee County has attended the Affiliate Outreach Conference and submitted a grant application. That grant and the golf tournament which it ultimately helped fund raised close to \$15,000 for the Voices for Kids Guardian ad Litem Program here in Lee County, Florida. This year the Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar continues its focus on children by working with a new partner, Childcare of Southwest Florida.
- III. Attendance at Past Affiliate Outreach Conferences:** After several years of inactivity, the Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar attended last years Affiliate Outreach Conference as grant presenters.
- IV. Summary:** This year the Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar has partnered with a non-profit organization called Childcare of Southwest Florida. Childcare of Southwest Florida is an organization that, among other things, provides low cost or free early childhood education and daycare programs for underprivileged and socioeconomically challenged children within the community. Childcare of Southwest Florida operates six centers, four of which are in Lee County. These centers serve approximately 600 children per day. The centers allow the parents of

these children to remain in the workforce while providing gold seal accredited early childhood education programs to children who otherwise would not receive such education. The Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar requests funds to assist Childcare of Southwest Florida in conducting an educational resources and materials drive and to facilitate three early childhood education events for its students.

V. Project Objectives: To continue to foster the ongoing relationship between the Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar and underprivileged or needy children within the community.

VI. Project Description: Childcare of Southwest Florida has begun a STEM (science, technology, environment, and math) initiative. The goal of the STEM initiative is to get its children interested in science, technology, the environment, and mathematics very early in life in hopes that these children will develop the skills necessary to become contributing members in these fields of study during their later educational years. Childcare of Southwest Florida has partnered with a number of other organizations and businesses to put on three STEM events in 2013. These STEM events invite children from the community of all ages and provide them with the opportunity to participate in science, technology, environment, and math related activities in an attempt to foster a greater interest amongst these children. Childcare of Southwest Florida is responsible for the early childhood portion of these three STEM events. During these events, Childcare of Southwest Florida will provide project materials for students ages one to five in completing STEM related projects. Part of the grant funds from this application will be used to provide the supplies for the projects at each of these three STEM events.

The final portion of the grant money will be used to organize, publicize, and conduct a STEM materials drive to take place in conjunction with the three STEM events. The STEM materials drive will allow Childcare of Southwest Florida to collect donations of STEM project materials such as LEGOs, calculators, erector sets, and chemistry/science sets to be used in the Childcare of Southwest Florida facilities. These STEM materials will allow Childcare of Southwest Florida to implement a more STEM-centric curriculum and continue to educate these underprivileged children in areas in which they might not otherwise receive education.

VII. Project Evaluation: This project will be a success if Childcare of Southwest Florida is able to provide the project materials needed for each of the three STEM events as well as collect the necessary materials to conduct STEM related curriculum in each of its centers. Members of the Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar's Executive Board will be present at these events assisting as volunteers.

VIII. Project Organization: The Young Lawyers Division of the Lee County Bar has partnered with the executive director of Childcare of Southwest Florida and her staff. Through this partnership, these two organizations have determined the nature of the projects and the scope of the materials to be requested during the materials drive. A number of local businesses and educational institutions will also be participating in the STEM events.

IX. Funding: Additional funding will be obtained through numerous donations from business members within the community. The Young Lawyer funds, however, will be used solely to fund the Childcare of Southwest Florida projects and the materials drive.

X. Budget: \$1,000.00

Project materials for STEM event No. 1	\$	250.00
Project materials for STEM event No. 2	\$	250.00
Project materials for STEM event No. 3	\$	250.00
Advertising and collection materials for STEM materials drive	\$	250.00
Totals	\$	1,000.00

XI. Timetable: The STEM events and materials drive will take place between January and May of 2013. These STEM events have already been planned and are scheduled to take place on January 26, March 9, and April 6 of 2013.

XII. Exhibits: None.

Volunteering for Veterans

“Providing Legal Services to Those
Who Have Served”

2013 Grant Application Presented by:

The Manatee County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division

I. Project Title:

The Manatee County Young Lawyers Division (“YLD”) is proud to present the “Volunteering for Veterans” Project for the consideration of the YLD Board of Governors.

II. Contact Information:

- Project Chair

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- The Project Chair will be presenting the “Volunteering for Veterans” project at the Annual Affiliate Outreach Conference.

III. Describe Your Affiliate:

- The Manatee County Bar Association has approximately 60 attorneys that qualify for membership in the YLD, with approximately 25 attorneys actively participating in the YLD and regular YLD events.
- Members of the Manatee County YLD have participated in each of the past five (5) Affiliate Outreach Conferences. This project has not been previously presented.

IV. Summarize the Purpose of Your Request:

a. Background

Veterans are a special group of individuals, deserving the utmost of respect from our country and our community for their service and sacrifice. Manatee County is home to some 35,000 – 40,000 military veterans (depending on “snowbird season”), and our local community is very active in supporting these veterans. After speaking with local veterans’ support representatives, the Manatee County YLD learned that while benefits of all types are available for veterans, many times legal services are not included among those benefits. Accordingly, the Manatee County YLD has indentified veterans as the focus of our 2013 “Volunteering for Veterans” project and event.

b. Current Project

The “Volunteering for Veterans” event will be a “One-Stop Shop” for pro-bono legal services for veterans, and will emphasize the preparation of important

estate planning documents such as a will, a living will, and a healthcare surrogate. Other legal issues that a veteran may be facing (landlord-tenant, civil claims, etc.) will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, matching the veteran with a local attorney who is proficient in that legal field. Manatee County YLD volunteers have already identified attorneys in the community who are generous with their time and legal expertise based on previous YLD projects, including projects previously presented to the YLD Board of Governors. These attorneys will be called on again to provide pro-bono services to veterans at the “Volunteering for Veterans” event.

Additionally, the “Volunteering for Veterans” event will serve to connect veterans with our community and the numerous benefits and service organizations available to assist them. This will be done in a “showcase” style, whereby each service organization will be provided table space to provide information and resources to the veterans to assist them in a variety of issues that may be affecting their life. The Manatee County Veterans Service Division has committed to attending the event to offer information and explain the services they offer, including the Active Military Combat Duty Grant Program, employment benefits and opportunities, education benefits and opportunities, financial assistance and government benefits, and healthcare services. Moreover, the Manatee County Veterans Council has offered their support of the project and the YLD will secure the support and attendance from other local veterans’ service organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (“VFW”), the American Legion, and various charitable foundations.

The implementation of the “Volunteering for Veterans” project, and the event itself, will be somewhat modeled based on previous projects undertaken by the YLD. As discussed above, the YLD is fortunate to have a wealth of established attorneys who have committed to providing pro-bono services to worthwhile causes, including those presented by the YLD. Additionally, the YLD benefits from local court and clerk personnel that go the extra mile to ensure the success of YLD projects, from reserving the beautiful jury waiting room at the Manatee County Judicial Center (author’s note: really, it is awesome) to the Manatee County Bar Association’s incredibly talented and dedicated Executive Director, Sue Revell, who is a marketing and advertising genius and knows how to put the special touches on a project to make the attendees feel welcome. Manatee County YLD volunteers will notify veterans of the event through flyers, mailers, email communications, local advertisements, and by appearing at local service organization meetings. The event is tentatively scheduled to take place in August, 2013.

On the day of the “Volunteering for Veterans” event, a veteran will be able to walk in at their pre-arranged appointment time and meet with an attorney concerning their applicable legal issues. The veteran will be able to walk out of the event confident in the legal advice they have received, and if applicable, with fully executed and notarized copies of their will, living will or health care

surrogate. The YLD needs the assistance of the YLD Board of Governors to make this happen.

V. Project Objectives/Description:

The main objective of the “Volunteering for Veterans” project, and the ultimate event, is to provide the numerous veterans in Manatee County with legal resources, legal documents, and information to assist them in their everyday life. As an example, a veteran who elects to have a living will and health care surrogate prepared at the event can rest easy knowing that their end-of-life planning has been provided for and that their wishes will be honored. Moreover, a veteran who has been struggling to navigate the complex rules applicable to VA benefits can speak with a local veterans’ support representative about the process and securing the entitlements for which they rightfully earned. These needs are important to our YLD affiliate as veterans, by their very nature, have provided service to each member of our community, and it is appropriate that the community (including the legal community) use its resources to attempt to return the service to a veteran.

Based on the approximately 35,000 veterans that will be residing in Manatee County in August, 2013, and previous results of service projects undertaken by the YLD, we anticipate the project will serve at least 225 veterans. Local legal aid entities (Gulfcoast Legal Services and Legal Aid of Manasota) provide similar, pro-bono legal services on a case-by-case basis to those in financial need, however, the budgets of those entities have taken a huge hit in the last five (5) years and we hope this event can alleviate the overwhelming demand they are experiencing. No other projects in the area combine the legal resources, legal documents, and information that will be provided (free of charge) at the “Volunteering for Veterans” event.

The public will benefit from the project through the knowledge that our veterans are being provided for in a professional manner and being directed to resources that, in some circumstances, have already been paid for by taxpayers. Additionally, by providing veterans with legal documents regarding their end-of-life wishes, the project will reduce conflict and alleviate an already-congested court system. Finally, the project will be an excellent opportunity for the community to see how lawyers choose to give back to worthy causes.

This project should be relatively easy for other YLD affiliates to replicate. This is especially true given the existing local programs and organizations established to provide support to veterans, based on which the YLD affiliate can disseminate knowledge of the event and thereby increase participation.

VI. Project Evaluation:

The success of this project will be determined by the number of veterans who sign up for, and attend, the “Volunteering for Veterans” event. Our goal is to serve 225 veterans through this project, including any veterans that may require follow-up

pro-bono legal services after the event. The effectiveness of the project will be measured by YLD volunteers, who will compare the legal services and information provided to the veterans with the veteran's application form listing their applicable legal issues and/or requested legal documents. Additionally, YLD volunteers will follow up with the veterans' service organizations to see if they have experienced an increase in opportunities to serve veterans.

VII. Project Organization:

This project will be executed by a special committee of the Manatee County YLD under the direction of the project chair named in Section II, along with the assistance of the Executive Director of the Manatee County Bar Association, Sue Revell. Our senior bar will assist with providing volunteers as well as consultation as needed. The YLD special committee will enlist the assistance of the veterans' service organizations detailed above in advertising the event, as well as attending the event to provide relevant information to the veterans.

VIII. Budget:

The below preliminary line-item budget represents the costs necessary to carry out the "Volunteering for Veterans" project through to the actual event. Additionally, the majority of these costs are for capital-type items (computers and printers), and therefore these items can be used in the future (beyond the one year AOC grant period) to continue the project goals and objectives. This would necessarily include a 2nd Annual "Volunteering for Veterans" project, as we anticipate the demand for the event should exceed our capacity.

Anticipated Income

AOC Grant (Requested)	\$3,500
Donations (Cash, In Kind)	\$1,000 (Law firm and business sponsorship)

Anticipated Expenses

Venue	\$0
Laptop Computers	\$2,500 (\$500/ea x 5 laptop computers)
Printers	\$400 (\$200/ea x 2 printers)
Supplies and Materials	\$350
Food for Event	\$500
Postage, Advertising, Flyers	\$500
YLD Signage/Banner	\$150
Decorations	\$75

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$4,475.00

IX. Timetable:

- February – June

During this time the YLD special committee will be in contact with local veterans' service organizations to obtain contact information (mailing, email, telephone, etc.) for veterans and to begin advertising the project for August, 2013 through the organization resources. The YLD special committee will also be soliciting additional organizations to attend the event, including from the private sector (i.e. job recruiters). Finally, the YLD special committee will finalize the "Volunteering for Veterans" application form, send out the application form to veterans, and secure the jury waiting room for the event.

- June – July

The YLD special committee will begin scheduling appointments for veterans for the event. Also, the YLD special committee will firm up all commitments from attorneys and organizations attending the event.

- August

The "Volunteering for Veterans" event will be held. Any follow-up pro-bono legal services will be coordinated with volunteer attorneys.

X. Exhibits:

- A) June 3, 2012 Tampa Bay Times article on the need for legal services for veterans, and the establishment of the Veterans Law Institute at Stetson University College of Law; Print out of Stetson Law Veterans Law Institute statement of purpose.

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Military: Veterans Affairs

Stetson law school opens Veterans Law Institute with support services for veterans

By Alli Langley, Times Staff Writer
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GULFPORT — If you're a soldier worried about staying alive, protecting your fellow soldiers and finishing a mission, dealing with legal issues back home is probably low on the priority list.

Imagine, as Stetson University College of Law professor Charles Rose put it, "you're sitting in a foxhole in Afghanistan, and the bank forecloses on your house."

The law school's new Veterans Law Institute will help veterans and active-duty military with foreclosures and other legal issues such as benefits claims, divorces, child custody disputes, traffic tickets and property repossessions.

About 100 people attended the institute's ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday and toured the facility, a 1,041-square-foot pink house across the street from the school's campus in Gulfport.

Speakers included veterans and Chief Judge Bruce Kasold of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Staffed by law school students and faculty, the institute's Veterans Advocacy Clinic will help veterans file benefits claims and represent those whose claims have been denied.

"We're going to serve those who've already served us," said Rose, an Army veteran.

The institute will provide free legal services to active duty military, said

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Javier Centonzio, a recent law school graduate and Marine veteran of the war in Iraq.



If the institute can't handle an issue, staff would match that person with a lawyer in the community who would offer free services.

The institute will push for public policy changes on the local, state and federal level that benefit veterans, active duty and future military servicemen and servicewomen, said Michael Allen, the institute's director.

The institute also will support veteran students and help them pay for their tuition. Their advocacy clinic will also give law students experience working with real clients.

"There aren't many places where you can practice law and feel good about yourself," Rose said, "and this is one of them."

One serviceman stationed at MacDill Air Force Base said he couldn't afford legal counsel when he was going through a divorce.

"It would've been nice to have someone I could talk to," said Eddie Bosquez, 29.

He has since remarried, and his wife, who couldn't attend, is a veteran and law school student who will help at the institute.

Bosquez said he appreciates the services the institute will offer veterans and active-duty military members.

"For a number of them to volunteer to do this for us," he said, "it really means a lot because we know we're not forgotten."

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Veterans Law Institute

At Stetson University College of Law, 6101 13th Ave. S, Gulfport. Call (727) 562-7800; www.law.stetson.edu/veterans.

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Veterans Law Institute



The **Stetson Veterans Law Institute** will serve the growing population of active duty military, veterans and their families in the Tampa Bay area, home to one of the largest concentrations of veterans in the U.S.

The Honorable Bruce E. Kasold, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, presented the keynote address during the Veterans Law Institute's ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 31. The event included music, a color guard presentation, the singing of the National Anthem, and tours of the facility, located at 6101 13th Avenue S. in Gulfport. » [View Photo Gallery](#)



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"Stetson's Veterans Law Institute will be an important part of our nation's efforts to carry out President Lincoln's command that we all should care for those who have borne the battle," said Professor Michael Allen, the institute's director. » [Read News Article](#)

The Stetson Veterans Law Institute has the following objectives:

- **Assist with Admission and Retention of Veterans**

The institute will work to continue efforts to provide new opportunities for veterans who wish to study at Stetson University College of Law. In the past year, Stetson Law has increased our Yellow Ribbon scholarships from three to ten.

- **Expand Veterans and Military-Related Clinic and Internship Opportunities**

The Institute's **Veterans Advocacy Clinic** provides representation to veterans seeking government benefits as well as those appealing decisions denying benefits. **In order to apply for clinic services, please download the [Application Form \(PDF\)](#), complete, and email to vetcclinic@law.stetson.edu or mail to Veterans Advocacy Clinic, 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707.** Or, if you would like us to mail an application to you, please call 727-562-7324 and leave your full name, mailing address, and phone. **Note: The Veterans Law Institute is unable to accept walk-ins, all applications for service must be made in writing. Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified whether the Veterans Advocacy Clinic can assist you.**

In order to ensure that you are properly represented, please understand that no person connected with Stetson University College of Law will advise, represent, and/or appear on your behalf for any legal matter until after the Veterans Advocacy Clinic staff has had an opportunity to review your application and any other requested documentation, has agreed to represent you and an agreement of representation has been signed by all parties.

If there is an immediate deadline or court date, please understand that we may not be able to represent you without adequate time to prepare and that missing a court date or other deadline could affect your legal rights.

Stetson Law also offers internship opportunities for students at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Washington and will this summer have placements with the National Guard and MacDill Air Force Base.

For other questions about the Veterans Law Institute, please email veteranslaw@law.stetson.edu.

- **Provide Public Service**

The institute will work to increase pro bono and other service to active duty troops, veterans, and their families. Stetson Law students have long provided service to veterans and veterans organizations, either through student organizations or on an individual basis.

The institute will also work in partnership with other organizations, including Legal Assistance for Warriors, to provide pro bono legal services for active duty personnel and their families.

The institute will also develop and sponsor programs including continuing legal education programs for attorneys representing veterans, seminars for veterans and members of the military, and academic conferences focused on veterans and military issues.

- **Improve Public Policy by Enhancing Legal Scholarship and Public Policy Initiatives Related to Veterans Issues**

Stetson Law has a number of faculty who write about veterans, military law, and national security issues. Veterans Law Institute Director Mike Allen's scholarship led him to testify before the Committees on Veterans Affairs of both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives. The institute will serve as a focal point for encouraging and promoting this work.

For more information about the Veterans Law Institute, please email veteranslaw@law.stetson.edu.

MARION COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

2013 AOC PROJECT: “THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MARION COUNTY HONOR PROGRAM”

I. Short Project Title and Description:

“THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MARION COUNTY HONOR PROGRAM”

The MCYLS is seeking financial assistance for its 2013 philanthropic project to continue supporting the youth of the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County by maintaining the academic and character-based Honor Program instituted last year. The program recognizes and rewards the elementary, middle, and high school members of the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County who excel in the classroom, attend class regularly and exhibit strong moral character by adhering to an established code of conduct.

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III. Description of Affiliate:

The Marion County Young Lawyers Section (MCYLS) is composed of approximately 25 active members, with an executive committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The MCYLS has attended every AOC since 2005, receiving grant funding each year. In recent years, the MCYLS has received funding for its annual Great Debate Tournament, a Drug Market Intervention / Ocala Place Apartments Playground Project, and last year's Boys and Girls Club of Marion County Honor Program. This will be the second year of the Honor Program, which is growing in popularity among the members of the Boys and Girls Club.

IV. Project Summary / Purpose:

The MCYLS is seeking financial assistance for its 2013 philanthropic project to assist the youth membership of the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County by continuing to fund and administer an academic and character-based Honor Program, recognizing and rewarding the elementary, middle, and high school members of the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County who excel in the classroom and exhibit strong moral character by adhering to an established code of conduct.

V. Project Objectives / Description:

The MCYLS is committed to positively impacting the lives of Marion County residents, particularly local youth. This commitment has been the cornerstone of each MCYLS AOC Project submitted in the recent past. In 2010, AOC funding was awarded grant funding for the MCYLS' Great Debate Tournament, which enjoyed great success and served to further the educational experiences of Marion County high school students. The MCYLS continues to host its annual Great Debate Tournament, in addition to one other major philanthropic endeavor chosen by the membership as its AOC Project. Last year, the MCYLS sought and received funding to institute the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County Honor Program. This year, the MCYLS seeks funding to continue and build on this successful venture, remaining mindful of the Section's continued dedication to improving the lives of Marion County youth.

This MCYLS AOC Project will further grow the relationship between the MCYLS and the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County. The established mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America is "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens," which perfectly complements the objective of the MCYLS. By funding and overseeing an honor program that encourages children to strive to succeed in the classroom and take pride in their actions and overall character, young lawyers will increase the scope of the Marion County Boys and Girls Club's positive impact on local youth. Through hands-on mentoring, young lawyers will set a positive example for the children. In turn, Marion County young lawyers will gain a better appreciation for the commitment to success exhibited by area youth in the face of difficult circumstances. The overall objective of the project is to teach at-risk children to set high expectations of academic achievement and sound character, encourage them work hard to meet their goals, and reward them for doing so. As a peripheral benefit, the MCYLS will elevate the public perception of lawyers and the practice of law.

Currently, the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County serves an integral role in our local community, providing less fortunate, vulnerable youth with a safe place to learn and grow. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care and supervision. Rather than finding their own recreation and companionship in the streets, over 400 children between the age of 6 and 18 spend their time at the three Boys and Girls Club locations in Marion County. The Clubs span from one end of the county to the other, located in Ocala, Dunnellon, and Silver Springs Shores. They are open every day, after school and on weekends, when children have free time and need positive outlets. The Clubs' professional staff instills a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence by engaging children in stimulating, constructive activities. They truly live up to their nickname of *The Positive Place for Kids*. It is hard to imagine a better partner for the MCYLS.

Two years ago at AOC, MCYLS representatives were impressed by the Seminole County Young Lawyers Division's "Boys & Girls Club of Sanford Academic Achievement Program" and consulted Jerry Lane, the Director of our Marion County Club to discuss implementation of a similar program. Not only did the program appear to address an issue important to the

MCYLS; it also had the potential to be a recurring project that young lawyers could build upon and improve annually. MCYLS members learned that, although the programming at the Boys and Girls Clubs is comprehensive and certainly includes tutoring, goal-setting, and character-building, there was not an organized honor program or recognition mechanism in place. At the time, Boys and Girls Club members who excel as students and leaders are not rewarded for their efforts or recognized in any formal manner.

In large part, the MCYLS has followed the playbook of the Seminole County Young Lawyers Division since receiving AOC funding last year and began implementation of an Honor Program for over 400 local youth served by the three branches of the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County. MCYLS members visited the Boys and Girls Club at the beginning of this school year to speak to the children about the importance of education, introduce the Honor Program, and invite them to participate. The children embraced the program and it has begun to take root.

The program rewards each student who maintains good grades, conducts himself or herself in accordance with the school code of conduct, and attends class regularly. An annual award ceremony is held in May to recognize children who meet the academic and character-based goals of the Honor Program. As discussed below, there are various awards for students who attain straight-A's or a 3.0 grade point average, as well as a clean discipline record and fewer than five absences in each nine-week period. In order to involve more students, those who improve their grade point average are also invited to the annual award ceremony, recognized and provided with a certificate. Each ceremony will include pizza, an address by a community leader and the advice and encouragement of MCYLS members.

At the ceremony scheduled for the end of the school year in May, students who have met the academic goals of the Honor Program in various semesters receive heightened rewards based on their level of sustained success. As we approach the first award ceremony, it is difficult to specify exact awards until we learn how many students qualify for various levels of awards. Our original intent was to provide movie passes to those who reach a 3.0 average during one semester and an additional bonus gift to those who sustain this level for multiple semesters. Similarly, we originally intended to provide more valuable Paddock Mall gift cards to the exceptional students who achieve straight A's, with higher amounts earned based upon the number of semesters that the goal is attained. The plan remains unchanged, but due to potential budgetary constraints, the gifts have not been disclosed to the students at this time, as they may need to be reduced in size if necessary. Each student who has improved his or her grade point average during the course of the year will also be recognized and provided with a certificate.

This project is unique and distinguishable from the standard academic honor roll that exists within each child's school. The MCYLS Honor Program provides recognition at the Club level rather than in the public school setting. The culture of the Boys and Girls Club requires a tailored program that incentivizes academic success within the walls of the Club, which is a comfortable and family-like atmosphere for the children. Originally, the hope of the MCYLS was that when children see achievement pay off for those close to them, there would be a domino effect and an increasing number of children would strive to improve their grades in order to gain recognition and take part in the Honor Program. We have seen this come to fruition, but feel that

as the program enters its second year it will continue to grow. By improving the academic standing of the children visiting the Club, the MCYLS can bring about a positive change in this segment of the youth population and our community as a whole.

The MCYLS firmly believes that this project is easy for other young lawyer affiliates to replicate. This belief is founded on the fact that we *borrowed* this idea, practically in its entirety, from the Seminole County Young Lawyers Division. The MCYLS is not ashamed for replicating a good idea of a fellow affiliate!

VI. Project Evaluation:

This program is providing the first spark that the children at the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County need on the path to academic success. At this early stage, it is clear that a large segment of the members bought into the program, but there is plenty of room to grow. Visits to the Boys and Girls Club assembly meetings and discussions with the children on the part of MCYLS young lawyers have been important, but the involvement of the Club Director and staff to ensure that staff members are continuing to emphasize the Honor Program will be critical.

Success will be largely determined based on the number of children who actively take part in the Honor Program, the extent to which it positively impacts grades within the Club, and feedback received from Boys and Girls Club staff. MCYLS membership includes several young lawyers who are active volunteers and/or members of the Board of Directors at the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County, but the officers of the MCYLS will be responsible for administering and monitoring the program. Now that the program is established, the MCYLS will focus more effort on building support for the program incrementally among Club members. As evidenced by this application, the expectation is that the Honor Program will be a recurring program sponsored by the MCYLS that will continuously gain momentum from within the Club to the point that the vast majority of children actively participate and compete.

VII. Project Organization:

The current MCYLS President, Rob Batsel, oversaw the planning and implementation of the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County Honor Program since funding was attained last year. Stephen Barbieri will be taking the gavel as President of the MCYLS on January 1, 2013 and both Mr. Barbieri and Mr. Batsel will oversee the program moving forward. However, MCYLS members unanimously support the program and interact with members of the Club. The MCYLS has received a great deal of help from the current Boys and Girls Club of Marion County Director, Jerry Lane, and his staff members. The Mayor of the City of Ocala, Kent Guinn, and several local Judges have provided their support and agreed to participate in the program's speaking engagements and certificate presentations.

X. Budget:

The Boys and Girls Club of Marion County currently serves approximately 400 children per day. It is difficult to anticipate the number of children that will qualify for awards, but the Boys and Girls Club academic support staff and tutors believe we will continue to see a high

level of participation. The MCYLS based the following projections on discussions with the Director and staff, as well as a review of the budget submitted by the Seminole County YLD. The 2012 budget is based on 400 participants who improve their grades at some point in the year, 150 "A-B Honor Roll" Honorees, and 40 Honorees with straight A's among the Club's three locations.

Year-End Pizza Party / Award Ceremony	
Pizza (120 Pizzas X \$6.00)	\$720.00
Certificates and Frames (400 X \$2.00)	\$800.00
Awards for 'A-B Honor Roll' / 3.0 GPA Honorees (100 X \$10.00)	\$1,000.00
Bonus for Multiple Semesters @ 3.0 GPA (200 X \$5.00)	\$1,000.00
Awards for Straight-A Students (40 X \$20.00)	\$800.00
Bonus for Multiple Semesters @ 4.0 GPA (80 X \$5.00)	\$400.00
Total Expenses	\$4,720.00

Donated Items

Drinks

Paper Goods

XI. Timetable:

Last year at AOC, the MCYLS was initially awarded funding for this project. After meeting with the Club Director and discussing plans for the project, MCYLS members introduced the Boys and Girls Club Honor Program to students late in the first semester of the 2012-2013 school year. The first report cards to be collected will be those sent home in December, 2012. Names of students who earn a 3.0 GPA or a 4.0 GPA and qualify for recognition will be posted at all Boys and Girls Club locations immediately.

During the first and second semester of 2013, report cards will be collected and Honorees will be identified in the same manner.

The first award ceremony / pizza party will take place in June, 2013, after the close of the school year. This awards ceremony and the awards provided will be funded by the funding received from the 2012 MCYLS Project.

When the 2013-2014 school year commences in August, MCYLS members will once again visit the Club locations to speak to the children about the Honor Program in preparation for the semester. The funding sought through this grant application will fund the program throughout the 2013-2014 academic year, culminating in the May 2014 award ceremony.

THE FLORIDA BAR
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION
2013 AFFILIATE OUTREACH CONFERENCE
GRANT PROJECT APPLICATION:

**THE BIG BAD WOLF'S
HALLOWEEN PARTY
FOR THE CHILDREN AT THE
WOMEN'S RESIDENTIAL AND
COUNSELING CENTER**

SUBMITTED BY:
ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION
December 3, 2012

I. SHORT PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION

The Big Bad Wolf's Halloween Party for the Women's Residential and Counseling Center ("WRCC"):

The Big Bad Wolf's Halloween party will kick off with a presentation of The Big Bad Wolf's Trial by the Young Lawyers to assist the children in developing useful knowledge about the law, questioning techniques, critical thinking, and oral advocacy skills. The grant will be used to furnish Halloween costumes to the children who live at WRCC in Orlando, Florida, and to throw a Halloween Party for them, allowing for safe Trick or Treating for the 40 children who live at WRCC, which is primarily a shelter for women and children who are survivors of violence. In addition to the typical Trick or Treat items, the children will be given comic books from the National Center for State Courts, as well as other educational items.

II. CONTACT INFORMATION

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III. DESCRIPTION OF AFFILIATE

Members of the Young Lawyers Section ("YLS") of the Orange County Bar Association ("OCBA") are members of the OCBA and must be under the age of 35 or practicing law five or fewer years, whichever comes last. There are approximately 750 members of the YLS.

IV: SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The YLS is planning to institute a Halloween Costume Party for the children who live at WRCC in downtown Orlando. This event has previously been planned by YLS Board Member Karen Persis for the past three years; she has used her own resources and the help of her friends to organize the event. Karen would oversee the event in 2013, in its transition to YLS. When the YLS oversees the party in October 2013, an educational component will be added for the children and/or women of the shelter.

The funds from this grant will largely be used to implement the party. The brunt of the cost will be costumes for approximately 40 children of all ages, shapes, and sizes, who live at WRCC. Next, the funds will be used to provide candy for trick or treating, games, and prizes for the children. We hope to get the civic comic books donated by the National Center for State Courts.

V: PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Halloween Party has two purposes:

First, the objective is to provide a safe Halloween for children in our local community who would otherwise not experience one. Many of the children at WRCC have never had a Halloween costume because of cost, or they have never trick or treated due to safety concerns.

Secondly, before the actual Halloween Party, we plan to host an educational workshop relating to the law, questioning techniques, critical thinking, and oral advocacy skills, by presenting a mock trial of the Big Bad Wolf. Although October is primarily synonymous with Halloween, October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Thus, our desire is to focus on the children and parents of WRCC, who might not otherwise enjoy Halloween due to their personal situations.

VI: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

WRCC houses single women and women with children who are victims of homelessness and/or violence. Nearly 80% of the residents are victims of some form of violence. WRCC provides life skills for these women so that they may become self-sufficient. The women are required to find a job while they live at WRCC, and they pay a small amount of rent while they live there, in addition to having to attend various training programs and therapy.

WRCC is set up in a dorm-style environment, where the women live with their children all in one room. There are common areas and a small playground for the children. While their basic needs are met at the facility, sometimes it is important for a kid just to be a kid. Halloween offers that opportunity. A Halloween costume is not a necessity, but it is something that allows them to escape and to dream. Halloween candy does not meet any nutritional guidelines, but it is a well-deserved treat for these kids, whose mothers are trying to do the best they can in the toughest of situations. A picture of their child in a Halloween costume will stay with that mother and her children forever, and might shed some positive light on such a tough time.

YLS will host a Halloween Party that allows for all the children to pick a Halloween costume to keep and wear for Halloween. At the Party, YLS will provide many different, new costumes from which the children can choose as their own. Most of these children never have so many choices, so it can be overwhelming for them when they are asked to choose what they want. But, it is a great opportunity for them to get a chance to make a choice for themselves. There will be volunteers stationed with the costumes, helping the children sort through the options.

Additionally, crafts, games, and candy stations will be set up so that the children can have fun and “Trick or Treat” around the complex. Halloween and Christmas are the only two times the children are allowed to have candy in their rooms at WRCC, so it is a special treat! YLS will decorate the rec room at WRCC with Halloween decorations in order to provide the proper atmosphere.

The Big Bad Wolf's Halloween Costume Party will also include an educational component. Likely, these children have been exposed to the legal system through no fault of their own. Our hope is to give them a positive experience and understanding of the law and lawyers in a fun setting. In keeping with the Halloween Costume theme, the Young Lawyers will wear costumes to educate the children.

This project is an easy way for young attorneys to get involved with the YLS and their local community in need. This is also an easy project for other young lawyer affiliates to replicate at their local homeless or domestic violence shelters.

VII: PROJECT EVALUATION

This grant would be considered a success with every smile and laugh heard the day of the party by a child who is trying her or his costume on for the first time. It would be a success if the children gain an understanding of the legal process and critical thinking skills through the mock trial.

VIII. PROJECT ORGANIZATION

The Chairperson of the Halloween Party will largely be responsible for the program, with the assistance of Karen Persis and a committee of YLS volunteers. The Chairperson will report to the Board of Directors of YLS. WRCC members are always on staff the night of the party to assist as well.

IX: BUDGET

It is anticipated that the cost to fully provide costumes for all the children and participants is \$1,500.00. The costs for decorations, party supplies, food, candy and other educational trick or treat items will be an additional \$1,000. It is unknown at this time if the YLS will be able to contribute to the party, as October 2013 will be the first year it is implemented, and the budget has not been approved for that timeframe.

X: TIMETABLE

Currently, an October 2013 date for the Halloween Party is being secured. The planning for the Mock Trial will begin in August 2013. The Halloween Party planning will begin in early October. YLS will receive a list of the gender, age, and clothing size of each child staying at the shelter, so that the group can prepare to have enough costumes. Further preparation, such as developing and organizing craft stations, candy stations, and games (and finding volunteers for the same), will also occur in October 2013.

XI: EXHIBITS AND FOLLOW-UP

If the Halloween Party is awarded the requested grant, the Chairperson will provide the YLD with a report on the success of the grant.

AFFILIATE OUTREACH CONFERENCE 2012
Palm Beach County Young Lawyers Section

I. JOINT LEGAL AID-YLS INTAKE PROGRAM (Intake Program)

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III. AFFILIATE DESCRIPTION

Palm Beach County Bar Association - Young Lawyers Section (YLS)

With over 600 members, the YLS offers numerous opportunities to participate in activities to meet other lawyers and provide services for the community. Activities include a Judicial Breakfast Series; Past President's Reception; Adopt-a-School projects; numerous networking receptions; Youth Court; and Holidays-in-January.

The YLS has presented a program at AOC for the past several years. This is the first time it has presented this project.

IV. PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The purpose of this request is to obtain the necessary funding to initiate, grow, and sustain a Joint Legal Aid-YLS Intake Program to assist the economically disadvantaged of the community by providing legal services on a pro bono basis. In addition, this program is designed to foster and encourage the Young Lawyers of Palm Beach County to become more engaged in pro bono service.

V. PROJECT OBJECTIVES/DESCRIPTION

Need: This year, YLS seeks to create a program which would allow its members to use their legal skills while volunteering. The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County has served the economically disadvantaged Palm Beach residents for over sixty-three years. Due to significant declines in funding, Legal Aid is only open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Unfortunately, there are numerous low-income individuals in our community who are unable to meet during this time due to work, childcare, or other life circumstances. Therefore, with the help of Legal Aid, YLS intends to staff the Legal Aid office after normal business hours. (See Exhibit 1: Letter of Executive Director of Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Robert Bertisch.)

Project Design: Once a month, the YLS will recruit several of its members to volunteer as intake advisors. On this night, Legal Aid will extend its office hours from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The job of the intake advisors will be to interview potential Legal Aid clients and fill

out the intake and summary forms. (See Exhibit 2: Forms that YLS members will use during the intake process.) Staff members of Legal Aid will be present to assist any of the YLS members if they need help. After the initial interview, Legal Aid will retain the client if he or she is eligible for its services.

- i. Pro Bono Aspect: When a YLS member meets with a potential client, he or she may choose to represent the client on a pro bono basis. The YLS member can take the case and Legal Aid will serve as a mentor and guide as needed.
- ii. Pro Bono Bank: YLS will design a website where pro bono opportunities and cases are posted. YLS members can use the website to find pro bono cases or join with other members of the YLS to volunteer for Legal Aid cases as teams.
- iii. Pro Bono Award: The YLS member that shows the most initiative and commitment shall be recognized by the YLS board.

Groups this project will serve: This project is designed to help three groups:

1. YLS – It was YLS’s goal this year to: (1) develop a program that would increase the culture of volunteering and pro bono hours among young lawyers and (2) utilize our own training as attorneys to benefit the community.
2. Working-class potential Legal Aid clients – These are potential Legal Aid clients who are unable to meet with Legal Aid staff during normal business hours. Due to their hours of employment or other issues such as childcare, disability, etc., they cannot meet with Legal Aid staff during regular office hours to obtain legal services. YLS volunteers will be able to intake these clients and provide them with an opportunity to obtain the legal assistance they need without having to lose valuable working hours.
3. Legal Aid – This is a non-profit organization which serves the economically disadvantaged. Without donations and volunteers, Legal Aid would not be able to serve Palm Beach County’s low-income community. YLS would give Legal Aid the volunteers and financial support it needs to run this program and extend its services after hours.

Reach of the Program: This program hopes to serve at least 20 members of the low-income community per month who would not otherwise be able to get to Legal Aid for an intake. Further, the goal of the program is to create a “pro bono culture” among young lawyers. By fostering this environment among young lawyers, we hope to inspire other local attorneys to volunteer to provide addition hours of coverage at Legal Aid.

History of the Program: This program is not carried on by any other organization in connection with Legal Aid. It was initially executed by the Fourth District Court of Appeal several years ago, but it is no longer carried out due to the 4th DCA’s fear of potential conflicts. It was incredibly successful in assisting Legal Aid and the economically

disadvantaged Palm Beach community. YLS hopes to bring the same success to this program.

Public Benefit/Impact on the Community: This program will impact economically disadvantaged individuals who are unable to seek legal aid during working hours. Legal Aid will be able to extend its hours of operation to cater to citizens who cannot take time off of work. By giving this group of individuals a chance to obtain free legal assistance, they will be able to protect their legal rights. Thus, some of the most vulnerable members of society will have access to free legal representation.

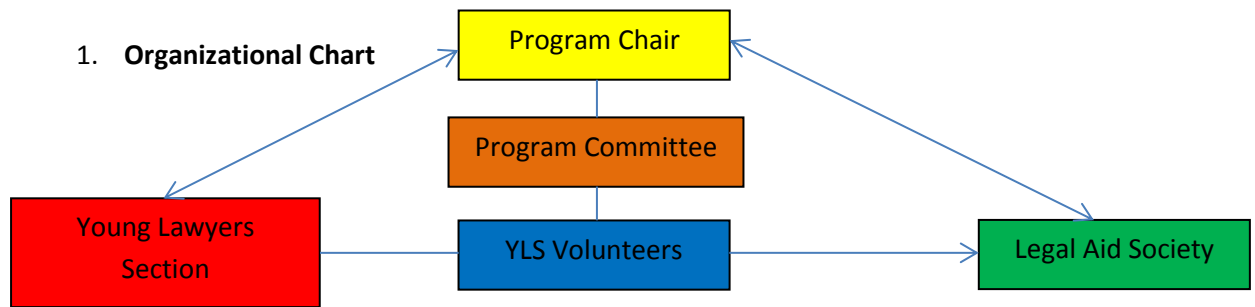
Provided to Volunteers: Any and all materials and support needed will be bought, supplied and provided to the volunteers and to Legal Aid.

Ability to Replicate: Other young lawyer affiliates can use this program as a template. Most counties have a Legal Aid or Legal Services Project. If affiliates reach out to their local Legal Aid, they too can implement a similar project. There are economically disadvantaged persons in every county in Florida and nationwide. Statewide implementation would serve the thousands of individuals who are in need of legal services. This project is easy to execute because the structure of Legal Aid is already in place. It also gives young lawyers the opportunity to serve its community by using their skills as attorneys, not just volunteers.

VI. PROJECT EVALUATION

1. The Intake Program will have a one-year trial period. In this time, the goals of YLS are to continuously fill all the volunteer positions each month. If there are enough volunteers, we will extend the number of times a month the Intake Program is offered. Also, we would like to have the Pro Bono Bank website running within six months of the project starting.
2. The following criteria will be used to evaluate the success of the project:
 - i. Legal Aid feedback – Has the program successfully assisted the Legal Aid in filling a need?
 - ii. Number of Volunteers – If we can maintain or increase the number of young lawyer volunteers per month, we can increase the number of times a month that the program is offered.
 - iii. Pro Bono Bank Traffic on Website – Is the website being utilized by YLS members?
 - iv. Number of Pro Bono Cases – The number of pro bono cases that YLS members have taken on.
 - v. General Notoriety of the Program – How popular or known the Intake Project is within the community.

VII. PROJECT ORGANIZATION



2. The Intake Program will be treated as a committee for YLS. A Committee Chair will be appointed. This person will be in charge of the following duties: arranging volunteers to be in place each month, promoting the Intake Program and its goals, act as a liaison between Legal Aid and YLS for all aspects of the program, design incentive programs for volunteer retention, increase networking between volunteers, oversee the design of the Pro Bono Bank, the Intake Program Launch, assist with the Pro Bono Award and market the Intake Program. The Intake Program Chair will have the option of appointing an Intake Program Committee as they see fit to assist in executing duties of the Chair.

VIII. BUDGET

1. Launch Event – introduce Legal Aid and the Intake Program to YLS members and recruit volunteers. Will include booth, marketing materials and incentives: **\$500.00**
(Understanding that AOC funds cannot be used for everything necessary for this event, YLS will utilize its budget to cover the expenses for food and venue.)
2. Marketing – introduce and promote the Intake Program. To include flyers, emails, mailers, website promotions, booths at YLS events, etc. **\$2,000.00**
3. Legal Aid Expenses – The Legal Aid Society, in partnership with Legal GraphicWorks, will develop a video to promote and expand pro bono participation with a focus on recruiting new and young lawyers **\$3,000.00**
4. Pro Bono Website – website design cost **\$1,800.00**
5. Awards for Pro Bono Service to YLS Member - **\$250.00**

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 7, 550.00

IX. TIMETABLE

- March 2013 – Launch Event to recruit volunteers
- April 2013 – First night of Intake Program
- June 2013 – Launch of the pro bono website
- October 2013 – Re-launch to recruit new volunteers
- May 2013 – Awards ceremony
- *Monthly Intake Program Volunteer Night not listed

X. EXHIBITS

1. Letter from Robert Bertisch, Executive Director of Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County (1)
2. Intake Forms from Legal Aid Society (2)
3. Letter from Lee Mcelroy, President of Young Lawyers Section of Palm Beach County (3)



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November 29, 2012

Leanna Lalla, Esq.
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Dear Leanna:

I am very excited about the proposed Young Lawyers Section Evening Intake Project which will be collaboration between the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County and members of the Young Lawyers Section of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. The goal of the proposed project will meet the need of YLS members in fulfilling their pro bono aspirational goal of providing a minimum of 20 hours of pro bono service per year and also provide an essential service to those low-income clients commonly referred to as "the working poor", who are unable to access free legal assistance during working hours. The participating YLS attorneys will receive training by Legal Aid senior staff attorneys to familiarize them with the types of cases Legal Aid handles and the guidelines for client eligibility. Once a month, on a designated date, between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. at the offices of Legal Aid, the YLS attorneys will interview new clients, screen issues and determine eligibility. The YLS attorneys may then choose to hand over the case to Legal Aid's Pro Bono Department for placement with a pro bono attorney or they may choose to keep the case and handle it themselves on a volunteer basis. As we discussed, Legal Aid staff members will be on hand for any questions that may arise during the client interview. If the YLS attorney desires to handle the case him or herself, Legal Aid attorneys will provide mentor or support services as needed. In addition, Legal Aid will cover any court costs or litigation expenses incurred by the YLS attorney and provide malpractice coverage up to \$1 million dollars. The YLS lawyers' donation of their time will also free up Legal Aid staff to complete other essential tasks.

Thank you and the YLS of the Palm Beach County Bar Association for initiating a project which will ensure access to our judicial system for the disadvantaged children, families, elders and individuals in our community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (561) 655-8944 Ext. 247.

Sincerely,


Robert A. Bertisch, Esq.
Executive Director

RAB/ns



United Way of Palm Beach County
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP ADVOCACY OF

DIVISION: PROBATE

CASE NO:

FREDDIE GADSON, JR.,

ALLEGED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSON.

APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF CIVIL INDIGENT STATUS

1. I have dependents. (Include only those persons you list on your U.S. income tax return)
Are you married? YES NO Does your spouse work? YES NO Annual Spouse Income? .

2. I have a net income of \$ paid () weekly () every two weeks
() semi-monthly () monthly () yearly () .
(Net income is your total income, including salary, wages, bonuses, commissions, allowances, overtime, tips and similar payments, minus deductions required by law and other court-ordered support.)

3. I have other income paid () weekly () every two weeks () semi-monthly () monthly
() yearly () other . (Circle "Yes" and fill in the amount if you have this kind of income, otherwise circle "No")

Second Job	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No	Veterans' Benefits	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No
Social Security benefits			Worker's Compensation	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No
For you	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No	Income from absent family. Yes	\$ <u> </u>	No
For your child(ren)....	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No	Stocks/bonds	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No
Unemployment compensation....	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No	Rental Income	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No
Union Payments	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No	Dividends or interest	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No
Retirement/pensions	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No	Other kinds of income	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No
Trusts	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No	Gifts	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No

4. I have other assets: (Circle "Yes" and fill in the value of the property, otherwise circle "No")

Cash	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No	Savings Account.....	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No
Bank account(s).....	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No	Stocks/bonds.....	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No
Certificates of deposit or			Homestead Real Property*..	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No
Money market accounts.....	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No	Motor Vehicle*.....	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No
Boats*.....	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No	Non-homestead real property/ real estate	Yes \$ <u> </u>	No

*Show loans on these assets in paragraph 5.

Check one: I () DO () DO NOT expect to receive more assets in the near future. The asset is .

5. I have a total amount of liabilities and debts of \$ as follows:
Motor Vehicle \$, Home \$, Other Real Estate Property \$,
Child Support paid direct \$, Credit Cards \$, Medical Bills \$,
Cost of medicines (monthly) \$, Other \$.

6. I have a private lawyer in this case Yes No
(Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.)

A person who knowingly provides false information to the clerk of the court in seeking a determination of indigent status under s.57.082, F.S. commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.775.082, F.S. or s.775.083, F.S.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20____.
1964

Date of Birth

FL Driver's License
Drivers License or ID Number

Signature of Applicant for Indigent Status
Print Full Legal Name Adrienne Gadson

3422 34th Way, West Palm Beach, FL 33407
Address, PO Address, Street, City, State
Zip Code
Phone Number: ending in 1004

CLERK'S DETERMINATION

Based on the information in this Application, I have determined the applicant to be

() Indigent () Not Indigent, according to s.57.082, F.S.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Clerk of Circuit Court
Palm Beach County

By: Deputy Clerk

Prepared with the assistance of
an attorney from The Legal Aid
Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.



Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. Pro Bono Department Application for Services



IT IS NECESSARY THAT YOU ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS AND DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANKS
SO THAT YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE DETERMINED.

Name LAST, FIRST, MI

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

ADDRESS— STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE HOME

WORK

CELL

CONTACT PERSON

MARITAL STATUS: (Please circle one) SINGLE MARRIED DIVORCED SEPARATED WIDOWED

HUSBAND//WIFE NAME

PRIMARY LANGUAGE: (Please circle one) ENGLISH SPANISH CREOLE OTHER: _____

ETHNICITY: (Please circle one) WHITE HISPANIC BLACK ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER OTHER: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ Please circle one: MALE FEMALE

REFERRED BY: _____ U.S. CITIZEN: (Please circle one) YES NO

OTHER MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD:

NAME

RELATIONSHIP

BIRTHDATE

AGE

TOTAL COMBINED HOUSEHOLD INCOME (MONTHLY): _____

SOURCE OF INCOME (Please circle all that apply): EMPLOYMENT SOCIAL SECURITY SSI

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WORKER'S COMPENSATION UNEMPLOYMENT PENSION VETERANS BENEFITS

CHILD SUPPORT ALIMONY FOOD STAMPS OTHER: _____

ASSETS: PLEASE LIST ANY AND ALL ASSETS (CDS, STOCKS, BONDS ETC) AND VALUE:

HOUSING: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE): OWN RENT SUBSIDIZED HOUSING LIVE WITH OTHERS

IF YOU OWN YOUR HOME: WHAT IS THE CURRENT VALUE _____ WHAT IS BALANCE ON
MORTGAGE _____ WHAT IS MONTHLY RENT OR MORTGAGE PAYMENT _____

ARE YOU EMPLOYED: YES NO IF YES, NAME OF EMPLOYER: _____

IF YOU ARE NOT EMPLOYED WHAT IS THE REASON:

DO YOU HAVE A DISABILITY THAT PREVENTS YOU FROM WORKING: YES NO,
IF YES, WHAT IS THAT DISABILITY:

WHAT IS YOUR LEGAL PROBLEM:

DO YOU HAVE A DEADLINE: YES NO, IF YES WHAT IS THE DEADLINE:

**COMPLETING AND SIGNING THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT
WILL RECEIVE FREE LEGAL SERVICES**

By signing this application I am attesting that the answers and information given above by me are true, and that this information will be used by the Legal Aid Society to determine my eligibility for free legal services. I agree that:

- 1) If I am now ineligible or later become ineligible for free legal services, the Legal Aid Society or the private lawyer whom it furnishes me may withdraw from employment as my lawyer.
- 2) If my financial condition improves, I will immediately notify the Legal Aid Society or the private lawyer whom it furnishes to me.
- 3) If it is discovered that I was not eligible for free legal services after being provided with same, I will pay a reasonable fee, plus expenses, for all services rendered in the meantime and from then on by the Legal Aid Society and/or the private lawyer furnished to me.
- 4) The Legal Aid Society or the private lawyer whom it furnishes to me may ask the Judge handling my case to decide the amount of any fee and expenses that I might owe.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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November 30, 2012

Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors

Re: Affiliate Outreach Conference
Project Grant Committee

Dear Board:

I write to you as the President of the Palm Beach County Young Lawyers Section. Over the course of a year, the Young Lawyers Section organizes community outreach projects benefitting underprivileged children, needy elementary schools, critically ill children, and the homeless.

Over the last few years, we have become more involved with the Palm Beach Legal Aid Society. The Palm Beach Legal Aid Society has been an important institution in this county for over 60 years. Although this project has some initial start-up cost, I want the Board to know that it is our goal to grow this program and make it a continuing project for the Young Lawyers Section and possibly the Palm Beach County Bar in the coming years. I think our project provides a unique opportunity to not only volunteer and help the underprivileged in our community, but use our legal skills doing it.

Thank you for your service to the Florida Bar and I wish you the best in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

R. LEE McELROY IV

RLM:epb

PINELLAS COUNTY CHAPTER'S ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS YOUNG LAWYER DIVISION'S
AFFILIATE OUTREACH COMMITTEE PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION

I. Short Project Title:

Building on the Foundation with Confidence

II. Contact Information:

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aupton@abbeyadams.com

III. Describe Your Affiliate

The Pinellas County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (PFAWL) is devoted to actively promoting the advancement of women in the legal profession and furthering the common interests of its members by encouraging camaraderie and learning. PFAWL'S chapter has approximately 116 members, the majority of whom are young lawyers. PFAWL's Young Lawyer Division was established in the fall of 2012. This is the first time PFAWL'S Young Lawyer Division will be attending an AOC.

IV. Summarize the Purpose of Your Request:

The purpose of this project is to assist residents of the Salvation Army Red Shield Lodge in St. Petersburg on their road to self-sufficiency by providing tri-annual professionalism workshops in conjunction with bi-annual business professional clothing drives. As young lawyers, we are in the perfect position as professionals in our communities to help others achieve steady, self-sustaining employment. We can help the residents achieve their goals by assisting them prepare individualized resumes, conduct mock interviews, and teach proper interview etiquette.

V. Project Objectives/Description:

The Salvation Army Red Shield Lodge has four "Self-Sufficiency Phases for Transitional Bed Residents. " Our program will help residents with phase two, "Building on the Foundation." Residents seek full time employment during phase two. This project addresses the needs of the residents at the Red Shield Lodge to have individualized attention in their efforts to gain employment. At any given time, there are up to 123 residents at the Red Shield Lodge. Residents include single men and women, mothers with children, and men recently released from the Department of Corrections. Residents typically stay at the Red Shield Lodge from

thirty to ninety days. Tri-annual workshops will enable us to assist a large and diverse number of residents.

Currently, there is no specific program offered at the Red Shield Lodge focusing on teaching residents how to highlight their strengths and experiences or offering guidance and advice regarding the job application and interview process. One local church organization is offering a "Life School" to only the female residents of the Red Shield Lodge, but is not offering any specific class on obtaining employment. Our program will give each resident, male and female alike, the individualized attention he or she needs to gain confidence and be successful in the job market.

Specifically, our program will include a resume workshop, where each resident will sit down with a young lawyer and draft an individualized resume highlighting the resident's strengths and experiences. We will provide each resident with multiple copies of his or her resume and provide a thumb drive to be kept at the Red Shield Lodge with all the residents' resumes. In addition, we will conduct mock interviews of questions residents will likely be asked during an interview. We can also help residents craft positive answers out of what might be a difficult background, especially for those recently released from the Department of Corrections. Prior to each program, we will also search local job listings and web-sites, such as Job Corps, so we can provide residents with a list of current job openings.

Confidence is essential during the interview process. We not only want the residents to feel confident in their interviewing skills, we also want them to feel confident in their appearance. Having bi-annual business clothing drives will help us give that confidence to the residents. We will reach out to the local legal community to obtain second hand suits and business professional clothing for the residents.

VI. Project Evaluation:

The program will be evaluated based upon the number of residents who participate in the program, and their success in gaining employment after the program. We will follow up with Salvation Army after each program to see how the residents are doing in their efforts to gain employment.

VII. Project Organization:

This project will be organized, coordinated and run by PFAWL's Young Lawyer Division at the Red Shield Lodge. The Salvation Army will have staff on hand to monitor the program and provide assistance if needed. The program will be held on Saturdays between 9:00-11:00 am or 1:00-3:00 pm.

VIII. Budget (inclusive of three workshops and two clothing drives):

Expenses

Program materials	\$500.00
Thumb drive	\$ 30.00
Marketing materials	\$ 80.00

Total requested: \$610.00

IX. Timetable:

Workshops will be conducted three times during the year.

1. March-April
2. July-August
3. November-December

Two clothing drives will take place during the year.

1. February through March
2. August through September

SARASOTA COUNTY YLD 2012 AOC GRANT APPLICATION

Drafted by: Jesse R. Butler, 2012 Civics Project Committee Chair

- I. Size of Affiliate:** The Sarasota YLD has 158 members.
- II. Attendance at Affiliate Outreach Conference:** The Sarasota YLD historically attends the AOC Conference.
- III. Sponsorship:** None currently.
- IV. Summary:** The primary objective of the proposed project is to provide a service to the community through the production of a multimedia educational presentation that will be distributed to 7th grade students through the local school system. This service is extremely important in light of the newly-mandated civics curriculum in Florida public schools, which takes effect for the first time in the 2012-2013 school year. Specifically, the YLD will present in detail the United States Supreme Court case of Bush v. Gore (2000). The YLD will partner with the Sarasota County School Board to develop a presentation that directly addresses and illustrates specific benchmark criteria under the new civics curriculum, including concepts of separation of powers, the voting process, the electoral college, and equal protection, among other benchmarks.
- V. Project Objectives:** The intent of the project is to provide civics educational materials to all 7th grade students in Sarasota County schools. These materials will either be the primary source for local teachers to educate their students on the specific benchmarks addressed in the presentation, or will be utilized as a supplement to other materials utilized in the classroom.

The Sarasota YLD identified the need for this service by communicating with the Sarasota County School Board's K-12 Social Studies Programs Director, and by determining the school system's need for educational materials. It was discovered that Florida recently passed changes to the middle school educational curriculum, requiring for the first time that students receive a civics education in order to pass to the next grade level. Being tasked with teaching students a new curriculum, the local school system is seeking assistance in developing materials directed to specific civics benchmarks.

The Sarasota YLD is already very active in its community outreach efforts, and attorneys are particularly suited to the development and appropriate presentation of civics and legal information due to their substantial education and immersion in civic issues.

The program's success can be measured quantitatively by an examination of the number of students to whom the materials are distributed. It can also be measured qualitatively by means of teacher feedback on students' interest in the presentation, their usefulness as a teaching tool, and by the educators' interest in working in the future with the YLD.

- VI. Project Description:** In 2010, Florida passed the Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Education Act. The Act requires that Florida middle school students successfully complete a one-semester civics education course in order to advance to the next grade level. The education course must address the roles and responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments; the structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government; and the meaning and significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of Confederation, Declaration of Independence, and Constitution of the United States. The first end-of-course assessment shall be administered during the 2012-2013 school year. The first administration of the test will be a field test, with the test being worth 30 percent of a student's final course grade starting in 2013-2014. Starting in the 2014-2015 school year, students must earn a passing score on the assessment in order to pass the course.

The Sarasota YLD has worked closely in the past with the Sarasota County School Board's K-12 Social Studies Programs Director to help develop curriculum for civics education in Sarasota County schools, prior to the 2010 legislative changes. In 2010, the YLD developed a full-color magazine that was distributed free to public school students in Sarasota, Manatee, and Charlotte County, which detailed the substance and importance of the Bill of Rights. The 2010 project was a major success, and the YLD received positive feedback from the School Board and recognition for their dedication to providing the supplementary educational materials.

With civics education being required for the first time in Sarasota County Public Schools, educators may not be familiar with the brand new civics curriculum which their students are now required to learn.

The YLD has already been in contact with the Sarasota County School Board, through the K-12 Social Studies Programs Director. She has indicated that the School Board is extremely interested in having the assistance of the YLD, and there is full support for the YLD's proposed project. She has expressed that the School Board is struggling to find materials which will effectively meet the new State requirements, and that the assistance of the YLD would be instrumental in ensuring that local students receive a sufficient civics education.

Specifically, 7th grade students have a mandated list of benchmarks in their civics curriculum, upon which they will be tested at their end-of-year examination. (A copy

of the benchmarks is attached at the end of this application). Benchmark SS.7.C.3.12 specifically requires that students analyze the significance and outcomes of certain landmark Supreme Court cases, including Bush v. Gore. By developing a digital multimedia detailed presentation on the case of Bush v. Gore, the YLD will not only directly address this benchmark, but in doing so will also meet various other benchmarks, such as illustrating the structure and function of government in the United States; identifying the separation of powers between federal and state governments; analyzing the role of the different branches of government; diagramming the levels, functions, and powers of courts at the state and federal level; illustrating the voting process; and examining the impact of media, among other benchmarks.

In sum, the single multimedia presentation will directly address a wide range of benchmarks under the new curriculum. Both the YLD and the Sarasota County School Board feel that this could form an integral part of the educational materials as part of the student education, that the proposed program presents an excellent opportunity to provide much needed information to students, and that once completed, this presentation could be utilized year-after-year for future students.

Operationally, the YLD has already formed an investigative committee to explore the means of putting together such a presentation. The committee will need to attend multiple meetings with representatives of the School Board, compile a full outline of the curriculum, and form relationships with specialists who will be able to produce the presentation itself. The YLD will also seek to work closely with the local Supervisor of Elections, judges, and media outlets to bring a wide-array of perspectives into the presentation.

The project is primarily intended to service three groups: first, the students of Sarasota County who will receive the materials; second, teachers of the same students, who will use the materials as a primary teaching source; and third, the Sarasota County YLD who will have the singular chance to provide a critical service to a very large number of students and teachers who lack this aspect of their educational materials.

The potential reach of the project is immeasurable. Once the project is complete, the materials will be digitally distributed to every 7th grade student in the County. Moreover, the same materials can be used year-after-year to illustrate the same issues and to meet the same educational benchmarks. Additionally, if educators find the materials to be useful, other school districts may also be interested in adopting the materials to present to their own students. The project has the potential to reach every 7th grade student in the State for years to come.

Likewise, the benefits of this project cannot be understated. Due to the scope of the project, it will reach an extremely large number of students who are in dire need for these materials to further their education. Moreover, the Sarasota County School Board has agreed to give the YLD wide latitude in how the materials are presented. The YLD will determine the themes, outline, and substantive content of the presentation. In other words, the YLD has editorial control over the presentation.

- VII. Organization and Structure:** Once a detailed outline of the substantive content of the presentation is created, the committee will assign specific projects to YLD volunteers who will produce the actual content. The content will be reviewed by the committee in conjunction with the School Board. The YLD will then need to work with a specialist who can put the content into a digital form that can be distributed to classrooms.
- VIII. Evaluation:** The program's success can be measured objectively by the number of students reached. Subjectively, the School Board will be able to provide feedback on the usefulness of the presentation. Past collaborations between the YLD and the School Board have received praise, and the YLD frequently works hand-in-hand with local schools when it comes to civics education.
- IX. Funding Capability:** Since the presentation will be distributed digitally, there will be no printing costs or other distribution costs associated with the project. However, the YLD will need funding in order to hire specialists who can take the content produced by the YLD and package it into a digital format. The YLD will also need to work with graphic artists for portions of the presentation that will require illustrations and/or animations.

Currently, the YLD has not obtained any funding sources to contribute to the anticipated costs of this project. It is anticipated that local businesses and law firms will be willing to make contributions towards anticipated costs, particularly given the success of prior joint projects between the YLD and the School Board.
- X. Budget:** The committee will work with various organizations located within the county to donate services and labor such as Sarasota Education Channel and Ringling School of Art. However, funds are required to pay for certain graphic design services, filming and production costs. The budget for the project is \$3,000.00.
- XI. Timetable:** The committee has two separate phases slated for this project. The first phase which involves writing content is scheduled to finish by March 2013 and the second phase of production will be finished by Summer 2013 so that the program can

be used beginning Fall 2013.

XII. Exhibits: See the attached standards/benchmarks from the Sarasota County School District.

XIII. Page Limitation: This application abides by the prescribed page limitation.

GRADE: 7

Strand: GEOGRAPHY

Standard 1: Understand how to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technology to report information.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.G.1.1	Locate the fifty states and their capital cities in addition to the nation's capital on a map.
SS.7.G.1.2	Locate on a world map the territories and protectorates of the United States of America. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i> Examples are American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands.
SS.7.G.1.3	Interpret maps to identify geopolitical divisions and boundaries of places in North America.

Standard 2: Understand physical and cultural characteristics of places.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.G.2.1	Locate major cultural landmarks that are emblematic of the United States. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i> Examples are Statue of Liberty, White House, Mount Rushmore, Capitol, Empire State Building, Gateway Arch, Independence Hall, Alamo, Hoover Dam.
SS.7.G.2.2	Locate major physical landmarks that are emblematic of the United States. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i> Examples are Grand Canyon, Mt. Denali, Everglades, Great Salt Lake, Mississippi River, Great Plains.
SS.7.G.2.3	Explain how major physical characteristics, natural resources, climate, and absolute and relative location have influenced settlement, economies, and inter-governmental relations in North America.
SS.7.G.2.4	Describe current major cultural regions of North America. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i> Examples are the South, Rust-belt, Silicon Valley.

Standard 3: Understand the relationships between the Earth's ecosystems and the populations that dwell within them.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.G.3.1	Use maps to describe the location, abundance, and variety of natural resources in North America.

Standard 4: Understand the characteristics, distribution, and migration of human populations.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.G.4.1	Use geographic terms and tools to explain cultural diffusion throughout North America.
SS.7.G.4.2	Use maps and other geographic tools to examine the importance of demographics within political divisions of the United States.

Standard 5: Understand how human actions can impact the environment.	
BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.G.5.1	Use a choropleth or other map to geographically represent current information about issues of conservation or ecology in the local community. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i> Examples are tri-county mangrove decimation, beach erosion.

Standard 6: Understand how to apply geography to interpret the past and present and plan for the future.	
BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.G.6.1	Use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or other technology to view maps of current information about the United States. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i> Examples are population density, changes in census data, and district reapportionment over time.

Strand: ECONOMICS	
Standard 1: Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the development of a market economy.	
BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.E.1.1	Explain how the principles of a market and mixed economy helped to develop the United States into a democratic nation.
SS.7.E.1.2	Discuss the importance of borrowing and lending in the United States, the government's role in controlling financial institutions, and list the advantages and disadvantages of using credit.
SS.7.E.1.3	Review the concepts of supply and demand, choice, scarcity, and opportunity cost as they relate to the development of the mixed market economy in the United States.
SS.7.E.1.4	Discuss the function of financial institutions in the development of a market economy.
SS.7.E.1.5	Assess how profits, incentives, and competition motivate individuals, households, and businesses in a free market economy.
SS.7.E.1.6	Compare the national budget process to the personal budget process. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i> Prepare an individual budget which includes housing, food, leisure, communication, and miscellaneous categories and compare that to federal government budget allocations.

Standard 2: Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the institutions, structure, and functions of a national economy.	
BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.E.2.1	Explain how federal, state, and local taxes support the economy as a function of the United States government.
SS.7.E.2.2	Describe the banking system in the United States and its impact on the money supply. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i>

	Examples are the Federal Reserve System and privately owned banks.
SS.7.E.2.3	Identify and describe United States laws and regulations adopted to promote economic competition.
SS.7.E.2.4	Identify entrepreneurs from various gender, social, and ethnic backgrounds who started a business seeking to make a profit.
SS.7.E.2.5	Explain how economic institutions impact the national economy. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i> Examples are the stock market, banks, credit unions.

Standard 3: Understand the fundamental concepts and interrelationships of the United States economy in the international marketplace.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.E.3.1	Explain how international trade requires a system for exchanging currency between and among nations.
SS.7.E.3.2	Assess how the changing value of currency affects trade of goods and services between nations.
SS.7.E.3.3	Compare and contrast a single resource economy with a diversified economy.
SS.7.E.3.4	Compare and contrast the standard of living in various countries today to that of the United States using gross domestic product (GDP) per capita as an indicator.

Strand: CIVICS AND GOVERNMENT

Standard 1: Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.C.1.1	Recognize how Enlightenment ideas including Montesquieu's view of separation of power and John Locke's theories related to natural law and how Locke's social contract influenced the Founding Fathers.
SS.7.C.1.2	Trace the impact that the Magna Carta, English Bill of Rights, Mayflower Compact, and Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" had on colonists' views of government.
SS.7.C.1.3	Describe how English policies and responses to colonial concerns led to the writing of the Declaration of Independence.
SS.7.C.1.4	Analyze the ideas (natural rights, role of the government) and complaints set forth in the Declaration of Independence.
SS.7.C.1.5	Identify how the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation led to the writing of the Constitution.
SS.7.C.1.6	Interpret the intentions of the Preamble of the Constitution.
SS.7.C.1.7	Describe how the Constitution limits the powers of government through separation of powers and checks and balances.
SS.7.C.1.8	Explain the viewpoints of the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists regarding the ratification of the Constitution and inclusion of a bill of rights.
SS.7.C.1.9	Define the rule of law and recognize its influence on the development of the American legal, political, and governmental systems.

Standard 2: Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.C.2.1	Define the term "citizen," and identify legal means of becoming a United States citizen.

SS.7.C.2.2	Evaluate the obligations citizens have to obey laws, pay taxes, defend the nation, and serve on juries.
SS.7.C.2.3	Experience the responsibilities of citizens at the local, state, or federal levels. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i> Examples are registering or pre-registering to vote, volunteering, communicating with government officials, informing others about current issues, participating in a political campaign/mock election.
SS.7.C.2.4	Evaluate rights contained in the Bill of Rights and other amendments to the Constitution.
SS.7.C.2.5	Distinguish how the Constitution safeguards and limits individual rights.
SS.7.C.2.6	Simulate the trial process and the role of juries in the administration of justice.
SS.7.C.2.7	Conduct a mock election to demonstrate the voting process and its impact on a school, community, or local level.
SS.7.C.2.8	Identify America's current political parties, and illustrate their ideas about government.
SS.7.C.2.9	Evaluate candidates for political office by analyzing their qualifications, experience, issue-based platforms, debates, and political ads.
SS.7.C.2.10	Examine the impact of media, individuals, and interest groups on monitoring and influencing government.
SS.7.C.2.11	Analyze media and political communications (bias, symbolism, propaganda).
SS.7.C.2.12	Develop a plan to resolve a state or local problem by researching public policy alternatives, identifying appropriate government agencies to address the issue, and determining a course of action.
SS.7.C.2.13	Examine multiple perspectives on public and current issues.
SS.7.C.2.14	Conduct a service project to further the public good. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i> The project can be at the school, community, state, national, or international level.

Standard 3: Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.C.3.1	Compare different forms of government (direct democracy, representative democracy, socialism, communism, monarchy, oligarchy, autocracy).
SS.7.C.3.2	Compare parliamentary, federal, confederal, and unitary systems of government.
SS.7.C.3.3	Illustrate the structure and function (three branches of government established in Articles I, II, and III with corresponding powers) of government in the United States as established in the Constitution.
SS.7.C.3.4	Identify the relationship and division of powers between the federal government and state governments.
SS.7.C.3.5	Explain the Constitutional amendment process.
SS.7.C.3.6	Evaluate Constitutional rights and their impact on individuals and society.
SS.7.C.3.7	Analyze the impact of the 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 24th, and 26th amendments on participation of minority groups in the American political process.
SS.7.C.3.8	Analyze the structure, functions, and processes of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.
SS.7.C.3.9	Illustrate the law making process at the local, state, and federal levels.
SS.7.C.3.10	Identify sources and types (civil, criminal, constitutional, military) of law.
SS.7.C.3.11	Diagram the levels, functions, and powers of courts at the state and federal levels.
SS.7.C.3.12	Analyze the significance and outcomes of landmark Supreme Court cases including, but not limited to, Marbury v. Madison, Plessy v. Ferguson, Brown v. Board of Education, Gideon v. Wainwright, Miranda v. Arizona, in re Gault, Tinker v. Des Moines, Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier, United States v. Nixon, and Bush v.

	Gore.
SS.7.C.3.13	Compare the constitutions of the United States and Florida.
SS.7.C.3.14	Differentiate between local, state, and federal governments' obligations and services.

Standard 4: Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary issues in world affairs, and evaluate the role and impact of United States foreign policy.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
SS.7.C.4.1	Differentiate concepts related to United States domestic and foreign policy.
SS.7.C.4.2	Recognize government and citizen participation in international organizations. <i>Remarks/Examples:</i> Examples are United Nations, NATO, Peace Corps, World Health Organization, World Trade Organization, International Court of Justice.
SS.7.C.4.3	Describe examples of how the United States has dealt with international conflicts.

SHORT PROJECT TITLE

SCYLD RESCUE OUTREACH PROGRAM

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Christopher M. Sprysenski and Jennifer Dane will be presenting the SCYLD Rescue Outreach Program initiative at the Affiliate Outreach Conference ("AOC") on January 19, 2013.

OUR AFFILIATE

The Seminole County Young Lawyer's Division ("SCYLD") was founded in 2007 with two distinct purposes: to provide service to the Seminole County community through the efforts of its young attorneys; and to promote the development of attorneys new to practice, instilling in these new attorneys a level of knowledge and professionalism so important to attorneys throughout the state. The organization had over 30 members who were practicing attorneys for the 2011-2012 membership year, as well as additional members from Central Florida's local law schools. As of the date of this application, the SCYLD currently has 32 members for the 2012-2013 membership year.

For the past four years, the SCYLD has presented at the AOC and received awards for an academic awards program sponsored for the Boys and Girls Club of Sanford, Florida. The SCYLD Rescue Outreach Program is a new initiative of the SCYLD, and is being presented for the first time at the January 19, 2013 AOC.

PROJECT SUMMARY

For 2013, the SCYLD has formed a relationship with the Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford ("the Mission"), a human resources agency in Seminole County, Florida that provides a safe, supportive and healing environment in which disadvantaged or homeless people receive the assistance they need to return to self sufficiency. The SCYLD Rescue Outreach Program is designed to provide the Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford programs and presentations to address the legal needs of the people it serves, whose road to self sufficiency often times requires navigation of the legal system. Through partnering with the Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford, the SCYLD will provide presentations on a variety of legal topics, as well as volunteer opportunities

to the SCYLD's members to help disadvantaged Seminole County residents whom the Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford serves.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND DESCRIPTION

About the Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford

The Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford, located at 1701 W. 13th Street in Sanford, Florida was founded in 1986 by Mother Blanche Bell Weaver, the pastor of the Rescue Church of God, who saw desperate people in her community living without the basic essentials. With the support of her church and its members she set out to help those in need.

As Florida continues to recover from the economic recession, homelessness has become more frequent and of longer duration. There are more than 4,000 homeless persons in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties in any given night. The recession has added new faces to homelessness – with families with minor children increasingly losing their housing. As the only organization of its kind for a radius of 25 miles, Rescue Outreach Mission of Central Florida serves a wide geographic area with many needs, pulling residents from primarily Seminole County but also a portion from Orange County. The longer a family or person remains homeless, the more dysfunctional they tend to become. Without the benefit of Rescue Outreach Mission's "Opportunities & Hope" program, many families and/or individuals risk becoming chronically homeless. This creates an even larger burden to society.

The Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford aims to assist individuals facing homelessness return to self sufficiency, by providing emergency resources such as food, shelter, clothing and counseling, and by providing comprehensive case management and referral services to help clients find needed resources beyond those the Mission provides.

Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford has two shelter facilities. One 36-bed shelter serves homeless women and women with children, including those needing shelter and safety from domestic violence. The other 48-bed shelter houses homeless men. As part of their case management, shelter residents work toward personal goals, including employment, a crucial step to becoming more financially stable and independent so they can move into permanent housing.

The SCYLD Rescue Outreach Program and the General Needs the Program Addresses

The SCYLD has partnered with the Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford, specifically to assist the needs of the people it serves identified during the Mission's in-take process, and addressed in the case management plans developed for the Mission's residents.

During the Mission's in-take process, each person is interviewed to determine the cause of his/her homelessness. The Mission assesses the individual's goals, job skills, education level, health, substance abuse and disability issues (if any), and other factors that contribute to their employment potential. Each case is reviewed weekly to determine progress toward planned goals.

Often times, the case management plans developed by the Mission involve legal related issues that a resident will need general guidance concerning. For example, many residents have had issues with driver's license suspensions which require the resident to work with the Courts to have a driver's license reinstated. Another example involves how residents work with creditors to resolve outstanding debts and other obligations impacting a resident's ability to obtain gainful employment.

Case management plans also involve the development of practical and professional skills which will help the Mission's residents transition to gainful employment and self sufficiency. Examples of the skills that the Mission's residents need to obtain are employment related skills such as interviewing skills and assistance in filling out job applications. Residents also need practical education in skills related to financial literacy, such as budgeting.

PROJECT ORGANIZATION AND TIMETABLE

After touring with the Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford's facilities, and meeting one-on-one with the Director of the facility, the SCYLD has proposed the following volunteer program to assist the Mission and its residents:

General Legal Information Sessions

The SCYLD will provide three (3) legal information sessions, one to occur every three (3) months, to the residents of the Rescue Outreach Mission, one every four (4) months, concerning legal topics that the Mission's case managers have identified as critical to their residents success. The preliminary topics identified as needed by the residents are as follows:

- (1) an overview of driver's license reinstatement;
- (2) an overview of basic documents that a resident would need to protect themselves and their families after achieving self sufficiency, such as health care surrogate documents, living wills, and durable powers of attorney;
- (3) an overview of how to navigate debtor / creditor issues, and how residents can protect themselves from predatory lending and collection practices. The SCYLD is working with the Mission to identify other information sessions that may be valuable to the Mission's residents.

Residents will receive at these sessions “cheat sheets” with important information related to each of these topics, which residents can reference as they face issues addressed at each session after obtaining self sufficiency.

Professional Skills Night

The SCYLD will also sponsor an annual professional skills event at the Rescue Outreach Mission, to further the Mission’s goals of developing personal and professional skills in its residents. During this event, SCYLD members will be available to review resumes and conduct mock interviews with residents, as well as have group discussions regarding interviewing and presentation skills.

Residents will receive at this event written materials reinforcing the skills being taught at the event.

Facility Service Project

Finally, every year, the SCYLD will identify with the Rescue Outreach Mission staff a facility related project that SCYLD members can assist in helping the Mission renovate. With the Mission serving over 1 million meals in its twenty-five year history, and housing over 85 residents at any one time, the Mission’s facilities and supplies consistently need maintenance and repair.

For 2013, the SCYLD would like to assist the Rescue Outreach Mission in creating an “employment station” consisting of a seating area, a computer, printer and paper materials, which residents can use to prepare resumes, research career opportunities and also complete online related items linked to the legal issues addressed in the general legal information sessions the SCYLD will sponsor.

BUDGET

For all three project categories, the following budget is contemplated:

General Legal Information Sessions

Printing and material costs for “cheat sheets”: \$100.00 x 3 sessions = \$300.00

Professional Skills Night

Printing and material costs for professional skills packets \$100.00

Facility Service Project

Cost for purchase of used equipment	\$600.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,000.00

Additional funds can be obtained through membership dues and fundraisers to supplement the costs of refreshments to be served at each event, as well as for additional equipment costs related to the Facility Service Project.

PROJECT EVALUATION

At the completion of the projects listed in this application, SCYLD leadership would meet with the Director of the Rescue Outreach Mission, as well as the Mission's case managers, to discuss the effectiveness of these programs, as well as whether the programs assisted residents in achieving the related goals under their individual case plans. This meeting would also act to define the scope of future projects based on the changing needs of residents as addressed by case managers in residents' case plans.

CONCLUSION

Given the economic climate and the associated hardships faced by all residents of Florida, the SCYLD believes the programs presented under this Application, as well as a partnership with the Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford, will provide the members of the SCYLD a meaningful opportunity to give back to the Seminole County community where the attorneys of the SCYLD practice. The SCYLD is excited to assist the Rescue Outreach Mission of Sanford in its continuing efforts to serve Seminole County's disadvantaged residents.

Respectfully submitted,



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St. Petersburg Bar Association Young Lawyers' Division Grant Application

I. Short Project Title: Suit Up St. Pete

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III. Describe Your Affiliate:

- a. Approximately 150 young lawyers
- b. The St. Petersburg Bar Association Young Lawyers have attended previous Affiliate Outreach Conferences. We have previously presented a similar project.

IV. Summary: The program is geared to partner the St. Petersburg Bar Association Young Lawyers with nonprofit organizations in St. Petersburg to help individuals rejoin the workforce. We will be collecting gently used business suits (men's or women's), shirts, ties, belts and shoes, handbags and accessories.

V. Project Objectives:

- a. The project will address the decreasing rate of unemployment in the area. Even though home prices are rising, tourism is increasing, and gas prices continue to fall¹, there are still many discouraged individuals who are preparing to or have re-entered the workforce. This project addresses their self-esteem and confidence in re-joining the workforce. Improving individuals will, in turn, improve our community.
- b. The groups that this project intends to benefit include our community at large, as well as the non-profit groups that help individuals return to the work force.
- c. We hope to collect 200 suits to help 200 individuals in our community.
- d. We are unaware of any specific organization that provides a similar service to the same group. While there are organizations that provide resume skills (Workforce Pinellas) and interviewing seminars, we are unaware of any organization that provides free business clothing. A local church, Beaming Hope, used to provide a free clothing store, but they have recently closed. This leaves a large hole in our community, yet provides us with the perfect opportunity to step in and benefit these individuals.

1 - "Among the positives: Home prices are rising again; tourism has strengthened; gas prices have fallen to the \$3 a gallon range; bank lending has picked up, as the Federal Reserve has made a long-term pledge to keep interest rates low; and state and local government job cuts have abated, so they're no longer a drag on growth." Tampa Bay Times, December 22, 2012

- e. The public will benefit from the project as we are able to provide them with a new, clean, and free business suit for them to wear on their interview. These individuals will then enter the workforce with a newly-revived confidence and self-esteem and that burst in our economic growth will benefit our entire community.
 - f. This project will impact our community by providing our local businesses and companies with individuals who are motivated and inspired to begin working again. The impact will continue to motivate and inspire our community to pay it forward, get involved, and help others.
 - g. We will not be selling any materials to our participants. We will however, be providing them with information that they may take with them. We plan to make packets which include a notepad and pen for writing notes, and a list of upcoming job fairs and/or local job openings.
 - h. This project will be easy to replicate. We have been inspired by the California Bar Young Lawyers' Association Law Suits Program. We will have timelines, letters, and flyers available to provide other affiliates to assist them in replicating our project.
- VI. Project Evaluation:
- a. By the end of the funding period, we have a plan and timelines for preparation completed by the end of December 2012. The program is planned for early fall 2013.
 - b. Success will be measured by the number of suits collected and donated. We know that the suits collected will find good homes. We will measure the effectiveness by the number of days it takes for the suits to be distributed.
 - c. The criteria for success or failure will include, effectiveness of suit collection, effectiveness of suit distribution, average number of suits contributed by attorney, and effectiveness of the project team.
- VII. Project Organization: The event would have two co-chairs, one for suit collection and one for suit distribution. We would like to collaborate with a local non-profit for both collection and distribution of the suits. We will also have 10 volunteers to assist with suit collection and suit distribution.

The event co-chairs will coordinate with the bar staff for the flyer creation and distribution to attorneys for suit collection. The event co-chairs will coordinate with the local non-profit organization in order to utilize space for collection and/or distribution and to discuss details of hours and dates of collection and distribution. The event co-chairs will coordinate the volunteers for the event.

VIII. Budget: Our anticipated budget is approximately \$3,850.00. (*does not include \$250.00 for refreshments or lunch)

- a. Advertising: \$200.00
- b. Collection expenses: \$3,000.00
 - i. Dry cleaning of donated suits: \$15/suit, approximately: \$3,000.00
- c. Distribution expenses: \$900.00
 - i. Lunch for volunteers: \$150.00*
 - ii. Tailors (2) to provide minor alterations: \$500.00
 - iii. Refreshments for participants: \$100.00*
 - iv. Paper supplies (notepads, pens): \$150.00

Should our expenses exceed the amount of the grant available, we will ask our members to sponsor this event. Member firms will cover the expenses for refreshments or will we try to find a store to donate the beverage and refreshment items.

IX. Timeline:

- a. Have initial planning meeting: 6 months out
- b. Line up collection and distribution space: 4-6 months out
- c. Have second planning meeting
- d. Line up minor sponsors: 2-3 months out
 - i. Companies and law firms
 - ii. Refreshments
- e. Set up and send out advertising: 3 months out
- f. Suit collection: 2 months out
- g. Have volunteer orientation: 1 month out
- h. Final organizational meeting: 2 weeks out

X. Exhibits: None



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VIA EMAIL: msw@kvplaw.com
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Dear Mr. Welch:

Enclosed with this correspondence is a copy of the Tallahassee Women Lawyers Project Grant Application for your review.

Please give me a call with any questions or comments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ashlee A. Pouncy

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TALLAHASSEE WOMEN LAWYERS
PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION

I. **Short Project Title:** TWL's 3rd Annual Rookie Camp

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III. **Describe Your Affiliate:** Tallahassee Women Lawyers (TWL) has approximately 262 members. All TWL members who qualify for the Florida Bar's Young Lawyer's Division (YLD) are considered members of TWL's Young Lawyers Section. This is the eighth year that TWL will be represented at the YLD Affiliate Outreach Conference. TWL has been awarded grant funding each year it has participated. This is the third year grant funding is requested for TWL's annual Rookie Camp.

IV. **Summarize the Purpose of Your Request:** This project is a half-day event for law students and lawyers in their first two years of practice developed and hosted by the TWL Mentoring Committee and Young Lawyers Section. It has two main goals: to encourage young lawyers and law students to begin community service and pro bono work early in their career as a benefit to their career and to inform participants about professionalism and the importance of relationships in the practice of law.

V. **Project Objectives/Description:** In recent years, law schools and the Florida Bar have increased their efforts to impress upon students and young lawyers the importance of professionalism and requiring students to engage in pro bono service. With TWL's 3rd Annual Rookie Camp, TWL hopes to join this effort and provide professionalism education to law students and young lawyers from a different perspective. While law students are already required to take courses in Professional Responsibility, and young lawyers in Florida must participate in the "Practicing with Professionalism" CLE, these efforts lack the one-on-one contact that our project promises. Participants in TWL's 3rd Annual Rookie Camp will come face-to-face with practitioners who believe in the importance of professionalism and who can share their personal experiences.

This project originated out of a desire to empower young attorneys with the information, resources, and inspiration to commit to pro bono service early in their

careers while also emphasizing how critical professionalism and relationships are in developing a full and healthy practice of law. The project's objectives include increasing professionalism in the legal community by instilling an understanding of the practical importance of ethics and civility in some of the newest members of our profession; outlining methods of dealing with unmanageable clients without sacrificing your attorney-client relationship; providing participants with practical reference tools for advertising using media, print and social networking websites; providing information on financial responsibility as well as free and affordable legal forms, research and other information for participants aspiring to be solo practitioners; providing practical approaches to stress management and conflict resolution in the practice of law; providing participants with tools to achieve the work-life balance that best suits their lifestyle; presenting participants with information regarding non-traditional legal careers; inspiring law students and young lawyers to become involved in community and pro bono service by showing them the benefits of community and pro bono service to their careers; raising awareness about specific needs in the community for voluntary service and pro bono legal work by bringing young lawyers and law students together with the organizations that need their service; and helping participants jump-start their careers by providing practical advice and presenting the opportunity to develop mentoring relationships with experienced practitioners.

These objectives will be achieved through the development of the "Rookie Camp" committee to handle each step of the process, assembling informational materials from community service organizations, contacting representatives from Florida Legal Services, Legal Services of North Florida, the Office of the Public Guardian, and the Guardian ad Litem Program to act as mentors and to participate in the event, arranging for the audio-recording of the event to be distributed through the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, arranging a catered lunch with mentors imparting knowledge about various areas of law and coordinating with the mentors and presenters which will include Representatives from the Florida Bar, Representatives from community organizations, Florida Supreme Court Justices, District Court Judges, Circuit Court Judges, top attorneys in the Tallahassee area and practitioners who chose non-traditional legal careers.

The event will be a day of scheduled presentations, infused with periodic "speed-networking" sessions. This year's event will be modeled after the "Federal Judicial Roundtable" event hosted at the 2012 Florida Bar Convention. Select presenters will rotate between tables of law students and young lawyers sharing their expertise on various preselected topics. In order to assist the "rookies" in establishing real connections with the presenters, after the time has expired to discuss the preselected topic, there will be time allotted for the law students and young lawyers to ask the selected presenter a question of his or her own choosing. The event will also include short but thorough presentations by pioneers in the legal field on topics specifically designed to provide the "rookies" with basic principles that are necessary for a successful career in the practice of

law such as the interplay between community/pro bono service, successful law practice, professionalism and career satisfaction. TWL's Rookie Camp is intended not only to benefit the attendees but to also have a direct benefit to all Florida residents by providing young lawyers and future lawyers with practical information to use in the representation of their clients and in the overall management of their legal careers. Participants will also receive written materials to reinforce what they learn at the entertaining and informative event. The event will be held at the Florida Supreme Court. TWL anticipates that this event will be free to all participants.

One of the most important aspects of this year's Rookie Camp is that it will place students and young lawyers in the position to develop long-term relationships with the practitioners who lead the discussions and participate as mentors. Our event will emphasize the importance of relationships to the practice of law so that participants will understand the value of increased cohesion and collegiality in the legal profession. Practitioners will discuss the impact community and pro bono service has had on them, as well as the networking opportunities that such service presents. Because young lawyers often have the desire, but perhaps not the guidance, to pursue such service, this event will include presentations about specific organizations that need assistance, such as Florida Legal Services, the Guardian ad Litem Program, and Legal Services of North Florida, among others. Local organizations with pro bono or community service opportunities will be invited to set up information booths or distribute information to the participants and even recruit participants.

TWL anticipates that 50 attorneys, law students, mentors, and presenters will participate in this event. The event promises to be a warm and inspiring welcome to the legal profession for the participants, and it is an event that, once established, will be easily replicated annually by future TWL boards and other voluntary bar organizations who wish to develop a similar program directed toward its members. Additionally, because of TWL's plan to record the presentations and provide the recording on the Florida Association for Women Lawyers' website as well as the Florida Bar's website, the event will have statewide impact.

Similar projects in the Leon County area include the "Afternoon at the Courthouse" event hosted annually by the Tallahassee Bar Association (TBA) and the "Table for Eight" program hosted regularly by Tallahassee Women Lawyers. The "Afternoon at the Courthouse" program is designed to provide new members of the Florida Bar with a fundamental guide to practice in the Second Judicial Circuit through seminar presentations and networking events. The "Table for Eight" program is a mentoring initiative that allows TWL members to get to know one another in a casual, small-group setting and enjoy a wonderful evening of food, fun and conversation. "Table for Eight" is typically held at the home of the TWL member seeking to provide mentoring and includes seven attendees who are as diverse as possible in terms of the attendees' experience levels and practice areas. The advantage of "Rookie Camp" is that it combines

the above mentioned programs by creating one-on-one mentoring between prominent attorneys, judges and law students on a larger scale. “Rookie Camp” is not limited to TBA or TWL members, but all members of the local legal community. Further, the purpose of “Rookie Camp” is not only to educate members of the legal field about the best law practices, but to foster meaningful relationships within the local legal community.

- VI. **Project Evaluation:** Attendance at TWL’s 3rd annual Rookie Camp in the anticipated levels will evidence its success. TWL will also document the number of attendees. TWL will ask for feedback from the mentors, presenters, law students, and attorney participants through an evaluation at the end of the event. TWL will also monitor the times the project is downloaded from the FAWL website for other organizations. In addition, we will compare attendance data from the 2012 event with all future “Rookie Camps” in hopes that participation will grow.
- VII. **Project Organization:** The Young Lawyers Section of TWL will play a unique role in helping coordinate and advertise “Rookie Camp,” particularly to the Young Lawyer community. Approximately 10 TWL members will participate as presenters. Those members will also contribute educational materials. TWL mentors from the TWL Mentoring Committee (10-20) will participate as mentors. An additional 5-10 members will assist the event’s planning committee in coordinating the event and its planning. The project will be a joint effort between TWL’s Mentoring Committee, FSU’s Women Law Symposium and TWL’s Young Lawyers’ Section. TWL’s Mentoring Committee consists of experienced TWL members who volunteer to mentor law students from FSU’s Women’s Law Symposium and young attorneys from TWL’s Young Lawyers’ Section.

VIII. **Budget:**

Category	YLD Grant Requests	Voluntary Bar Association Funds	Other Funds* (list sources below)	In-Kind Support** (list sources below)	Total
Personnel		Volunteers		Volunteers	0
Location				The Florid Supreme Court will allow us to use their facilities (potentially worth \$500 room charge)	\$500.00
Equipment: Vendor to record event	\$750.00		\$250.00 (anticipated individual donation/sponso rship)		\$1000.00
Supplies	\$250.00			Notebooks, pens, highlighters (\$100.00) (private organization)	\$350.00

Postage		ENews/ Advertising \$200.00		TWL members	\$200.00
Printing/Photocopies of educational materials \$10.00/person	\$1,000.00			Evaluation forms & Flyers (\$150)	\$1150.00
Other (specify): Book: Real Life Financial planning for Young Lawyers (Amazon Price \$27.95/person x 20)	\$500.00		\$59.00 (anticipated individual donation/sponso rship)		\$559.00
Other (specify): TWL Newsletter^		\$1800.00			\$1800.00
Other (specify): Lunch for participants		\$500.00		\$500.00 (Donation from Vendor)	\$1000.00
Other (specify): Packet Materials				Organization materials, FL Bar CLE notice, FL Bar Guidelines for Prof. Conduct (\$500)	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$309.00	\$1750.00	\$7,059.00

TWL is committed to continuing to host “Rookie Camp” annually. In addition to funding from dues, TWL anticipates individual donations from community members and/or local businesses. TWL requests \$2,500 in funding from YLD in order to cover printing costs, video recording of the event and educational materials for the participants to utilize following the event. The main funding requirements of this project will be from the provision of materials and lunch to the participants and the preparation of the audio recording for the wider audience on the Florida Association for Women Lawyers’ website. TWL hopes to provide lunch, as well as all materials, to the participants free of charge to ensure that the program reaches as many law students and first year attorneys in the area as possible. TWL has budgeted money to supplement any funds received from YLD to cover refreshments, meeting space expenses, and travel reimbursements for speakers as needed.

IX. **Timetable:** “Rookie Camp” will be held March 1, 2013. Advertising for the program has begun and will continue in order to promote optimal attendance.

X. **Exhibits:** None.

AOC Grant Application
Tallahassee Bar Association Young Lawyers' Section
Christmas in July 2013
Request for \$500 Grant

- I. **Short Project Title:** Tallahassee Bar Association Young Lawyers' Section's 17th Annual Christmas in July
- II. **Contact Information:** Darby Kerrigan Scott, Treasurer, Chair of Christmas in July 2011-2013
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- YLS Members Who May Present Project at the AOC on January 19, 2013:
Darby Kerrigan Scott, Treasurer, Chair of Christmas in July 2011-2013
Will Hall, President
Martin Powell, Secretary
- III. **Affiliate Description:** The Tallahassee Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (the "YLS") has 82 members. Members of the YLS have attended the AOC in the past (including but not limited to Ben Bush, Andrew Manko and Ben Gibson over the last two years). It is unknown whether this project has been presented at the AOC in the past.
- IV. **Purpose of Grant Request:** The YLS hosts local area foster kids every July for our annual Christmas in July (the "Event"). As a part of the Event, the YLS hosts the local area foster kids for an afternoon of roller skating, food and fun, at which Santa Claus shows up and gives every kid one toy. The Event is funded through in-kind donations of food, monetary donations from local area attorneys, and by the YLS. The 2013 Event will be the "17th Annual Christmas in July".
- V. **Project Objectives/Description:** The goal of Christmas in July is to provide a fun and memorable experience for local area foster kids. The YLS members and other members of the local legal community, including judges, attorneys and court clerks, are instrumental in this process by arranging the Event from year to year and through their individual interaction with the kids during the Event. In 2008, 2009, 2010,

2011, and 2012, the Event hosted approximately 50, 74, 61, 90 and 56 kids, respectively.

- VI. **Project Evaluation:** We expect to provide at least 50 local area foster children with a fun-filled afternoon and a gift in the middle of summer 2013. Effectiveness is measured by the number of foster children attending and the feedback from the foster families and members of local area foster organizations.
- VII. **Project Organization:** The project is organized by the Chair of the Event, as well as all members of the YLS Board of Directors. The project relies upon monetary donations from local area judges and attorneys, as well as volunteers within and outside of the local legal community.
- VIII. **Budget:**

Vendor	Unit Price	Number of Units	Cost
Toys R Us (toy purchases)	\$20	100	\$2,000
Skate World (skate rental)	\$6	100	\$600
Little Caesars (pizzas)	\$5.50	25	\$137.50
Dog Et Al. (donated hotdogs)	\$0	100	\$0
Sam's Club (drinks, plates, napkins)			\$125
Postage			\$37.50
TOTAL			\$2,900

- IX. **Timetable:** A member of the YLS Board of Directors is named the Chair of the Event and is tasked with organizing it each year. The YLS partners with the association of local area foster families to put on the Event each year. The local area foster families foster kids through Boys Town, Florida Baptist Children's Homes and Camelot Care Corporation.

In March or April of each year, the Chair contacts both the President of the foster family association and the skating rink to coordinate a date for the Event in the month of July. Once the date is set, the YLS member creates flyers for the Event for the President of the foster family association to pass around to all of the foster families. The flyer is also used in the fundraising drive that the YLS performs to raise the funds necessary for the Event.

About two months before the date of the Event, in May, the Chair sends out fundraising letters to the local legal community, including judges, lawyers, elected members of the Florida legislative and executive branches, and elected members of the local, county and city governments. Also, about two months before the date of the Event, the Chair contacts local food vendors to set up the refreshments for the Event. Every year, Dog Et. Al, a local hotdog vendor, donates 100 hotdogs. About the same time, a volunteer to play the role of Santa Claus is procured.

Two weeks before the date of the Event, the President of the foster family association provides a breakdown of the gender, age and number of kids that will attend the event. At that time, the Chair also contacts the food vendors to verify the food orders.

In the week of the Event, a group of YLS members and other members of the local legal community, including judges, lawyers and court clerks, gather to shop for the toys for the Event. The shopping generally occurs at the local Toys-R-Us. The list provided by the President of the foster family association is broken down into smaller groups and the volunteer shoppers are given a sheet containing the gender, age and number of kids for which they are to shop. The YLS purchases 25% more toys than projected necessary in case additional kids show up that were not included on the original list. The toys are then stored until the day of the event.

On the day before the Event, the Chair contacts the food vendors again to verify the food orders.

On the day of the Event, members of the YLS are tasked with various jobs. Some members will transport the toys to the skating rink and set them up in a display room. Some members will pick up the food, transport it to the skating rink and set it up. Some members will purchase the drinks, ice, paper goods and condiments.

During the Event, the members of the YLS and the various judges, lawyers and court clerks will take on various tasks, including ushering kids to pick their skates, serving food and drinks, and generally trying to help the kids enjoy the Event. The staff at the skating rink has all of the kids participate in various games and activities on the floor. Then Santa Claus makes his appearance, interacting with each individual kid and ushering them to pick out a toy of their choice from the “toy room”. Santa Claus then continues to interact with the kids and even plays games out on the floor before he exits the Event. After Santa Claus exits, the YLS members and volunteers assist the kids in turning in their skates and exiting the rink. Once all of the kids have left, the YLS members assist the skating rink staff in cleaning up the facilities.

Following the Event, the YLS member sends out thank you cards to all of the donors, food vendors and volunteers that assisted in the Event. Also, if any toys are left over, the Chair returns them to the store.

X. **Exhibits:** None.

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VIRGIL HAWKINS FLORIDA CHAPTER NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

December 14, 2012

VIA EMAIL: msw@kvplaw.com
Mr. Matthew Welch, Co-Chairman
Affiliate Outreach Conference
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Dear Mr. Welch:

Enclosed with this correspondence is a copy of the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association (VHFCNBA) Project Grant Application for your review.

Please contact me at AshleeAPouncy@gmail.com or 786-554-3588 with any questions or comments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ashlee A. Pouncy
Student Liaison

/enclosures

VIRGIL HAWKINS FLORIDA CHAPTER
OF THE NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION
PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION

I. **Short Project Title:** Pre-Law Basic Training

II. **Contact Information:**

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Ashlee A. Pouncy will be presenting.

III. **Describe Your Affiliate:** The Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association (VHFCNBA) has a network of nearly 1,000 attorneys state-wide. This is the first year that VHFCNBA will be represented at the YLD Affiliate Outreach Conference. As this is the first year that VHFCNBA will conduct its Pre-Law Basic Training, this is the first year grant funding is requested for this event.

IV. **Summarize the Purpose of Your Request:** This project is a day-long event for all law students in the state of Florida. The program will be developed and hosted by the VHFCNBA Student Liaison, Ashlee A. Pouncy, and her committee. The purpose of the event is to prepare law students at every level of their law school career for the practice of law.

V. **Project Objectives/Description:** The primary goal of the program is to provide law students with a comprehensive guide for success in the legal field, from applying for their dream job to achieving the highest level of leadership in their chosen place of employment. The program will include resume' and writing sample editing; tips for successful bar preparation; information regarding the Florida Board of Bar Examiners' application process; advice on the proper dress code for various professional settings; methods of communicating with judges, other attorneys, and clients/potential clients by phone, e-mail and social media; and information regarding the benefits and drawbacks of various employment options following law school such as large law firms, small law firms, public service such as working for the government or being a politician and being a solo practitioner.

VHFCNBA considers these skills to be vital for law students preparing to enter the legal field in the near future. It is imperative for law students to develop skills that have the potential to set them apart from their colleagues in a competitive job market. It is

also important for law students to seriously consider the plethora of career alternatives that will be available to them upon completion of law school. This career focused event will benefit the law students who attend, as well as the communities in which these students intend to eventually practice. The event will provide the students with a forum to engage in dialogue with pioneers in the legal community so that they may set out on a path to transform their communities. This event will also benefit the public by producing young attorneys who have been provided with some of the basic skills required to be a knowledgeable attorney, thereby reducing the amount of trial and error in the field. Attendees and presenters of the event include Representatives from the Florida Bar and the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, District Court Judges, Circuit Court Judges, top attorneys in the state of Florida and practitioners who chose non-traditional legal careers.

The event will begin with the opportunity for students to submit a resume' and/or writing sample to a panel of reviewers who will review the submitted materials for the duration of the event. At the end of the event, the reviewers will return the submitted materials to the respective student, along with a sheet listing recommendations to improve the quality of the submitted material. For the duration of the event, there will be bar preparation materials available as well as a bar preparation representative on site to answer any questions that students may have.

Throughout the event, students will participate in seminars which will be focused on four overarching areas: (1) Graduation Preparation; (2) Attire; (3) Decorum/Attitude; and (4) Employment. The graduation Preparation segment will include the resume' and writing sample' editing. This segment will also include a presentation by a representative of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners regarding the application process. The Attire segment will provide students with insight on the proper attire for interviews, business lunches, networking events, client consultations and court. The Decorum/Attitude segment will provide students with insight into the proper procedures to address judges, unruly opposing counsels, and overbearing or dishonest clients. This segment will further assist students with methods of addressing the aforementioned people in person, over the phone and through electronic communication such as facsimile and e-mail. The do's and don'ts of social media will also be addressed during this segment. The employment segment will consist of a panel discussion comparing and contrasting a variety of legal careers, such as: large law firms versus small law firms; public service careers such as state agencies versus being a politician; with all of the above to be compared with being self-employed. The event will be held in Central Florida in the spring of 2013.

VHFCNBA anticipates that approximately 80-100 attorneys, law students and presenters will participate in this event. The event promises to be a warm and inspiring welcome to the legal profession for the participants, and it is an event that, once established, will be easily replicated annually by future VHFCNBA boards and other voluntary bar organizations who wish to develop a similar program directed toward its members. Additionally, because of VHFCNBA's plan to record the presentations and

provide the recording on the National Bar Association's website, the event will have statewide impact.

This project is similar to "Rookie Camp," which is an annual event hosted by Tallahassee Women Lawyers in Tallahassee, Florida. "Rookie Camp" is a half-day event for law students and lawyers in their first two years of practice developed and hosted by the TWL Mentoring Committee and Young Lawyers Section. The major difference between the "Basic Training" project and other similar projects is that "Basic Training" will be marketed to all law students in the state of Florida. The event will also be hosted in the Central Florida area in order to increase the convenience of attendance for all law students in the state. VHFCNBA is a state-wide affiliate of the National Bar Association, and this event is purposed to enrich the legal careers of prospective Florida attorneys by providing them with the basic necessities for starting a legal career. By involving the students throughout the entire state, VHFCNBA anticipates that this event will be simple for other bar associations to replicate on a local level. Based on the funding of the event, VHFCNBA anticipates providing written and digital educational materials to the students at no-cost.

- VI. **Project Evaluation:** The success of "Basic Training" will be gauged by written and verbal evaluations following the event. VHFCNBA will request feedback from the law students, lawyers and judges in attendance, who choose to complete an event evaluation at the end of the event. In addition, we will compare attendance data from the 2013 event with all future "Basic Training" events, in hopes that participation will grow.

Project Organization: The objectives will be achieved through the development of the "Basic Training" committee which will consist of attorneys and law students throughout the state of Florida. The committee will consist of approximately 25-30 people, with approximately 4-6 people being assigned to a certain project team. Each team will be responsible for the success of a particular aspect of the overall event, i.e. Bar Exam Preparation Team, Resume' and Writing Sample editing Team, Sponsorship Team, etc. The VHFCNBA Executive Board will also play a vital role in assisting with the coordination and advertisement of the "Basic Training" event, particularly to law students statewide.

VII. Budget:

Category	YLD Grant Requests	Voluntary Bar Association Funds	Other Funds* (list sources below)	In-Kind Support** (list sources below)	Total
Personnel		Volunteers		Volunteers	
Location				Law Firm or Academic Facility (potentially worth \$500 room charge)	\$500.00
Equipment: Vendor to record event	\$750.00		\$250.00 (anticipated individual donation/sponsorship)		\$1,000.00
Supplies	\$250.00			Notebooks, pens, highlighters (\$100.00) (private organization)	\$350.00
Advertising materials	\$250.00	ENews/ Advertising \$200.00		VHFCNBA members	\$450.00
Printing/Photocopies of educational materials \$10.00/person	\$1,000.00			Evaluation forms & Flyers (\$150)	\$1,150.00
Other (specify): Book: Real Life Financial planning for Young Lawyers (Amazon Price \$27.95/person x 40)	\$1,000.00		\$118.00 (anticipated individual donation/sponsorship)		\$1,118.00
Other (specify): Lunch for participants		\$800.00		\$500.00 (Donation from Vendor)	\$1,300.00
Other (specify): Packet Materials				Organization materials, FL Bar CLE notice, FL Bar Guidelines for Prof. Conduct (\$500)	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$3,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$368.00	\$1750.00	\$6,368.00

VHFCNBA is committed to continuing to host “Basic Training” annually. In addition to funding from dues, VHFCNBA anticipates individual donations from community members and/or local businesses. VHFCNBA requests \$3,250 in funding from YLD in order to cover advertising, printing costs, video recording of the event and educational materials for the participants to utilize following the event. VHFCNBA hopes to provide lunch, as well as all materials, to the participants free of charge to ensure that the program reaches as many Florida law students as possible. VHFCNBA has created a sponsorship committee to supplement any funds received from YLD to cover

refreshments, meeting space expenses, and travel reimbursements for speakers as needed.

VIII. **Timetable:** The “Pre-Law Basic Training” will be held on a Saturday afternoon in the Spring of 2013. The event is expected to be held in Orlando, Florida. Advertising for the program has begun and will continue in order to promote optimal attendance.

IX. **Exhibits:** None.

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- I. **Brain Chase-Zombie Run 5k.** “Brain Chase” will be a fun, family-friendly and costume- encouraged 5k run through historic and scenic DeLand, Florida. All proceeds from the event will be donated to a charity targeted to the needs of homeless students in Volusia County. Our goal this year is to raise proceeds for Food Brings Hope, a program that achieves collaborative solutions for Volusia County families with children that experience hunger due to homelessness, poverty or unfamiliarity with community resources.
- II. **Volusia County YLD Affiliate Contact Information.**

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Additional Project Presenter:
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- III. **Volusia County YLD Affiliate Description.** The Volusia County Affiliate enjoys an active membership class of 55. We have presented a project at the conference nearly every single year since 2005. Past projects include Bowling for School Supplies (5 years), Golf Tournament (2009), Essay Contest (2011) and Brain Chase-Zombie Run 5k (2012).

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- IV. **Request Summary.** This family-friendly and costumes encouraged event is projected to take place in scenic DeLand, Florida on Saturday, October 26, 2013. In 2012, the event was held on the spooky and historic Stetson University campus resulting in a fright-tacular event! We have requested use of the campus for the 2013 Brain Chase. Runners will register as either “Survivors” or “Half Alive.” Participants registered as “Survivors” will not dress in costume and will begin the race one minute ahead of those dressed in zombie costumes. Participants registered as “Half Alive” will be encouraged to dress as zombies and “chase” the Survivors.

Children under 12 years of age who register to participate in costume will not pay the registration charge so as to encourage more kids to enjoy this safe Halloween event. Partnering with Alta Vista Sports, a local event specialist with experience, contacts and equipment will ensure that this is a first-class event. There is no local race quite like this one!! Our goal is to make this event a popular annual fall fright that generates seriously scary revenues with proceeds to be donated to our charity!

- V. **Project Objective.** The Brain Chase will provide the general Volusia County community with a fun, family-friendly outdoor event that promotes healthy living and exercise. While there is a plethora of running events of every distance and in every community, there are no other zombie-themed events in our area. Community 5k races are extremely popular and even more so when you add costumes. Our project is a great way to show our community that young lawyers are fun professionals who are invested in the health and welfare of our community; a chance to show that we aren’t stodgy “suits” as we will rely heavily on affiliate member volunteers to participate in costume!

In addition to the benefits received by those who participate in the Brain Chase, our event has the potential to raise a significant amount of needed capital for economically disadvantaged children enrolled in Volusia County Schools. Our projected charity for 2013 is Food Brings Hope. This initiative is supported by a donor-advised fund committed to helping break the poverty cycle for homeless and economically disadvantaged children enrolled in Volusia County Schools. Hope for our community’s children depend on meeting their most basic needs, starting with a nourishing meal. With the basics in place every child has an opportunity to fulfill their potential. It is a little known fact that county-wide, the population of homeless children averaged about 1,000. (source: Volusia County School District office of the Homeless Liaison).

- V. **Project Evaluation.** By the end of the funding period, we will have organized, marketed and hosted a second successful, family-friendly running event in DeLand, Florida. We expect to have a more successful second year with more “Survivors” and “Half-Alives” and sponsorships which will ultimately be donated to a charity targeted to the needs of homeless students in Volusia County.

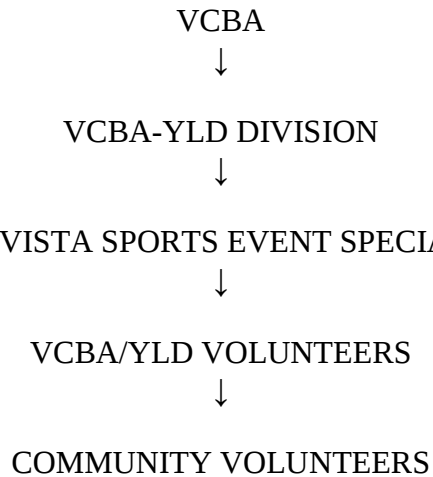
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Our project will be measured by two criteria: 1) the amount of funds raised through runners’ entry fees and outside sponsorships; and 2) the number of participants in the event which includes those running and those simply out to see the Zombies. Our inaugural event was a great success. After preparing a “post-mortem” report showing our participants and money raised for the Great Kids Club, we decided it would be a frightful shame if we didn’t have a 2nd and even more successful Brain Chase in 2013. Accordingly, our goal for year two is to match and double our success of the \$2,000 donation to aid the Great Kids Club. Our goal this year is more community involvement, sponsorships and participants.

VI. Project Organization.

The Volusia County Bar Association-YLD will be solely responsible for hosting the 5k Zombie Run. We will create a separate YLD “Zombie” Board to encourage the community to get involved with this frightful event through sponsorships, volunteer opportunities and awareness of a worthy cause. Additionally, we will encourage our charity to be involved from start to finish by utilizing their employees, volunteers and board members to help with sponsorships and participants.

Through our partnership with Alta Vista Sports, race logistics (race path, timing, finish line, registration and marketing) will be handled by experienced event planners. On the day of the event, we will have volunteer to assist with setting up tables, chairs, refreshments and generally seeing that the event runs smoothly and is an overall success. Volunteers will come from Volusia County Bar Association, community volunteers and student athletes and Greek life at Stetson University.



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VII. Budget.

A. Race Logistics & Marketing-provided by Alta Vista Sports

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| i. | Race Management, set-up layout, pre reg packets, manage pre reg. and day of reg, tables used at packet pick up, day of reg and water stations, course setup with turn signs, mile markers with one water station, runners' bib numbers, finish line and race clock | \$ 2,125.00 |
| iv. | Entertainment DJ | \$ 250.00 |

B. Race Course

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| i. | Stetson Fee | \$ 200.00 |
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C. Miscellaneous

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| i. | Participant T-Shirts | \$ 1,000.00 |
| ii. | Print Marketing (posters) | \$ 200.00 |
| iii. | Brain Trophies for top 3 finishers per gender | \$ 120.00 |

iv.	Medals	\$ 250.00
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D. Post Race Refreshments/Nutrition

i.	Water	\$ 200.00
ii.	Fruit: bananas and oranges	\$ 200.00

TOTAL EXPENSES:	(\$4,545.00)
Estimated Registration Revenue	\$ 3,600.00
Anticipated Sponsorship Revenue	\$ 3,000.00
AOC Grant Request	\$ 2,500.00

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The early registration fee will be a scary low price of \$15 until one moth prior to the chase. After September 26, 2012 the race entry fee will increase to \$20.00 per runner and \$25.00 on the day of the event. We can expect to receive at least \$3,600.00 in revenues from race registrations. The inaugural race raised \$3,011.78 from race registrations.

Additionally, we will approach local law firms and businesses for race sponsorships and hope to secure at least another \$3,000.00 in sponsorships. If we are awarded our request of \$2,500.00 from the AOC Grant Project, we can expect to earn at least \$4555.00 in proceeds which can be donated to a charity targeted to the needs of homeless students in Volusia County. If the project is immensely successful and we have higher participation or higher sponsorship revenues, a small portion of the proceeds will be held to fund the event the following year.

VIII. Timetable.

February 2013	Receive AOC Grant Funding
March 2013	Secure Alta Vista under contract by providing 50% deposit
April 2013	Begin marketing and e-marketing efforts Form YLD Zombie Board
June 2013	Secure race location (Stetson) and/or secure all compliance matters (permit, license, insurance)
July 2013	Assemble registration packets Begin securing sponsorships
August 2013	Recruit volunteers Continue all marketing efforts and sponsorships
September 2013	Advertise, Advertise, Advertise
October 2013	Monitor registration

Pre Race Day Finalize details, purchase fruit and water, assemble goodie bags

Race Day HAVE FUN!!!

The Brain Chase 5k will be held on October 26, 2013. Prior to the event, Alta Vista Sports will begin marketing the event and sending out mass e-mails to over 20,000+ running databases. By June 2013 we will have the necessary authorization from Stetson University for the 2013 Brain Chase. In the event we do not receive authorization from Stetson University, we will hold the run in historic downtown DeLand, Florida. We will obtain all necessary event permits and licenses from the City of DeLand well in advance of the Brain Chase.

IX. **Exhibits.** Alta Vista Sports invoice attached.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF OUR REQUEST!