



Mario A. Sullivan

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer of the

ABA Young Lawyers Division

Dear Fellow Young Lawyers,

It is with careful consideration and great enthusiasm that I have submitted my petition for candidacy for the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association.

As the home for young lawyers, the YLD is the national representative and advocate for young lawyers. In today's economy, it is important that the YLD continues to focus on the issues of concern to young lawyers and to provide targeted resources and support to assist young lawyers in their careers. The Division also has a responsibility to shape the legal profession and the perception of our profession with the public.

Over the past several years, I have seen the impactful work of the YLD in increasing diversity in both the Division and within the legal community, providing resources and support to YLD affiliates and members, and promoting a positive image of the legal profession through a strong commitment to public service projects and outreach. I have had the privilege of serving in a number of capacities within the Division, and I have grown both personally and professionally from my involvement with the YLD—establishing warm friendships, engaging with and learning from talented practitioners with various perspectives and backgrounds, promoting our shared commitment to public service, and addressing the pressing issues of today's young lawyers. I am a better lawyer because of my experiences with the Division.

I am committed to advocating for and engaging both our affiliates and our members, increasing diversity within our membership and profession, advancing the Division's public service mission and outreach, and ensuring that we serve all of our members by providing them with resources, networking and continued education opportunities, and support services that they value and that are necessary to their success. We must continue to use YLD publications, teleconferences, conferences and other resources to ensure that YLD affiliates and members are informed and take advantage of all the benefits, support services, opportunities, and resources the Division provides; and we must demonstrate why their dedication to and experiences within the Division will support them in their career, community, and future ambitions.

I believe that my active involvement in and recent leadership positions within the Division demonstrate my commitment to the important work of the Division and have provided me with the experience, vision, and determination to build upon the YLD's past successes and to help shape the future direction of the organization. I invite you to seek me out at our meetings, or by phone or e-mail, to share your thoughts and ideas for the future of the YLD. It would be an honor and privilege to serve as your YLD Secretary-Treasurer. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario A. Sullivan".

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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

2010-Present: Conference, Program, and Products Director, ABA Young Lawyers Division
2010-Present: Mentor, ABA Council on Legal Education Opportunity Mentor Network
2009-Present: Liaison to the ABA Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity, ABA Young Lawyers Division
2009-10: Diversity Director, ABA Young Lawyers Division
2009-10: Star of the Year recipient, ABA Young Lawyers Division
2008-09: Assistant Diversity Director, ABA Young Lawyers Division
2009: Star of the Quarter recipient, ABA Young Lawyers Division
2007-09: Team member, ABA Young Lawyers Division National Conferences Team
2007-08: Parliamentarian, ABA Young Lawyers Division Assembly
2007-08: Team member, ABA Young Lawyers Division Resolutions Team
2006-09: Team member, ABA Young Lawyers Division Diversity Team
2006-09: National LGBT Bar Association's National Representative, ABA Young Lawyers Division
2005-Present: Member, ABA General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division
2005-Present: Member, ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities
2005-06: National LGBT Bar Association's National Representative, ABA Law Student Division
2004-05: Lt. Governor of Diversity - Diversity Committee, ABA Law Student Division

OTHER BAR LEADERSHIP

2010-Present: Board Member and Chair of the Program Committee, Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago
2007-2010, Vice President, Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago
2006-07: Chair, Chicago Bar Association's Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men
2005-Present: Board Member, National LGBT Bar Association.
2005-07: Co-Committee Leader Programming and Outreach, American Constitution Society, Chicago Lawyer Chapter
2005-06: Vice-Chair, Chicago Bar Association's Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men
2005: ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award, American Law Institute
2004: Member, Celebrating Civil Rights Committee, The John Marshall Law School
2004-05 President, The John Marshall Law School chapter of Amnesty International
2004-05 President, The John Marshall Law School chapter of American Justinian Law Society
2003-05 President, The John Marshall Law School Gay and Lesbian Legal Alliance
2003-05 President, The John Marshall Law School chapter of American Constitution Society

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2010: Chair, Equality Illinois 2010 Gala
2005-06: Co-Chair Corporate Sponsorship Committee, Equality Illinois 2006 Gala
2005: Volunteer, Midwest Immigrant & Human Rights Center, Chicago, Illinois
2005: Volunteer, Chicago Board of Education Moot Court Competition
2004- 05: Volunteer, Illinois Attorney General, Consumer Fraud Bureau, Chicago, Illinois
2004: Volunteer/Researcher, International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL
2004: Volunteer, Chicago Legal Clinic
2004: Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Intern, Chicago Illinois
2002: Volunteer, Work-A-Day Chicago 1999: Marc Center, Bloomington, Illinois
1999: Speaker, National Conference on the Prevention and Treatment of Family Violence, Illinois State University
1998-99: Volunteer, Best Buddies, Bloomington, Illinois

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