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## NNABA SEEKS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

The current NNABA representative to the American Bar Association (ABA) Young Lawyer Division (YLD) has decided to step down from the position early. I encourage you all to spread this message to your networks in search of a current young lawyer who might be interested in representing NNABA in the ABA YLD. The young lawyer should ideally be a current NNABA member, but the person's current standing with NNABA should not pose an immediate obstacle to consideration.

The ABA YLD needs NNABA's voice at the table as it continues its efforts to provide value to all of its members. And please let me know if there is someone out there that you think would be ideal for the job!

**Details about the position**. An ABA YLD young lawyer is 36 years of age or less, or has been practicing 5 years or less. Within the ABA YLD council are positions for young lawyer representatives of national bar associations, including NNABA. The ABA YLD representative from NNABA has a voting seat on council – there are only about 50 or so voting seats on council nationwide.

The position is for a 2-year term, of which 1 year will have run at the conclusion of this summer's Annual Meeting in Boston. Attendance will be required for the YLD meetings in Boston from August 7-9, 2014.

The position calls for in-person attendance at 4 conferences per year. Next year's conferences are in Portland, Houston, Tampa, and Chicago. Speaking from experience, I cannot overemphasize the importance of buy-in by both NNABA, which will try to contribute financially to send the NNABA ABA YLD representative to attend conferences in person, and by the young lawyer's employer, if for no other reason but the time commitment required for

attendance at 4 conferences. The ABA YLD also provides some reimbursement.

If you are interested in this position, please contact NNABA President Mary Smith at <a href="marysmith828@hotmail.com">marysmith828@hotmail.com</a> by June 26, 2014.

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