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MILWAUKEE YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

May/June 2005 Newsletter

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Year Wraps Up With Annual Meeting

The MYLA Annual Meeting was held on May 24, 2005, at Joey Buona's Pizzeria Grille. With more than a quorum of membership present, elections for next year's officers and directors of MYLA were held. The slate went through without opposition. This year's Board members are: Aaron J. Bernstein; Natalie C. Giugno; Jonathan A. Gruhl; Mark E. Schmidt; and Amy Weber Shambarger. This year's Officers are: President Benjamin S. Wagner; President-Elect Jeaneen Dehring; Past President Stephanie L. Dykeman; Secretary Gary D. Lippow; Treasurer Scott B. Franklin. For more information on this year's Board, visit our website at www.milwaukeeyounglawyers.com.

Outgoing President Stephanie Dykeman reflected on the successes of the year, including a well-attended Judges' Night, two zoo outings with the children from the Volunteer Lawyers' Project, several Happy Hours, and a successful CLE program. Stephanie Dykeman then passed the torch to incoming President Benjamin Wagner, who highlighted a few of his goals for the upcoming year.



Benjamin Wagner

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The Honorable Diane S. Sykes To Speak to MYLA July 20th

The Honorable Diane S. Sykes will honor the Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association on July 20, 2005, by speaking to the group about her transition from the Wisconsin Supreme Court to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. The event will take place at the Milwaukee Bar Association, 424 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, from 11:45 a.m. (registration begins at 11:20 a.m.) until approximately 1:15 p.m.

Judge Sykes will be appearing as a part of the Judicial Luncheon Series co-sponsored (with MYLA) by Brown & Jones Reporting, Westlaw, The Wisconsin Law Journal, and Thomson-West.

The cost of the event for members is \$15.00,

which includes lunch. As if Judge Sykes' presence were not incentive enough, MYLA



Hon. Diane S. Sykes

will be sponsoring one foursome for the MBA Golf Outing, to be held August 3, 2005, at The Squires in Port Washington. Attendees will have a chance to enter a drawing for a spot on the MYLA foursome. At the end of the luncheon, we will draw the names of the four lucky golfers! To register for the event, please contact Benjamin Wagner at bwagner@habush.com

Mark Your Calendars for the Midwest Regional Young Lawyer Conference

The State Bar of Wisconsin YLD and MYLA are co-hosting the 2005 Midwest Regional Young Lawyer Conference, which will be held in Milwaukee from Thursday September 15th through Saturday September 17th at the Wyndham

Milwaukee Center Hotel. This is a truly fantastic opportunity.

Join your fellow young lawyers for one of this year's premier educational events. Take advantage of this unique chance to discover some of the most

helpful practice advice, business tips, and professional guidance available to young lawyers in the Midwest.

The registration fee is only \$100. This nominal fee includes a 6-credit CLE program on Friday the 16th,

along with affiliate programming, networking, and the admission to social events and receptions. For more information or to register, call the State Bar of Wisconsin at (800) 728-7788 or (608) 257-3838 or visit www.wisbar.org/yld

Annual Meeting *(continued from page 1)*

Wagner plans to continue providing valuable social, charitable and educational opportunities for MYLA members; to coordinate a Judicial Luncheon Series for the summer and fall; to increase MYLA's membership and visibility in the

greater Milwaukee area; and to increase communication with and among MYLA members. Wagner also emphasized that MYLA plans to rejuvenate its involvement with the Volunteer Lawyers Project, which MYLA helped to organize in

the early 1980's.

Contact new President Ben Wagner or any of the MYLA Board members for more information or to share your thoughts and ideas for the coming year.

MYLA Happy Hour: Mark Your Calendar

MYLA will be hosting a happy hour on August 2 Kenadees at 5:30.

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MYLA Mentionables



MYLA's Treasurer, **Scott B. Franklin**, CPA, JD, tax manager with the Milwaukee accounting firm of Kohler and Franklin, CPAs, authored an article titled: Don't Depend on It: The Defini-

Scott B. Franklin tion of Dependency Exemption Has Been Rewritten for the Summer 2005 issue of the American Journal of Family Law.



MYLA's Webmaster **Jeff Krause**, co-founder of Information Technology Professionals, LLC, a Milwaukee based hardware and legal software provider, will author a new technology column for the Wisconsin Law Journal. The monthly

Jeff Krause column will discuss the use of technology in the law office and how technology trends affect the practice of law.

MYLA Brief Goes Electronic by Dana Berce Serrano

As you have surely noticed, the Brief has gone electronic! This format will save your membership dues for other MYLA endeavors, such as happy hours and more play dates with the Sojourner Truth House kids!

It will also allow for the more timely dissemination of information. The turnaround time for a printed Brief is more protracted

than an electronic version and obviously, costs more. Know any non-members that would be interested in the Brief? Forward this email along. If you prefer paper copy, just send this to your color printer! Let us know what you think about the new format. Send feedback to the Editor at dana@danmeilaw.com.

MYLA Website News by Jeff Krause

If you haven't visited the MYLA website recently, you may have missed some of the changes we've made at <http://www.milwaukeeyounglawyers.com>. As always, the website is best place for you to find the latest news and information about MYLA including contact information for board members and liaisons, membership forms, or the location of the next happy hour. A few minutes clicking around the site will yield a lot of interesting information about MYLA's mission and history.

A new feature of the website is the MYLA Blawg. The blog will allow you to ask questions of other members, relate your own experiences or express your thoughts on the important legal issues of the day.

Simple (and free) registration is required to contribute to the MYLA Blawg. We will be sending an invitation to participate along with instructions to all members in the near future. If you just can't wait, contact Jeff Krause at jeff@itprosusa.com for information on how to start today. The MYLA Blawg can be accessed directly by visiting <http://www.milwaukeeyounglawyers.com/resources/blog.html>.

MYLA BLAWG
WEBLOG OF THE MILWAUKEE YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 06, 2005

MYLA Blawg help

So what is this blog thing and how does it work? Technical questions go here.

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Current Events - Law in the News

Rant about the Michael Jackson verdict, discuss the finer points of eminent domain law, or speculate on the identity of the new Supreme Court Justice.

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- **More people lose their homes through disability than due to fire or death**
– National Safety Council
- **A 25-year old has a 58 percent probability of becoming disabled for 90 days or longer at some point in their career.** – Society of Actuaries
- **Government statistics show that women who work outside the home are three times more likely than men to miss work because of a disability.** – HIAA Survey: Public Opinion – Disability Insurance, September 2000
- **Approximately 54 million Americans (1 in 5) have a disability. This represents 21% of the total population of the United States.** – McNeil, J.M. (1997) Americans with Disabilities: 1994-95. U.S. Bureau of the Census Current Population Report P70-61, Washington, D.C.; U.S. Department of Commerce
- **The Social Security Administration predicts that over the following ten years, the aging baby boomer generation work force will spark a 37 percent increase in the incidence of a disability.** – Spencer's research reports on employee benefits, Disability Incidence Higher for Downsizing Firms; Cost Rise, but Integrating Efforts Lowers Costs, Studies Show, 323-1, 8-29-97
- **Disability is 16 times more likely than death to cause a mortgage foreclosure and at age 35, disability is three times more likely than death.** – Disability Insurance Marketing Center, U.S. Government Housing and Home Finance Agency, and Health Insurance Matters
- **62 percent of disabilities are not work related and fall outside the realm of worker's compensation.** – LIMRA, U.S. Government, Home Finance Agency, National Safety Council
- **More than 4 in 10 severely disabled Americans are under age 55** – McNeil, J.M. (1997) Americans with Disabilities; 1994-95. U.S. Bureau of the Census Current Population Report P70-61. Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Commerce



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