

Message from the Chair

As incoming Chair of the Young Lawyers Section (YLS), I have to first give a huge thank you to our outgoing Chair, Terrence Tarver, for his great leadership and hard work this past year. Terrence's collaborative style and southern charm always made working with him on YLS matters a pleasure. Under his leadership, YLS had another successful Trial Academy (the 10th anniversary) at Cornell Law School, a well-attended Summer Meeting in Saratoga Springs, a great program at the Annual Meeting, and various district events throughout the state—all while running his own firm!

Turning to the 2019-2020 bar year, I'm excited for what YLS is up to: We went to Williamsburg, VA, for a joint Summer Meeting with Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law (TICL) Section in August; then we'll head to Washington, DC for the U.S. Supreme Court Admis-

sion's Program in November; we'll host a CLE in January during Annual Meeting in NYC; and have our Spring Meeting in Ithaca during the Annual Trial Academy.

My goal for YLS this year is to become more accessible to our members, young lawyers and law students alike, through technology and district events. We are all super busy and it can be hard to find time for bar activities. With more access to the Section's benefits and with your help, our members will be able to see the value of our bar association.

Our Executive Committee still has a few available positions. Anyone interested should reach out to me at lsharkey@cswlawfirm.com.

Lauren E. Sharkey

Message from the Editors

We are pleased to present the Fall 2019 issue of *Perspective*. *Perspective* is published by the Young Lawyers Section and distributed to Section members free of charge. Co-edited by Norina Melita and Mansi Parikh, *Perspective* features substantive legal articles on current issues in all areas of practice, offers more in-depth treatment of professional development, guidance from seasoned attorneys, career and networking topics, and provides a forum for expressing opinions and/or commentary on issues affecting young lawyers.

As co-editors of *Perspective* and practicing attorneys, we take great pride in being part of a forum that offers fruitful resources for young lawyers. Active engagement by young lawyers and working together in exchanging ideas for publishing substantive legal articles is both fun and challenging. Being an attorney is a privilege we do not take lightly, and it is gratifying to support fellow attorneys through this newsletter.

We are happy to offer a medium for young lawyers to help each other and be accessible to one another despite demanding schedules and in a large community such as the New York State Bar Association. The articles selected for this issue, although diverse in their topics, tend to showcase the variety of fields of law that interest young lawyers and the fact that young lawyers see problems and tend to want to solve them. We see the entire practice of law as essentially problem-solving at its core, whether it's to solve the problem of obtaining information from public sources (FOIL) or spreading awareness on eco-

nomical sanctions for violations of right to health, or how to get paid for your work as a problem-solver. The two articles from the attendees of the trial academy showcase the enthusiasm and willingness of young lawyers to learn to problem solve even in their procedural engagements (i.e., trial) and become better problem-solvers.

A strong interest in providing a unique forum to young lawyers for professional development attracted us to become actively involved with *Perspective*. We hope you enjoy reading this issue and keep up your active contributions to *Perspective*.

Mansi Parikh
Norina Melita

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