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Future Meeting Dates

FALL

October 16-18, 2026
The Westin Hilton Head Island
Resort & Spa
Hilton Head Island, South
Carolina

MIDYEAR

January 15-17, 2027
Omni Hotel at The Battery
Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

SPRING

March 4-7, 2027
Fairmont El San Juan Hotel
San Juan, Puerto Rico

ANNUAL

June 10-13, 2027
Gaylord Palms Resort &
Convention Center
Orlando, Florida

YLD Fall Meeting General Session
Oct. 17, 2026 | 4 p.m.
Westin Hilton Head Resort
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Agenda

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Executive Director, State Bar of Georgia

Recognition of Special Guests and First-Time Meeting Attendees Kindall

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Representative Council

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Affiliate Leaders

Officer Reports

President's Report Virginia

Other Important Dates

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- Signature Fundraiser – Jan. 30, 2027 | Georgia Theatre, Athens, GA

President-Elect's Report Kindall

Treasurer's Report Caleb

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Secretary's Report Kelsie

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes

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Old Business

New Business

For the Good of the Order

Adjournment



October 17, 2026

A warm welcome to our YLD members and guests!

It is such an honor and privilege to report to this esteemed body as the 80th president of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia. The YLD has been a huge part of my life and legal career, and I am incredibly excited to have the opportunity to lead this organization during such a special year.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to serve the YLD in many different roles, including as a Leadership Academy graduate, Middle Georgia representative, committee chair, director, Signature Fundraiser co-chair, Review editor and officer. Along the way, I have gained incredible mentors, lifelong friends and opportunities that have helped shape me as both a lawyer and a leader. The YLD is truly near and dear to my heart, and I could not be more excited to spend this year celebrating everything that makes this organization so special.

This year, we are celebrating the YLD's 80th anniversary! For eight decades, the YLD has brought young lawyers together to serve their communities, grow as professionals, develop as leaders and build lasting friendships. That is something worth celebrating.

Since its establishment in 1947, the purpose of the Younger Lawyers Section, now Division, has been to further the goals of the State Bar, increase the interest and participation of young lawyers and foster the principles of duty and service to the public. Eighty years later, those same values continue to guide us. This year, we will build on YLD success by continuing to serve as the service arm of the State Bar while creating meaningful opportunities for young lawyers throughout Georgia to learn, lead, serve and connect.

I am especially excited about what we have planned for this historic year. We will celebrate the YLD's incredible legacy while also looking toward the future and continuing to invest in the next generation of Georgia lawyers. From CLEs and leadership development to service projects, networking events and opportunities to connect young lawyers across the state, there is a lot to look forward to.

We have already welcomed an incredible group of officers, directors, district representatives and committee chairs who are bringing fresh ideas, enthusiasm and plenty of energy to the YLD. I am so excited to work alongside this group throughout the year. I encourage each of you to get to know and support these young leaders because they truly represent the future of our profession.

Our committees are already hard at work planning events and programming across Georgia. Whether it is through CLE programming, community service, pro bono initiatives, leadership opportunities or networking events, the YLD is committed to providing meaningful ways for young lawyers to get involved.

One of my biggest goals this year is to continue connecting young lawyers throughout Georgia. The

YLD is at its best when young lawyers from every corner of our state feel like they have a place in our organization. We will continue working with local and affinity bar associations and other Bar affiliates to bring young lawyers together, strengthen relationships and create new opportunities for collaboration.

Of course, I am especially excited about our Signature Fundraiser on January 30, 2027. We will gather at the historic Georgia Theatre in Athens to benefit Stepping Stone Child Advocacy and Sexual Assault Center while celebrating the YLD's 80th birthday. Break out your favorite 1980s attire and join us for what is sure to be an unforgettable evening as we celebrate this incredible milestone and support such an important community resource.

Throughout the year, the YLD will continue to provide opportunities for young lawyers to learn, serve and connect. At our meetings and events, members can expect great CLE programming, opportunities to give back to their communities and plenty of chances to build relationships with lawyers from across the state.

As we celebrate 80 years of the Young Lawyers Division, I am incredibly grateful for the leaders and members who built the organization we know and love today. I am also excited about the future and the next generation of leaders who will continue that legacy.

Some specific YLD events to look forward to include:

- Dec. 4, 2026 — Leadership Academy Holiday Luncheon (Atlanta, Ga.)
- Dec. 4, 2026 — YLD Leadership Holiday Party (Atlanta, Ga.)
- January 30, 2027 — Signature Fundraiser benefiting Stepping Stone Child Advocacy and Sexual Assault Center (Athens, Ga.)

Our future meetings are as follows:

- Jan. 15-18, 2027 — Midyear Meeting (Atlanta, Ga.)
- Mar. 4-7, 2027 — Spring Meeting (Carolina, Pr.)
- Jun. 10-13, 2027 — Annual Meeting (Kissimmee, Fl.)

At each of our quarterly meetings, you can expect either a CLE, one networking event and one service opportunity. Details will be provided in advance.

At the Fall Meeting in Hilton Head, we hope you will join the YLD Book Club for a Fireside Chat with author Brinson Raley, who writes under the pen name Thomas Lee and serves as chair of the YLD Criminal Law Committee, for a conversation about how storytelling has helped sharpen skills as a young attorney.

YLD COMMITTEES

The YLD has more than 30 committees working to support our motto of service to the community and profession. Each committee works diligently to provide substantive programming in their respective focus areas. Below are some of the events, activities, and accomplishments of our YLD committees this year:

YLD Business Law Subcommittee

Nathan Miles and Xander Melnick, Co-Chairs

The YLD Business Litigation Subcommittee will kick off the legal food frenzy with a YLD-led volunteer

food packaging day. The ACFB allows up to 60 volunteers so we hope to reach that number by partnering with the Community Service Committee and any other committees that would like to join. We also plan to coordinate a CLE panel with the Litigation Committee that will cover a topic interesting to both plaintiff's attorneys and commercial litigators that are defense focused.

YLD Community Service Projects Committee

Lyddy O'Brien and Nick Smith, Co-Chairs

The YLD Community Service Projects Committee has several service projects being planned in collaboration with other committees. The Wellness Committee is working with us to plan an outdoor day of service planting trees with Trees Atlanta in either October or early November. We are working with the Corporate Counsel Committee to plan a volunteer event with Empty Stocking Fund in November or December. We are also talking with the Child Protection & Advocacy committee about an event to assemble care packages for survivors of domestic violence, to be distributed through Circle of Hope in early January or February of 2027.

YLD Corporate Counsel Committee

Dymond Anthony, Sarah Richardson Trahan, and Forrest Lind, Co-Chairs

The YLD Corporate Counsel Committee will be participating with the Empty Stocking Fund in November to help provide holiday gifts to children in need. We are also planning a CLE in November on AI in the workplace.

YLD Ethics and Professionalism Committee

Lauren Atkinson and Shannan Young, Co-Chairs

The YLD Ethics and Professionalism Committee sent an introductory email to committee members and began identifying key Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct to highlight through social media hypotheticals. We started planning a joint professionalism event with Gate City YLD, potentially featuring a four-to five-course etiquette dinner. No tentative date has been identified at this time.

YLD Estate and Elder Law Committee

Benjamin Walker, Myles Braxton, and Sydney Painter, Co-Chairs

The YLD Estate and Elder Law Committee is excited to announce that we are partnering with Atlanta Legal Aid to host a Wills Clinic for approximately 20 clients on December 5, 2026, in Clayton County, Georgia. We are thrilled about the opportunity to once again work alongside Atlanta Legal Aid and provide meaningful legal assistance to individuals and families who may otherwise have limited access to these important estate-planning services. More information and additional details regarding the Wills Clinic will be available over the coming weeks. We look forward to sharing more updates soon!

YLD Federal Law Subcommittee

Olivia Landrum and Doug Comin, Co-Chairs

The YLD Federal Law Subcommittee is planning a networking happy hour for the Corporate Counsel, Labor and Employment Law, and Federal Law Committees. We plan to serve heavy hors d'oeuvres (provided by whichever restaurant/bar we host at) and have sponsors donate funds for drink tickets. This event would mostly be for networking but also a good chance for each committee to talk about their plans for the bar year, including any upcoming events.

YLD High School Mock Trial

Amber Porter, Chair

The YLD High School Mock Trial Committee is off to a great start of the year. First, members filled out a survey to outline their interests in volunteering with HSMT throughout the year. On September 1, the Committee held its first committee meeting of the year and discussed the Macon Law Academy, as well as planned for the Atlanta Law Academy. The Committee also strategized when and where potential needs of the HSMT Committee might arise prior to the competitions in the Spring to ensure volunteers are used in the best way. We're looking forward to a great year working alongside the HSMT Committee at-large.

YLD Judicial Law Clerk Committee

Ginny Calhoun, Tyler Kelly, Elizabeth Nelms, and Grace Young, Co-Chairs

The YLD Judicial Law Clerk Committee has the goal to provide a networking opportunity and wellness hike at the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park, in Macon, GA and have lunch in downtown Macon after the hike. We are also planning an informational Zoom panel for law students on November 13, 2026. The goal of the meeting is to introduce the roles of law clerks and staff attorneys to law students, give them an opportunity to inquire about a career, and explain how to apply for these roles. The panel will consist of current and former judicial clerks and staff attorneys. We are still planning a tips and tricks and bar v. bench CLE for practitioners in February and a professionalism CLE at the Bar Center with a panel of judges from various classes of court for April.

YLD Labor and Employment Committee

Drew Williamson, Iriel Jones, and Amber Stapleton, Co-Chairs

The YLD Labor & Employment Committee is focused on building a strong foundation for the 2026-27 bar year through planning, member engagement, and event development.

The co-chairs held an initial planning meeting on July 27 to establish committee goals, discuss programming opportunities, review budget considerations, and identify potential networking, CLE, collaboration, and service initiatives. The Committee's first meeting was held virtually on August 26, with 10 attendees. Members discussed the Committee's vision, future meeting schedules, newsletter opportunities, upcoming YLD events, and plans to enhance communication and engagement through GroupMe.

The committee is currently planning several fall initiatives, including:

- A joint networking happy hour with the Federal Law Subcommittee on October 1 at Colony Square, with Kilpatrick Townsend confirmed as a sponsor.
- A joint virtual CLE with the Corporate Counsel Committee focused on Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace, covering topics such as AI in hiring, workplace surveillance, generative AI policies, and labor law considerations.
- Additional committee meetings scheduled for October 28 and December 9.

Looking ahead, the Committee's priorities include finalizing the fall CLE, increasing member participation, expanding cross-committee collaborations, establishing regular meeting preferences, and identifying a service project for the fall or winter season.

YLD Law School Outreach Committee***Brandon Sartin, Chair***

The YLD Law School Outreach Committee met to plan its events for the 2026–2027 Bar year. The Committee plans to host lunch-and-learn programs at each Georgia law school, with panels of attorneys from both the private and public sectors discussing how their involvement in the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar has helped with their careers and professional development. The Committee expects to host the John Marshall lunch and learn in the fall, with the remaining events taking place in the spring.

YLD Leadership Academy***James Banter, Matt Caudell, Meghan Golden, and Taylor Wilson, Co-Chairs***

The YLD Leadership Academy ("LA") Co-Chairs have met regularly and successfully designed all six sessions for the 2027 Leadership Academy. Applications for the program are now open, and the Co-Chairs are preparing for the next phase of the selection process. We will meet with YLD President, Virginia Josey, in Macon to review applications and select the members of the 2027 Leadership Academy class in September. The Co-Chairs are excited about the strong foundation that has been established for the upcoming program and look forward to welcoming the next class of participants.

YLD Leadership Academy Alumni Subcommittee***Addison Gantt and Seth Golden, Co-Chairs***

The YLD Leadership Academy Alumni Subcommittee annual alumni luncheon is already booked for the Piedmont Driving Club. We have discussed an event in Macon to correspond with the Leadership Academy kickball tournament (and possibly sponsor a food truck event that could complement the tournament). The event may include a social event in downtown Macon where alumni can receive a small token recognizing their time in the Leadership Academy, like a lapel pin or something similar.

YLD Legal Food Frenzy Committee***Jack Wareham and Jessica Luegering, Co-Chairs***

The Legal Food Frenzy Committee has scheduled introductory calls with committee members to discuss our mission and brainstorm fall and spring events that will increase awareness, engagement, and YLD participation in the Legal Food Frenzy. Potential events include volunteering at the Atlanta Community Food Bank and partnering with the Community Service Projects committee for a day of service event or food drive.

YLD Litigation Committee***Cole Harper and Holly Stephens, Co-Chairs***

The YLD Litigation Committee will have a panel of entrepreneurs who have started their own firms share their experiences with those interested in branching out. We hope to have 4-5 panelists, and coordinate with a firm to sponsor a location and happy hour. We are also planning a coordinated event with the Federal Litigation Committee to have a joint event where federal practitioners can share experiences and stories from federal courts.

YLD Solo Practice and Small Firm Committee

Angelik Holloway, Dalton Trammell, and Morgan Boulineau, Co-Chairs

The Solo Practice and Small Firm Committee intends to do another Solo or Small Firm workshop this fall, hopefully in November this year, with the goal of hosting a CLE for 15-20 solo or small firm committee members. We plan to get speakers on solo and small firm finances, including financial advisors and accountants, to discuss taxes and retirement for solo and small firms, insurance brokers to discuss options for health insurance planning, and much more. We also plan to host a coffee hour or happy hour during the State Bar Midyear Meeting in January in Atlanta, bringing together solo and small firm committee members to network, exchange ideas, and discuss the unique aspects of solo and small firm practice.

YLD Wellness Committee

Harshila Leva and Liza McDaniel, Co-Chairs

The YLD Wellness Committee is partnering with YLD Community Service Projects Committee and Trees Atlanta to help plant trees in Atlanta.

YLD Women in the Profession Committee

Olivia Mercer and Cayton Chrisman, Co-Chairs

The YLD Women in the Profession Committee is currently planning three initiatives:

- **Networking Event:** The annual *Networking on the Pitch* event is tentatively scheduled for November 1 in Atlanta. Open to WIP and all YLD members, the event will focus on networking and may include a CLE or educational program prior to the match. Speaker options are currently being explored.
- **Service Project:** The committee is planning a Ronald McDonald House service event, where volunteers will assist with meal preparation for families. While dates are still being finalized, the goal is to expand this traditionally Atlanta-based event statewide, with service opportunities in Atlanta, Augusta, Savannah, and Columbus.
- **Wellness Event:** A spring wellness program is being considered, with options including instructor-led outdoor yoga or a group 5K participation event. Dates and locations are to be determined.

YLD AFFILIATES

The YLD currently has seven recognized active affiliates around the state: Young Lawyers of Augusta, Cobb County Younger Lawyers Division, Columbus YLD, Gate City Bar Association YLD, Glynn County YLD, Houston County YLD, Macon YLD and Savannah YLD. If you know anyone interested in joining the affiliates, please let us know.

YLD MEETINGS

Fall Meeting | Oct. 10-12

The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort and Spa
Hilton Head, SC

Held in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors.

Midyear Meeting | Jan. 15-16

Omni Hotel at the Battery Atlanta
Atlanta, GA

Held in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors.

Spring Meeting | Mar. 4-7

Fairmont El San Juan Hotel
Carolina, Puerto Rico

Annual Meeting | Jun. 10-13

Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center
Kissimmee, FL

Held in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors.

This is going to be a fun and memorable year for the YLD, and I cannot wait to celebrate it with all of you. I am always eager to connect with members of the Board of Governors and learn how the YLD can continue to support the State Bar and its members. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time. I would be thrilled to meet with you, hear your ideas and discuss ways we can work together throughout this historic year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Young Lawyers Division. I look forward to seeing you throughout this special 80th year as we celebrate the YLD, build on its success and continue creating opportunities for young lawyers across Georgia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Virginia C. Josey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Virginia C. Josey
YLD President



2026 FALL MEETING

Treasurer's Report

October 16, 2026

Hilton Head Island, SC

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Budget 2026-27</u>	<u>YTD Expenses</u>	<u>YTD Income</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Advocates for Students with Disabilities	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Business Law	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Community Service Projects	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
Corporate Counsel	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Criminal Law	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Disaster Legal Assistance	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Estate and Elder Law	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Ethics and Professionalism	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Family Law	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
High School Mock Trial	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Inclusion in the Profession	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Intellectual Property	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Intrastate Moot Court	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
Judicial Law Clerk	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Labor and Employment	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Law School Outreach	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Leadership Academy	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,000.00
Leadership Academy Alumni	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Legal Food Frenzy	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Legislative Affairs	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Litigation	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Membership Initiatives	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
National Moot Court Competition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Interest Internship Program	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00
Real Estate	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Signature Fundraiser	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
Solo & Small Firm	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Sports Law	\$3,000.00	\$546.00	\$250.00	\$2,704.00
Standing Committees	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Wellness	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
William Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Women in the Profession	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
Workers' Compensation	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Total	\$59,300.00	\$546.00	\$250.00	\$59,004.00



**YLD ANNUAL MEETING
GENERAL SESSION
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2026
Omni Amelia Island Resort
Fernandina Beach, Florida**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

YLD President Veronica Cox called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

WELCOME FROM THE STATE BAR OF GEORGIA

President, Veronica Cox, welcomed incoming State Bar President, William ("Bill") Gentry, to provide some remarks. He reflected on the challenges and sacrifices of being a lawyer, and emphasized the importance of the profession and the character it builds. Bill challenged members to stay curious, invest in each other, and remember their reasons for becoming lawyers. He stated that during his year he would commit to supporting the professional development and well-being of lawyers, and emphasize the importance of seeing the whole lawyer, not just the billable hours.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Damon Elmore, the Executive Director of the State Bar, gave his report and mentioned that Bill Gentry's speech covered most of the important points, and there will be no comprehensive operational update. He addressed questions about parking and the building schedule at 104 Marietta Street, confirming that the staff will operate on a modified remote process during the World Cup. Damon reassured that customer service will remain a priority, and the parking deck will operate on a first-come, first-served basis, with members always having priority and free parking. He encouraged the use of alternative parking options due to expected heavy demand during the World Cup periods.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES

President-Elect, Virginia Josey, recognized special guests and first-time attendees including former YLD Presidents, Damon Elmore, Ron Daniels and Betsy Hodges. Also in attendance were outgoing State Bar President, Christopher Twyman, and incoming State Bar President, Bill Gentry. Virginia also recognized Justice Charlie Bethel from the Supreme Court of Georgia and first-time attendee, including Sarah Lin.

RECOGNITION OF RETHREADED, INC.

Lisa Kiral, the Director of Business Development of Rethreaded, Inc. spoke to those in attendance about their organization. Lisa provided an overview of Rethreaded, which helps survivors of human trafficking through employment, trauma therapy, and various support services. She highlighted the extensive barriers survivors face and the long-term support Rethreaded provides, including full-time employment, trauma therapy, and financial wellness. Lisa expressed gratitude for the personal

hygiene care items donated by the attendees and invited them to visit the Rethreaded pop-up shop at the meeting. She emphasized the importance of recognizing and supporting survivors of human trafficking.

DISTINGUISHED JUDICIAL SERVICE AWARD

This award was given to Justice Charlie Bethel in recognition of his service and contributions to the YLD. Justice Bethel participated as a panelist/speaker for the 2025 Fall Meeting of the YLD.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR DEDICATION TO THE YLD

This award was presented to Christopher Twyman and Jen McNeely for their contributions to the YLD for the 2025-26 Bar Year.

RECOGNITION OF THE 2026 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CLASS

James Banter, Matt Caudell and Kelsie Mattox, the co-chairs of the Leadership Academy of the YLD highlighted the accomplishments of this years class that included a day at the capital, a service project and kickball in Savannah and another service project in Gainesville, Georgia. The class was honored and given awards for their completion of the class.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

- Board of Directors
 - No report was given.
- Representative Council
 - No report was given.
- Committee Chairs
 - Joy Bonner (Sports Law Committee) – highlighted the upcoming YLD Night with the Atlanta Braves scheduled for July 2, 2026. Tickets are live and available for purchase.
- Affiliate Leaders
 - The Cobb County Bar Association discussed that they would be having a legislative day event on June 25, 2026 beginning at 10:30 a.m.
 - The Gate City Bar Association will be holding an event centered around AI on June 17, 2026.
 - GABWA announced that they received a multitude of awards at the morning Plenary Session of the State Bar on June 12, 2026.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report

President Veronica Cox shared statistics on events, CLE hours, and attendance, highlighting the success of the YLD. She reflected on her leadership goals, including increasing transparency, communication, member participation, and diversity all of which were great successes in her year as President. She thanked her officers, family, and supporters for their contributions and support throughout her tenure.

Immediate Past President Report

Immediate Past President and hype man, Kenneth Mitchell, provided his report in that he stated that he had nothing to report. He highlighted the unique opportunities and perspectives provided by the

YLD, including trips to various locations and networking events.

President-Elect's Report

President-Elect, Virginia Josey, acknowledged special guests and contributors to the YLD, including Jennifer McNeely. She reflected on the legacy of the outgoing immediate past-president, Kenny Mitchell, and the growth of the YLD under his leadership. Virginia expressed her excitement and commitment to continuing the positive momentum of the YLD created from Veronica Cox's leadership. Virginia concluded her report by thanking everyone for their contributions and looking forward to the future of the YLD.

Treasurer's Report

YLD Treasurer Kindall Browning-Rickle announced that she distributed the budget in the materials provided through the QR code at the meeting and encouraged members to use their budgets allocated to their committees going forward in the future. All funds from the 2025-26 Bar Year had been used and accounted for.

Secretary's Report

YLD Secretary Caleb Ratliff requested that all meeting attendees sign in via the QR code that was provided so that we can accurately account for attendance. He reported on the mid-year meeting minutes in the meeting materials. After being moved and properly seconded, the Mid-Year Meeting minutes were approved. He also emphasized the importance of finding community in the YLD to assist with the ups and downs of the profession. He stated that we have too much of a burden to carry by ourselves.

Newsletter Report

Newsletter Co-Editor Carlos Fernandez highlighted the Legal Writing Summit that was a great success that was held on March 13, 2026 and all the great articles submitted by members throughout the Bar Year. He encouraged members to submit articles. He thanked outgoing co-editor, Alec Chappel, for his contributions to the YLD and to the newsletter throughout his time as co-editor of the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

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Erika Fritz's (Atlanta) baby (Ace) attended the meeting for the first time.

Sarah Walsh (Gwinnett County Bar Association) received many awards at the Plenary Session of the State Bar earlier on June 12, 2026. It was also her birthday.

Veronica Cox stated that the YLD would have a cabana rented at the pool from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the following day (Saturday) leading up to the Annual President's Gala.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**Respectfully,
Caleb Ratliff**

**YLD Secretary
State Bar of Georgia**