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**Young Lawyers Committee**  
**The Maritime Law Association of the United States**

**Message from the Chair**

We are days away from the 2019 Fall Meeting, which will be held from October 29 - November 2, 2019 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort. Next week's meeting offers a fantastic opportunity to meet and reconnect with colleagues in a relaxing environment.

In the spirit of Halloween, fear not! The current forecast for next week is *bone* dry and the quality of the CLE program on offer is *frighteningly* good.

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 resort meeting next week. The contribution of our members is pivotal to the work of the Association. The YLC is grateful to have the support of President Nolan, the MLA Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week in Scottsdale, Arizona. The 2019 Resort Meeting is sure to be a real *treat*.

- Imran

**YLC Fall 2019 Meeting**  
**Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort**  
**Vaquero Room “C”**  
**October 31, 2019 - 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Presenting: YLC Members**  
**in Scottsdale, Arizona!**

A number of our YLC colleagues will be presenting during the course of the Scottsdale resort meeting. Please plan to support your fellow YLC members at the following programs:

- **Edwin Barnes**, Panel on Recent Maritime Law Developments
- **Kyle Brennan**, Uniformity Committee Meeting
- **Guillermo Cancio**, Marine Insurance Committee
- **Alex D'Amico**, Panel on Recent Maritime Law Developments
- **Barrett Hails**, Uniformity Committee Meeting
- **Eva Maria Mayer**, Legal and Commercial Aspects of Plastics Pollution
- **Imran Shaukat**, Panel on Recent Maritime Law Developments

**YLC SOCIAL**

We will be meeting at a presently undisclosed location after the President's Welcome Reception on Mischief Night, October 30, for our YLC Social Event. Stay tuned for more details!



## **More YLC Members in the Spotlight!**

The International Organizations, Conventions, and Standards Committee would like to thank to *Monika Babu, Ashley Bane, Shawn Bevans, Adam Jaffe, and Rebecca Pskowski* for all of their work on the ongoing conventions jurisprudence project. A big round of applause to *Chris Hannan* for his leadership and dedication to this project.

The Marine Insurance and General Average Committee would like to thank *Kyle Brennan, Alex D'Amico, Rebecca Pskowski, and Kathy Starvis* for contributing to the Committee's fall newsletter. Special thanks to YLC Liaison *Andrew Anastor* for leading the YLC charge on the newsletter.

The MLA continues its efforts to provide new and exciting CLE offerings to its members. Major kudos to *Shawn Bevans, Peter Black, Angie Frederickson, Adam Jaffe, and Timothy Steigelman* for assisting *Kirby Arsheim* and other MLA leadership by collecting valuable information that the Association will be using to update its records on each state's CLE requirements.

## **Interest & Involvement Survey**

This past summer, YLC members received The MLA Young Lawyer Committee's Interest & Involvement Survey. The purpose of the survey is to assist the MLA in determining areas of experience and interest among our members. Your completion of the survey will also assist committee leadership in identifying YLC members for research, writing, and speaking opportunities as they arise. If you have not yet completed the survey, we kindly ask that you take a

few moments to do so. The survey is available here: <http://bit.ly/MLAsurvey2019>.

## **Committee Liaison Program**

A great way to become involved in the MLA is by actively participating at the committee level. For new members and those who are unfamiliar, the Committee Liaison Program assigns one YLC member to each of the MLA's standing committees to serve as a liaison. The goal of the program is to increase communication between the various standing committees and the YLC. The idea is that increased communication will lead to more opportunities for our members to get involved in those committees, and for those committees to benefit from a younger lawyer perspective. YLC liaisons will generally provide brief status reports at each YLC meeting pertaining to the work and projects of each standing committee.

If you are interested in serving as a liaison to an MLA committee, please contact YLC Secretary *Kristi Thompson* at [usa.kthompson@usa.cma-cgm.com](mailto:usa.kthompson@usa.cma-cgm.com)).

## **Ongoing YLC Projects & Activities**

1. The MLA Uniformity Committee and its chair, Professor Michael Sturley, have invited YLC members to participate in a joint project with the Uniformity Committee to research and present on various circuit conflicts in U.S. maritime law. As the Uniformity Committee is interested in reviewing the extent of dis-uniformity in maritime law, 3 YLC volunteers are requested to select a maritime law topic of interest to them and present on the existence of any circuit conflicts in that area. If you are interested in participating in this joint project and presenting at a future MLA fall



or spring meeting, please contact Imran Shaukat ([ishaukat@semmes.com](mailto:ishaukat@semmes.com)) and Prof. Sturley ([msturley@law.utexas.edu](mailto:msturley@law.utexas.edu)). More information relating to the project can be found under “Announcements” on the YLC committee page on the MLA website.

2. 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 that 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 YLC Liaison, *Bo Williams* ([bo.williams@phelps.com](mailto:bo.williams@phelps.com)), and Committee Vice-Chair, Daniel Wooster ([dwooster@pbh.com](mailto:dwooster@pbh.com)).

### **Call for Projects**

To All 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](mailto:jforce@shergarner.com).

### **Proctor Status**

Any Associate member of the MLA who has been a member of the MLA for four (4) 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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