

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

KBA Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. EST via Zoom

I. Call to Order

Mr. Combs, in Ms. Combs' absence, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. EST. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Executive Committee Members present included: Don Combs; Kyle Bunnell; Christine Stanley; Carlin Conway; Blake Johnson; Lindsay Porter; Calesia Henson; Janet Luo; Sebastian Torres; Franklin Milam; Brittany Riley; Whitney Rowe; Chris Barber; Lincoln Caudill; Lexy Holland; Alex Stewart; and Kara Legg.

Executive Committee members absent were: Elizabeth Combs; Lee Metzger; Kelsey Bryant; Jonas Bastien; Amanda Johnson; Ryan Mosley; Jennifer Dominici; Kristen Cody; Elivia Rabe; Sam Reinhardt; Linda Dixon; Alexis Ecarma; Dayana Perez; Al'Lisha Hanserd; and Ashely Sexton.

II. Officer Reports

1. Chair: Elizabeth A. Combs (by Mr. Combs)

Mr. Combs updated the Executive Committee regarding continued discussions around the *Boudreaux v. Louisiana Bar Association* from the Fifth Circuit. The implications and its impact on social media posts by the YLD are still being discussed, but thus far, there is a moratorium on Wellness Wednesday and health-related posts.

The New Lawyer Program will be held in Louisville on February 9, 2024. Please let Ms. Combs know if you are available to work the exhibit table that day or if you are available to moderate a session.

Mr. Combs reminded the Executive Committee that it is a goal to have 1 Legal Food Frenzy-related social event in each District in February/March and reminded District Representatives of their budgets for such events.

Further, the in-person meeting will be held on January 27, instead of January 13, in Louisville. The location has not been determined, but Mrs. Holland said she would check to see if Wyatt's Louisville office was available to host.

2. Chair-Elect: Don Combs

Mr. Combs provided an updated financial report. The YLD remains well-capitalized, but most of its expenses are spent during the second-half of the Bar year.

3. Vice-Chair: Kyle Bunnell

Mr. Bunnell reported that the deadline for election nominations for the 2024-2025 District Representative and Vice Chair will be February 15, 2024 and all candidates seeking nominations must submit their nominating petitions to him by the deadline. Voting ballots will be emailed on March 1, 2024 and the voting window will close on March 15, 2024. An email will be sent with the deadlines and nominating petition in mid-January.

Additionally, the annual YLD Awards nominations will close on March 1, 2024. Updated Awards nomination information will be on the YLD website and an email will be circulated in mid-January as a reminder.

Finally, Mr. Bunnell asked for a Motion to approve the November 21, 2023 minutes as read. Ms. Luo made the Motion and Mr. Stewart seconded the Motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. District Representative Reports

1. First – Mr. Johnson reported that he will be changing jobs and moving back to Paducah. He plans to host a social event for the Legal Food Frenzy in February/March 2024.
2. Second – Ms. Porter reported that the YLD hosted a successful happy hour at Montana Grille in conjunction with the 11/30 KLU in Bowling Green. Additionally, the Local Bar hosted its Holiday Party on 12/18, which was well-attended by local YLD members.
3. Third – Mr. Bunnell provided a report from Ms. Bryant that the Third District was planning an event in early 2024 with the Kentucky Bar Foundation with the assistance of Third-District Bar Governor D. Benge.
4. Fourth – Ms. Henson reported that an Ugly Sweater Christmas Social was held on 12/13 for Fourth District Members. Turnout was okay, but a great time was had by those in attendance.
5. Fifth – No report.
6. Sixth – No report.
7. Seventh – No report.

IV. Committee Reports

1. CLE: Ryan D. Mosley and Amanda Johnson

The Committee is still working to coordinate plans for the Solo/Small Firm CLE help in conjunction. The tentative plan is to hold the event in Spring 2024 at UK Law.

2. Communications: Alex Stewart and Blake Johnson

The Committee provided that they are working on designing graphics and content in partnership with LMICK to be shared on the YLD social media platforms.

3. Community Outreach: Elivia Rabe and Kristen Cody

Mr. Combs discussed several inquiries that had recently been made of the YLD regarding the following topics:

- Kentucky High School Mock Trial Association needs volunteers to serve as silent jury members or presiding judges in our regional competitions on January 27 and 28 in Lexington, Louisville, and Owensboro.
- (KASAP) Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs: I am wondering if you have any ideas about the best way to seek out and identify attorneys who would be interested in assisting survivors in protective order proceedings.
- I am the chairperson of the Military Law Committee and one of our members suggested that we reach out to your section to see if our Committee could provide your Section information about issues that affect Kentucky's military and veteran population. Part of our mission is to educate attorneys in every part of the state about these issues.

Mr. Johnson stated that he did have some experience from law school assisting with VA appeals and has a contact at Southern Illinois University Law School that has a VA clinic.

4. Convention: Christine Stanley and Janet Luo

Mrs. Luo provided that the programming and speakers for this year's Convention were coming along nicely. She also reminded the group that there would be a two-day in person and 1-day virtual option.

5. Education Outreach: Jonas Bastien, Franklin Milam, and Al'lisha Hanserd

No report.

6. Health and Wellness: Jennifer Dominici and Brittany Riley

Ms. Riley provided that the Fifth Circuit Opinion was still being discussed within the state-wide KBA Wellness Committee, but that it had not had a formal meeting. She will continue to monitor for updates.

7. Inclusion and Diversity: Calesia Henson, Linda Dixon, and Ashley Sexton

Ms. Henson provided that NKU will host the Why Choose Law Program in the first or second week of June 2024. If you would like to serve as a panelists/speakers for the day-long program, please let her know.

Ms. Henson also reported that she had been in discussion with the Charles W. Anderson Bar Association (formerly Louisville Black Lawyers Association) about restarting its awards banquet and YLD's potential participation in those efforts.

8. Law Student Outreach: Kelsey Bryant and Lindsay Porter

Mr. Bunnell provided Ms. Bryant's report regarding the tableting success in conjunction with LMICK at UK Law on 11/28, before finals began. Ms. Porter provided that the U of L tabling event was held on 11/18 and was also successful.

Ms. Porter also provided that paneling was underway and speakers were being finalized for each of the Road Less Travelled Events

9. Legal Food Frenzy: Lexy Holland, Lincoln Caudill, and Sebastian Torres

Mrs. Holland reported that dates have been finalized for this year's Legal Food Frenzy Campaign which will be held March 13 – March 29. She also reported that there will be an in-person kick-off event at the State Capitol in Frankfort on March 13 that coincides with Hunger Free Kentucky Day. Mr. Bunnell has reached out to Attorney General-Elect Russell Coleman's transition team about being involved in that kick-off as well as designating a person to serve as a liaison to the LFF Planning Committee.

Mrs. Holland is also working on promotion/collection of prizes and that she was finishing an article for the Louisville Bar Association Bar Briefs Publication to include information about the Legal Food Frenzy. She is reaching out to the Fayette County and Northern Kentucky Bar to publish similar articles in their respective publications.

She plans to send out a list of action items soon and reminded all District Representatives to plan social events and reach out to firms within their district who have not previously participated in the LFF.

10. Membership: Kyle Bunnell and Whitney Rowe

Mr. Bunnell reported that he had discussed membership anniversaries and birthdays emails to its membership with the KBA. In light of the Fifth Circuit Opinion, for now, the YLD will not be able to send those messages, but will look at different ways to celebrate its members and grow its membership, including more grassroots initiatives and person-to-person contact.

11. New Events: Carlin Conway, Sam Reinhardt, and Chris Barber

Mr. Conway reminded the EC to mark their calendars for the 2024 Barrister's Ball which will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at The Clerestory at Greyline

(101 W. Loudon Ave, Lexington). A social media announcement will be sent out soon.

Mr. Conway also reported that the silent auction with any alcohol-related prizes was not approved, but that other items could be donated and bid upon. He encouraged members to use their contacts to solicit items and also encouraged Executive Committee members to discuss potential sponsorship opportunities with their respective firms.

12. Ad-Hoc Committees

a. Investment Research Committee

No report.

b. Question 31 Research Committee

No report.

V. Affiliate Representative Reports

1. American Bar Association – Jonas Bastien

No report.

2. National Bar Association – Linda Dixon

No report.

3. Fayette County Bar Association – Chris Barber

The Fayette County Bar held its annual Holiday Party, which was well attended by many young lawyers.

4. Louisville Bar Association – All'isha Hanserd

No report.

5. Northern Kentucky Bar Association – Ashley Sexton

No report.

6. Bowling Green Bar Association – TBD

Ms. Combs announced that Olivia Hester would be joining the EC as the Bowling Green Bar Association Young Lawyer Affiliate Representative.

7. NKU Chase College of Law – Dayana Perez

No report.

8. UK Rosenberg College of Law – Kara Legg

No report.

9. UofL Brandeis School of Law – Alexis Ecarma

No report.

VI. Old Business

No old business.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Adjournment

Before entertaining a motion to adjourn, Mr. Combs reminded the EC the next Business Meeting will be held in-person on **January 27, 2024**. Mr. Bunnell will send the link to the meeting, for those who are unavailable to attend in-person, as well as Agenda, December Minutes before the meeting.

Ms. Combs asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Torres made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Barber. The Motion passed unanimously via voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kyle R. Bunnell

Kyle R. Bunnell, Vice-Chair