

President's Report



ENGAGE WITH THE YOUNG LAWYERS' SECTION IN 2011.

along and support the winner and runner up of the Victorian Golden Gavel Competition as they compete for the national title.

Let me again encourage all

members to get in touch at any time over the coming months to seek out assistance, get involved or contribute ideas to help the YLS serve you better. •

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A message from the YLJ editors

As co-chairs of the LIV's Young Lawyers' Editorial Committee, we would like to invite you to contact us via the Young Lawyers' Section at younglaw@liv.asn.au if you have any comments or would like to contribute to the next edition of the *YLJ*.

We co-edit the *YLJ* and oversee its publication to ensure that its content is relevant and of interest to young lawyers. We are supported by a vibrant group of Editorial Committee members and the brilliant Young Lawyers' Section manager, Anna Alexander.

MICHELLE BATSAS and
GEORGETTE APOSTOLOPOULOS

The YLS hit the ground running in the first half of 2011 with numerous projects and events designed to benefit and support our members.

It's been a busy time for all young lawyers and while the year is moving quickly, there's still plenty to achieve and plenty more opportunities ahead for young lawyers and law students across the state.

A specific focus for the YLS in 2011 has been ensuring that you find it easy to engage with us and keep up to date with what we're doing, so that you can take advantage of the various services we offer. As part of this focus, in July the YLS launched its new landing page.

The YLS page at www.livyounglawyers.asn.au contains information about the YLS, our calendar of events and latest news, the work of our committees and how you can get involved. You'll also find our various publications including previous editions of the *YLJ* and our online newsletter *Lawbytes*, as well as a range of other resources designed to assist young and later lawyers and law students to build and develop their career and find employment.

We're also planning the arrival of our YLS Facebook page, which will provide up to date news on what's happening in the Section. You'll be able to follow our status updates, find out the latest information and view photos from our events.

As I reported in the first edition of the *YLJ* this year, there are other key areas where the YLS is working to make a difference this year.

Career development and support – Firms are looking more and more for young lawyers

who possess not just excellent technical knowledge and skills but other competencies such as networking, business development and people and project management.

A number of our professional development activities this year are targeted towards assisting young lawyers in these areas. Stay tuned also for the release of our *Legal Practice Survival Guide* and *Traineeship Guidelines*.

Health and wellbeing – In response to reports of increasing levels of anxiety and stress among young lawyers and law students, the YLS launched its new health and wellbeing seminar series – Achieving Personal Sustainability.

The series commenced in April and is aimed at providing young lawyers with information on serious health issues in order to assist them in their professional and personal lives. The final two seminars in the series take place on 10 August and 12 October. See <http://bit.ly/e7ZkSe>.

Engagement with the community – Over recent months the YLS has been exploring ways to build better ties with other professions and the broader community. We already partner with and support various organisations and planning is underway for further combined events later this year and for 2012. Watch this space.

On 16 September the YLS will host the Australian Young Lawyers Conference (www.liv.asn.au/YLconference). The theme of the national conference is "Developing Your Career".

The conference will also feature the National Golden Gavel Competition to be held that night in the State Library. Come

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