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Young Lawyers Committee
The Maritime Law Association of the United States

Message from the Chair

The Maritime Law Association spring meeting in New York is fast approaching. This year’s meeting will be held May 3 – 5, 2017. After last May’s joint meeting with the Comité Maritime International and last October’s joint meeting with the Tulane Admiralty Law Institute, the upcoming meeting will be an opportunity for the Association’s standing committees and members to convene in a more traditional meeting format.

I hope everyone who is able to attend has made plans to do so. I look forward to seeing many of you here in New York. In addition to the substantive committee meetings, the annual meeting, and the Friday night dinner, we will have our usual committee meeting Thursday afternoon and our always-anticipated social event Thursday night.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all YLC members who have volunteered for committee work since our last meeting and who have volunteered to assist with the meeting in New York. The contributions of our members are vital to the work of the Association and are recognized by the MLA President, Board, and Committee Chairs. Thank you.

This will be my last meeting as chair of the MLA Young Lawyers Committee. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with so many old friends and colleagues across the country and to meet new ones. I will be moving on to take over as chair of the CMI’s Standing Committee for Young Lawyers (Young CMI), so don’t be surprised if I task

some of our YLC members for assistance in the future!

The incoming officers of the Young Lawyers Committee are **Jennifer Porter** (Chair), **Imran Shaukat** (Vice Chair), and **Kasee Heisterhagen** (Secretary). The Young Lawyers Committee is in very capable hands.

See you in New York!

- Blythe Daly

YLC in NYC

The Young Lawyers Committee meeting is as follows:

Thursday, May 4, 2017
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Holland & Knight LLP
31 W. 52nd St.

In addition to addressing our usual business, this year’s meeting will feature a panel discussion about the changing landscape for container lines and ports with the advent of new alliances and megaships. **Jennifer Porter** (Keesal, Young & Logan) will moderate the panel. Panel members include **Jonathan Doyle** (Ports America), **Kristi Hunter**, (CMA CGM (America) LLC), **Eric Lee**, (Holland & Knight), and **Susan Lee** (Thomas Miller (Americas) Inc.). **Edward Carlson** (Skuld North America Inc.) will also provide an update on sanctions under the Trump Administration.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please email blythe.daly@hklaw.com and arrive early to check in with building security.

After the business meeting, the Young Lawyers Committee will reconvene nearby for our annual Social Event on Thursday evening.

Thursday, May 4, 2017
Cocktails 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Papillon Bistro & Bar – Midtown East
(22 East 54th St. @ Madison Avenue)

Cocktails are open to all and a portion of the cocktail hour will be sponsored by S-E-A, Ltd. If you plan to stay for dinner, please RSVP to Lindsay Sakal at LindsaySakal@hotmail.com. The price for the 3-course dinner is \$66 and should be paid in advance by check, Venmo, or PayPal to Lindsay. Details are located on the YLC webpage.

A special thanks to **Lindsay Sakal** for her superb coordination of this event.

Spring Meeting YLC Highlights

While the YLC committee meeting will be a “don’t miss” event, the following YLC members will be speaking at various standing committee meetings:

- **Kirby Aarsheim**, Practice & Procedure
- **Sarah Gayer**, Recreational Boating
- **Aaron Greenbaum**, Inland Waters & Towing
- **Scott Gunst**, Fisheries
- **Carlos Llinas Negret**, Cruise Lines & Passenger Ships
- **Sean Pribyl**, MLA Joint Committee (Government Counsel/Marine Ecology and Maritime Criminal Law)

Committee Liaison Program

The Committee Liaison Program assigns one YLC member to each of the MLA’s standing committees to serve as a liaison for a term of three years. The goal of the program is to increase communication between the committees and the YLC. The hope is that increased communication will lead to more opportunities for our members in those committees as well as increased utilization of the YLC for committee projects. Liaisons provide brief status reports at each YLC meeting pertaining to the work and projects of each standing committee.

A chart identifying the appointed liaisons is posted under the documents section of the YLC page on the MLA website. Let this serve as a reminder to our liaisons that the YLC is ready to work. If you are currently a YLC liaison and have a project that needs help or if you are interested in volunteering to serve as a YLC liaison, please e-mail Imran Shaukat, at ishaukat@semmes.com, and incoming secretary Kasee Sparks Hesiterhagen, at ksparks@burr.com.

Recent YLC Projects & Activities

Sean Pribyl organized and participated on an ABA Panel, on best practices in marine casualty investigations, co-sponsored by the MLA and reported by Liskow & Lewis: <http://www.theenergylawblog.com/2016/12/articles/maritime/7-takeaways-from-the-maritime-investigations-presentation-at-this-years-work-boat-show-in-new-orleans/>. The ABA AMLC posted an update via pdf: <http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=i1200000>, listed under the Upcoming Committee Events.

On March 20, 2017, in Stamford, CT, **Sarah Gayer**, **Stephanie Penninger**, and **Blythe Daly**, together with former YLC member

Boriana Farrar, organized and participated in a joint ABA and WISTA panel entitled *Batten Down the Hatches: Navigating the Seas of 2017 Hot Maritime Topics*, addressing Recent Developments in Punitive Damages, Managing Cybersecurity, the Role of Freight Forwarders, and the Jones Act from the P&I Club perspective, respectively.

At the request of Chet Hooper and David Nourse, the following YLC members assisted in proof-reading and cite checking the latest edition of the MLA Report: **J. Ben Segarra**, **Stephanie Propsom**, and **Christine M. Walker**

Several YLC members assisted **Olaf Aprans** in the preparation of the Marine Insurance and General Average Newsletter this fall, including **Hugh D. Baker** and **Theresa M. Carroll**.

Ongoing Projects

The Recreational Boating Committee publishes a newsletter entitled "Boating Briefs," which reports on cases involving recreational boats as well as legislative and regulatory developments specific to recreational boating. The Committee requests YLC members keep a lookout for these types of developments and cases and report them to the Committee. In addition, if a YLC member has been involved in an interesting case involving recreational boating, there may be an opportunity for that member to make a presentation about the case at a Committee meeting. If you have anything to report, please contact the chair of the Recreational Boating Committee, Mark Buhler, at mark.buhler@earthlink.net, or the YLC liaison, Bo Williams, at bo.williams@phelps.com.

Fall MLA Meeting: NAPA!

The MLA Fall Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Pacific Admiralty Seminar in Napa, California October 18-21, 2017. This will be a unique fall meeting with many opportunities for CLE credit and various joint social events. Planning is ongoing and we have reminded the planning committee that the YLC is a great resource. Please mark your calendars and make your reservations!

Call for Projects

To the Standing Committees: Please let the YLC know how we can help with your projects. If you have projects in need of research or have writing opportunities that are well-suited for younger lawyers, please keep our committee in mind. Additionally, we can usually find a YLC member to assist with staffing your meeting (handling CLE paperwork, sign-in sheets, handouts, and assisting with presentation set up, etc.), if and when the need arises.

Publication Opportunities

Do you have any war stories from your practice that you wish to share with others? Do you think you have a sense of humor? Consider submitting your written piece for consideration to *Benedict's Quarterly Maritime Bulletin*. You may write to Managing Editor Joshua S. Force at jforce@shergarner.com.

Proctor Status

Any Associate member of the MLA who has been a member of the MLA for four years or more is eligible to apply for Proctor status with the MLA. The advantages of Proctor status are numerous, not the least of which is that a member cannot serve as a committee

chair, vice-chair, or director unless s/he is a Proctor or Non-Lawyer member. Proctor applications may be obtained and submitted on the MLA website.

YLC Membership List on Website

If you are not already signed up as a member of the YLC, please make sure you do so. In addition, please review your email and notification settings on the website. We use the membership list on the website as a vehicle for communicating with our members. We have reason to believe that some of our young lawyers are not registered as YLC members or may have restrictive notification settings and thus do not receive our communications. If you know anyone that might fall into either category, please pass this message along and encourage them to formally join the committee and to check their settings. Conversely, if you are no longer a YLC member and are tired of our shenanigans, feel free to unsubscribe.

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