



Young Lawyers Division (YLD) FAQ

ABOUT THE YLD

What exactly is the YLD?

The YLD is a division within the Philadelphia Bar Association, the oldest metropolitan bar association in the country, founded in 1802.

Who are YLD members?

The YLD is comprised of all members of the Philadelphia Bar Association 36-years-old or less (members “age out” on their 37th birthday) or in practice for two years or less (members “age out” once they reach their third anniversary of admission to the Bar of any state).

What is the purpose of the YLD?

The YLD:

- Promotes and preserves the interests of young lawyers.
- Gives expression to the desire of young lawyers to promote justice and improve the quality of the legal system.
- Provides a forum for the exchange of views among young lawyers.
- Encourages the professional and personal development of young lawyers through networking and social events, legal educational seminars, community and public service programs, and other original endeavors.
- Participates in the growth and advancement of the legal profession.
- Interests young lawyers to participate in the general activities of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

For more details on the YLD, visit www.philadelphiabar.org/page/YoungLawyersDivision

ABOUT THE YLD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

What is the YLD Executive Committee?

The governing body of the YLD, the Executive Committee conducts, manages and directs the business and affairs of the YLD.

How many YLD members make up the Executive Committee?

30.

How many YLD Executive Committee seats are open for election each year?

7.

How long is the term of office on the YLD Executive Committee?

Three years.

What are the qualifications to run for the YLD Executive Committee?

The candidate must be a voting member of the YLD, meaning his/her Philadelphia Bar Association dues are paid in full by the voting date. Also, the term of office for which the candidate runs cannot extend beyond his/her membership in the YLD.

What forms does each candidate need to complete to run for the YLD Executive Committee?

A Nominating Petition and a Personal Statement. Both documents can be downloaded from the Young Lawyers Division webpage on Bar Association's website, philadelphiabar.org.

How does the election process work?

Elections for the YLD Executive Committee are conducted by secret balloting each year simultaneously and in conjunction with the Philadelphia Bar Association's Annual Election. Write-in votes are not allowed. In the event that two or more persons receive the identical number of votes for the last seat vacant, both or all such persons will become YLD Executive Committee members.

What is expected of a YLD Executive Committee member?

- Attend a monthly meeting held at Bar Association headquarters, 1101 Market St., 10th and 11th Floors, Philadelphia (*Accumulating 6 absences during one fiscal year will require resignation from the YLD Executive Committee*).
- Attend special meetings as necessary (*At least 10 days written notice is given to all Executive Committee members should a special meeting be needed*).
- Attend various functions hosted by the YLD throughout the year.
- Volunteer for various public service outreach efforts throughout the year.
- Volunteer for and be an integral part of at least one sub-committee that is charged with developing a signature YLD program, event or initiative in a given year.

For more details on the YLD Executive Committee and the Division's bylaws, visit <http://www.philadelphiabar.org/page/YoungLawyersDivisionBylaws>