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Re: Notice to YLC Members

May 3-6, 2016

New York, NY

Dear Members of the Young Lawyers Committee,

The joint MLA/CMI meeting is just one month away. If you have not already done so, please register on the CMI website: www.cmi2016newyork.org. While there is no charge for attendance at the joint committee meetings, the MLA is asking that you register so that we can get a sense of the numbers that may show up for any particular meeting. It is also where you register (and pre-pay) for the YLC Social Dinner/Event on Thursday night. A significant amount of planning is going into making the joint meeting a success and we look forward to seeing you in New York.

In the meantime, we have several announcements:

(1) Call for Submissions: Boating Briefs

The MLA Committee on Recreational Boating publishes an annual newsletter, *Boating Briefs*. Young lawyers are encouraged to report on cases in which they have been involved, or of which they are otherwise aware, or legislative and administrative developments, that might be of particular interest to the members of the Recreational Boating Committee. Submissions should contain a concise summary of the case or legislative development in word format with a pdf copy of the case or rule. Please send all submissions to the editor, Daniel Wooster, by April 15: dwooster@pbh.com.

(2) Call for Volunteers: CLE Programs

The joint spring meeting presents a fantastic opportunity to obtain CLE credits. In order to facilitate the CLE programs, the CLE Committee is seeking YLC volunteers willing to monitor the attendance sheets at the various sessions. This is a great way for YLC members to meet people and to be visible throughout the conference, particularly if you already plan to attend a particular session. To volunteer, please contact the Secretary of the CLE Committee, Brian Eisenhower: beisenhower@hillrivkins.com.

(3) Committee Liaison Vacancies

The Committee Liaison Program assigns one YLC member to each of the MLA’s standing committees. The goal of this program is to increase the communication between the standing committees and the YLC, which we hope will lead to opportunities for our members in those committees as well as increasing the utilization of the YLC for committee projects. Liaisons also provide a brief status report at each YLC Spring meeting pertaining to the work of each standing committee. We currently have opportunities available for four lucky YLC members to serve as a liaison for one of the following committees: (1) Cruise Lines and Passenger Ships; (2) Fisheries; (3) Government Counsel; and (4) Marine Ecology and Maritime Criminal Law. If you are interested in serving as a liaison for one of these committees, please contact Imran Shaukat: ishaukat@semmes.com.

(4) Call for Volunteer: Inland Waters and Towing Committee

The MLA Inland Waters and Towing Committee is looking for one YLC member to give a short (15 minute) presentation during the committee meeting in New York on a topic of interest to its members. If you are interested in presenting to the Inland Waters and Towing Committee, please contact Marissa Henderson: mhenderson@ventkerlaw.com.

(5) Proctor Applications

The MLA Board will be considering applications for Proctor status at the spring meeting. You can find the requirements and application information for Proctor status on the Member side of the MLA website. Applications for Proctor status and for new members should be submitted by April 20 for consideration at the spring meeting.

(5) Writing Competition

The Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee of the American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section and the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, Inc. have announced the 2016 Annual Young Lawyer Writing Competition. Entries should address: *U.S. Maritime Causes of Action for Personal Injuries or Deaths Occurring Outside of U.S. Territorial Waters and Any Extra-Territorial Effect of Federal, State, and Local Law*. Entries are due May 2, 2016. The announcement has been posted to the YLC webpage under “Documents”.

Best regards,

The MLA Young Lawyers Committee

Blythe Daly, Chair

Jennifer Porter, Vice Chair

Imran Shaukat, Secretary