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2010-2011 NLD Accomplishments

Membership

- **More than 1,100 members** have been recruited or retained for AAJ through NLD efforts
- Organized and held **7 membership phonathons** in Washington, D.C., New Orleans (2), Miami, Las Vegas (2), and Atlanta
- **20 New Lawyer members** built homes for Habitat for Humanity at our Winter Convention in Miami
- Published **4 issues of The Sidebar** which included “Letters from the Bench”, “Convention Recaps”, and many articles of benefit to New Lawyers such as information about mentoring and pro bono service
- 13 New Lawyer members were admitted to the Court Bar during a NLD sponsored U.S. Supreme Court Bar Admissions ceremony in Washington, DC

Fundraising

- Raised over **\$45,000** for pro-civil-justice candidates for Congress
- Raised **\$14,670** from 83 donors at a PAC phonathon in Las Vegas, Nevada
- Raised **\$21,100** from 84 donors at a PAC phonathon in Memphis, Tennessee
- New Lawyers Division members responded to efforts to raise money for to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee to help preserve a pro-civil-justice majority in Congress

What's Inside

CONNECT. GROW. SERVE.

The American Association for Justice (formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America®) serves its membership through various member groups, such as the New Lawyers Division (NLD). Through the NLD, AAJ offers specialized activities and services to reflect the unique needs of trial lawyers practicing ten years or less. As a member of the NLD, you are never alone in your efforts to serve your clients and protect the civil justice system.

The New Lawyers Division invites you to join our network of the next generation of AAJ leadership. Through the New Lawyers Division, you will find a home to help you **connect** with other plaintiff attorneys, **grow** your practice, and **serve** in the Association.

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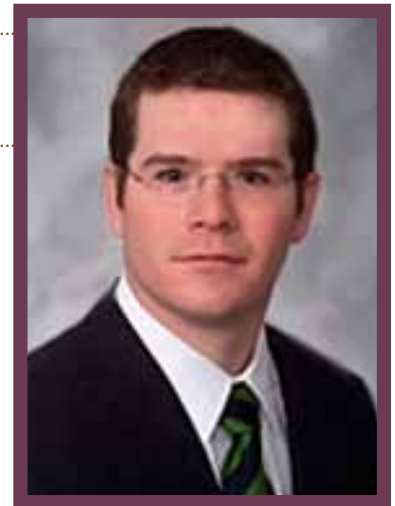
The NLD Party is open to all AAJ Convention attendees and their guests.

Message from the Chair

In this, my final “Message from the Chair of the New Lawyers Division”, I want to say thank you. Thank you to all the NLD members who have made this year so successful for the New Lawyers Division and for AAJ.

In 2010-2011, the NLD has accomplished some pretty remarkable things.

Over the past year, more than 1,100 members have been recruited or retained for AAJ through NLD efforts. We’ve organized and held membership phonathons in Washington, D.C., New Orleans, Miami, Las Vegas, New Orleans again, Atlanta, and Las Vegas again. NLD members took time away from their law practices and families to travel and make thousands of calls for days at a time and to tell the story of AAJ and why membership in our association is so important to the future of the civil justice system. The effort to retain members and to recruit new ones goes on and I know that the NLD will continue provide the spark, energy, and determination necessary to make sure that AAJ stays strong for the future. Thank you!



This year, NLD members have raised over \$45,000 for pro-civil-justice candidates for Congress. NLD members gave up their time to travel to phonathons in Las Vegas and Memphis to make the hardest of calls asking AAJ members to give money to our PAC. NLD members also responded to efforts to raise money for to the DCCC and DSCC to help preserve a pro-civil justice majority in Congress. With the political fight to preserve our system of justice for injured Americans only getting harder, the efforts of NLD members who raised money or who answered the call to give have never been more critical. Thank you!



At the Winter Convention in Miami, 20 NLD members arrived a day early to help put a roof on homes for families in need with Habitat for Humanity. Those families are now enjoying the shelter NLD members helped to provide. As I write this, NLD members are signing up for our Habitat service project at the Annual Convention in New York. As trial lawyers, we must always work hard to counter the often unfair and undeserved characterizations of what we do in the media and in public discourse. Giving back through NLD and these public service projects has been a good way to do just that. Thank you!

NLD members have also been active and involved writing articles for AAJ publications, in speaking at education programs, serving on NLD and AAJ committees, and in fighting for justice for clients in courtrooms across the country.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to be Chair of the AAJ New Lawyers Division, and meet and work with so many amazing and talented new lawyers from all over the country. With such an engaged and active membership, along with the best staff in the world, we have been able to accomplish a lot for AAJ.

The NLD represents the future of AAJ and a robust, engaged, and vibrant membership is critical to that future. Given your efforts this year, the future looks very bright. Thank you!

The future is bright indeed as proposed changes to AAJ's bylaws will be presented to the membership for approval at the Annual Convention in New York. One of the proposed amendments is to add a new seat to AAJ's Board of Governors for each state jurisdiction, to be represented by a member under the age of 40 years or in practice 15 years or less, with consideration given to a minority or woman member. These new seats will give the NLD greater participation in AAJ and strengthen the voice of this member group. We worked closely with AAJ leadership in order to bring this proposal to a vote.

I look forward to continuing the work and mission of the NLD, and seeing all of you in the coming months and years. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chair, and best of luck to incoming Chair, Jackie Olinger!

Best wishes,



Brian P. Galligan
Chair, New Lawyers Division





Who We Are

The New Lawyers Division (NLD) serves the needs of AAJ members with 10 or less years in practice. Through networking, leadership opportunities, continuing education, and special events, NLD members find the camaraderie and support they need to excel in their plaintiff law practice and to serve their community.

By providing valuable feedback on the needs of new lawyers, through its special events to protect the civil justice system, by recognizing the accomplishments of its members, and through its enthusiasm for supporting each other, the NLD plays a vital role within the Association.

But the easiest way to describe who we are, is to say that we are just like you: Hardworking, passionately devoted to our clients and the right of trial to jury, and looking for the support to grow and excel in your practice.

Learn more about us at www.justice.org/NLD.



Get Involved

Here's a quick start guide to how you can become involved with your colleagues in the New Lawyers Division.

1. Register for the NLD List Server

Go to www.justice.org/NLD to gain access to this important networking and support tool.

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YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY
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LAWYERS DIVISION IF YOUR BAR
DATE IS WITHIN TEN YEARS.
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2. Introduce yourself on the NLD List Server

Your first posting on the NLD List Server should include:

- Your name
- Number of years in practice
- Where you went to law school
- Your firm and office location
- Your practice area
- A short description of one of your current cases

3. Review the list of NLD Committees

Contact the chair for more information about getting involved.

4. Visit the NLD Web page for a list of upcoming events

Numerous NLD events take place throughout the country, including: Continuing legal education, business meetings, social events, and phonathons. The NLD offers numerous activities during AAJ's Annual and Winter Conventions.

5. Read the latest *The Sidebar* newsletter

Find out the latest goings-on with the NLD. Even better, write an article for the newsletter and get published!

6. Check out the NLD's free Document Library

Hundreds of court documents and depositions, donated by other NLD members, are available for immediate download—FREE of charge! Got docs? Donate them to the library!

7. Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court

Become a member of the bar for the highest court in the land. We will assist you in obtaining a sponsor and completing your application to the court.

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GET
STARTED IS AVAILABLE ON THE
NEW LAWYERS DIVISION WEB
PAGE, WWW.JUSTICE.ORG/NLD.
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NLD Committees

The New Lawyers Division Committees are the lifeblood of the NLD and cover a wide range of topics. Expertise in a given subject area is not required, but commitment and a willingness to serve others is! Serving on a committee is an excellent way to learn about AAJ governance while providing valuable feedback to help grow and improve NLD services. Visit the NLD Web page for committee contact information, www.justice.org/NLD.

Document Library/AAJ Exchange Committee: Charged with the continued collection of documents helpful to the new lawyers for submission to the document library and AAJ Exchange.

Chair: Adrienne Walvoord, PA

Education Committee: Charged with working with AAJ Education and the National College of Advocacy Board of Trustees to develop and implement NLD education programs throughout the year and specifically at the Annual Convention.

Chair: Brian P. Galligan, IA

Fundraising Committee: Charged with orchestrating political fundraising efforts on behalf of the NLD. Major activities include: AAJ Political Action Committee phonathons, fundraising on behalf of pro-civil justice system political entities, raising funds when called upon by the Executive Committee of AAJ and the NLD.

Cochairs: Gerri Colton, CA; Corban Gunn, MS; John Rehm, NE

Membership Committee: Responsible for increasing and maintaining new lawyer membership in AAJ. Major activities of this committee include: recruitment, retention, membership phonathons, and working closely with other NLD committees to ensure that overall membership goals are met.

Cochairs: D. Mitchell Garrett, OK; Jessica Klarer Pride, CA

Public Service Committee: Focuses on civic-oriented projects and is also responsible for the substantive content for the Public Service section of the NLD Web site. This committee also performs a public service project at both the Winter and Annual Conventions.

Chair: Donna MacKenzie, MI

Publications Committee: Responsible for all NLD publications. The committee also serves as a liaison to staff of the various AAJ publications, including *Trial* and the specialty Law Reporters. The committee is also responsible for developing the NLD quarterly newsletter, *The Sidebar*.

Chair: Melissa Hague, PA

Social Committee: Responsible for the funding, planning, and organization of the NLD parties at both the Winter and Annual Conventions.

Chair: Alexa D'Amato Barrera, NJ

Special Projects Committee: Responds to requests for help from AAJ leadership.

Cochairs: Will Nefzger, KY; Tad Thomas, KY

Sponsorship Committee: Responsible for funding of the NLD parties at both the Winter and Annual Conventions.

Chair: Christopher T. Nace, DC

State Board of Governors Committee: Responsible for recruiting NLD Governors from each state. Major activities include: recruitment, retention, various fundraising activities, document drive, and membership efforts.

Chair: M. Brandon Smith, GA

Web Site Committee: Charged with the continued development of the NLD portion of Justice.org.

Chair: Ed E. Wallis III, TN

NLD Events, including Convention

The New Lawyers Division offers a year-round calendar of events, located throughout the country. Regular events include:

- Business meetings
- Membership drives
- PAC phonathons
- Social events
- Networking happy hours

AAJ's Annual and Winter Conventions provide special opportunities to connect with your NLD colleagues. Events scheduled throughout Convention week mean you will have a ready group of colleagues for networking and enjoying the host city. Convention activities include:

- Public service project
- Welcome reception
- Numerous networking receptions
- NLD Party, with an honored reputation for being the "best party" at Convention
- Business meetings
- Annual awards reception (Annual Convention)



NLD Awards

The New Lawyers Division honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the NLD, the trial bar, and consumers. These awards are presented at AAJ's Annual Convention.

2011 F. Scott Baldwin Award Recipient

Shawn Joseph McCann
Los Angeles, CA



Shawn J. McCann specializes in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, professional malpractice, product liability, and environmental contamination. He is dedicated to improving the ethical and professional standards of the practice of law so that litigants may receive effective representation and

the public may benefit from the efficient administration of justice. Due to seven-figure settlements and the acumen he has demonstrated in trial, Mr. McCann has been identified repeatedly as a Rising Star in the legal community.

SETTLEMENTS & VERDICTS:

Bayly v. Fellows

Settlement, \$1,060,000 – Wrongful Death arising out of automobile collision

McAlpin v. Kawachi

Settlement, \$1,000,000 – Medical Malpractice/Wrongful death following surgery

Eaton v. Mahlmann Media

Settlement, \$1,000,000 – Personal injury arising out of single vehicle collision

Davila v. Stiles Animal Removal

Settlement, \$750,000 – Wrongful death arising out of traffic collision

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Settlement, \$550,000 – Legal Malpractice arising out of contract negotiation

Boor v. Varela

Settlement, \$500,000 – Wrongful Death arising out of traffic collision

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Settlement, \$7,500,000- Bad Faith Case

Codina v. O.S.T. Inc.

Settlement, \$1,000,000–Personal injury arising out of tractor-trailer collision

Jordan v. Pomeroy Corporation

Verdict, \$1,651,458 – Personal injury resulting from defective product

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Personal Injury
- Products Liability
- Environmental Contamination

LITIGATION PERCENTAGE

- 100% of Practice Devoted to Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 2003
- U.S. District Court Central District of California, 2003

EDUCATION

- Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California
J.D. 2003
Law Review: Entertainment Law Review, 2002–2003
- Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania
B.S. (Cum Laude) 2000
Major: Accounting

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Los Angeles Magazine: Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2005–2010
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles: Presidential Award, 2011–Present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Consumer Attorneys of California, Board of Governors, 2011–Present
- Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles, Board of Governors, 2008–2011
- LA County Bar Association, Judicial Election Evaluation Committee, 2010–Present
- American Association of Justice: Justice List Committee, 2010–2011
- American Association of Justice: Elections Committee, 2010–2011

2011 F. Scott Baldwin Award Recipient

Lyssa A. Roberts
Los Angeles, CA



Lyssa A. Roberts specializes in the areas of serious personal injury, wrongful death, product and premises liability, insurance bad faith, medical malpractice and toxic torts. She is strongly committed to protecting the rights and interests of consumers and individuals who have been injured through the negligent acts of others.

VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

In her second year of practice, Ms. Roberts served as co-chair in two civil trials that went to verdict. The first case involved a dangerous condition at a commercial property. Ms. Roberts and her co-counsel secured a verdict for the Plaintiff in the Van Nuys branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court. The second matter involved a claim of medical malpractice against a group of health care providers for failure to diagnose and treat the Plaintiff's broken wrist. At trial, there was a 12-0 determination of negligence though the jury was unable to agree on the issue of causation after deliberating for four days. Ms. Roberts obtained a post-trial settlement for the Plaintiff where before trial there had been no offer.

Ms. Roberts has also been instrumental in the settlement of a number of civil cases involving wrongful death, severe personal injury, premises liability, medical malpractice and insurance bad faith.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Serious Personal Injury
- Wrongful Death
- Product and Premises Liability
- Insurance Bad Faith
- Medical Malpractice
- Toxic Torts

EDUCATION

- University of Southern California Law School, Los Angeles, California
J.D. 2004
Honors: Best Petitioner Brief Award for Moot Court Competition, 2004
- Columbia University
B.A. 1999
Honors: Academic All-Ivy Selection, 1999
Honors: Dean's List (Fall 1997-Spring 1999)
Major: Political Science

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- American Association of Justice
- Beverly Hills Bar Association
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- William J. Rea - ABOTA Inn of Court, 2006-2007

The F. Scott Baldwin Award was established to honor and recognize F. Scott Baldwin of Marshall, Texas, a world-renowned trial lawyer, whose efforts have produced outstanding damage awards for injured victims and their families. The F. Scott Baldwin Award is presented in recognition of the legendary degree of excellence and compassion that Scott Baldwin has brought to the profession and the significant time he has invested in training, preparing and encouraging lawyers to the profession of trial law.

Past recipients

1997	John B. "Jack" Baldwin and Robert Bonsignore
1998	Robert J. Fiore and Corrine C. Hodak
1999	Lance L. Stevens
2000	Joe B. Stephens and Mitchell Tyner, Sr.
2001	Robert E. Cartwright, Jr. and Christine Spagnoli
2002	Kenneth S. Spiegelman and Jay A. Urban
2003	Mark Tate
2004	Jeremy W. Alters
2005	Fred Schultz
2006	Jason T. Studinski
2007	Melissa R. Smith
2008	R. Deryl Edwards, Jr.
2009	Stephen G. Lowry
2010	James W. Ledlie

The 2011 Tonahill Award Recipient

Anthony Tarricone



Anthony Tarricone has over 25 years' experience representing families who have suffered the emotional and financial devastation that results from the unexpected death or injury of a spouse, child, parent or loved one. He has a proven record of success litigating wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases

involving aircraft accidents and disasters; defective products; medical negligence; and other complex cases. Before joining Kreindler & Kreindler LLP, Mr. Tarricone was a founding partner of Sarrouf, Tarricone Flemming, where he headed the firm's aviation practice, handling a broad spectrum of cases from air carrier disasters to general aviation accidents in claims against air carriers; manufacturers of aircraft and components; the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); aircraft repair stations; and operators of charter and rental aircraft.

Mr. Tarricone has long been a vocal advocate for individuals who have suffered harm by the negligence and wrongful conduct of corporate and governmental interests. Through his extensive work in state and national trial lawyer organizations, Mr. Tarricone has fought to ensure that individuals have meaningful legal remedies and access to justice in state and federal courts throughout the nation. He is a Past President of AAJ and has served for many years as a member of the Board of Governors and Executive Committee. He has also served as President of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, where he continues to serve as a Governor and member of the Executive Committee. Mr. Tarricone is also a member of the National Transportation Safety Board Bar Association and the Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association. He is a frequent lecturer and writer for Bar Associations and Professional Associations. He has been selected for listing in the Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers publications, and he holds the highest rating established by Martindale-Hubbell, which is given to lawyers and law firms considered by the legal community to have Very High to Preeminent Legal Ability and who embrace Very High Professional Standards.

Mr. Tarricone attended Suffolk University Law School, where he served as Note Editor of the Law Review and graduated first in his class. After graduation, he served as Law Clerk to the Justices of the Superior Court before entering private practice.

The Joe Tonahill Award was established to honor the true spirit of Joe Tonahill, a highly dignified and ethical defender of the civil justice system; a peerless stalwart of the modern trial bar; an exemplary trial lawyer; a dedicated leader; a passionate motivator of lawyers new to the profession of trial law; and one who through his own selfless deeds and inspirations has created a legacy for generations to follow.

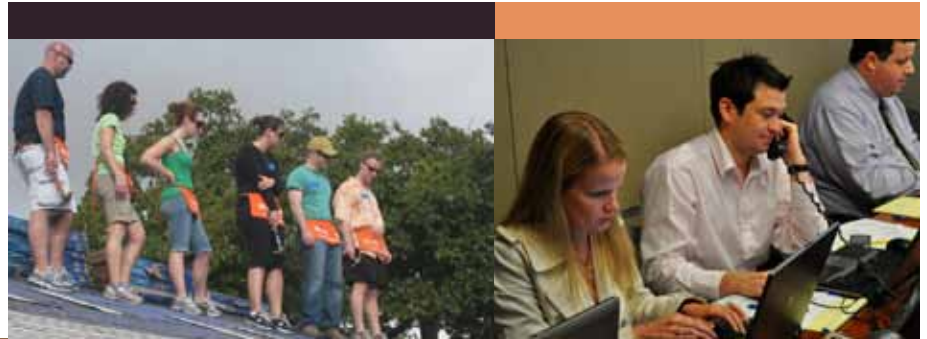
Past recipients

1994	Richard H. Middleton, Jr. and Larry S. Stewart
1995	Mary E. Alexander and Francis "Brother" Hare, Jr.
1996	Pamela A. Liapakas and Mark S. Mandell
1997	Russ M. Herman and Herman J. Russomano
1998	Roxanne B. Conlin and Michael Maher
1999	Jim Kitchens and Sheldon Miller
2000	David S. Casey, Vincent Glorioso, Jr., and Donald J. Nolan, III
2001	Charles A. Mathis, Jr. and Dianne Jay Weaver
2002	Tom Henretta, John F. Romano, and Todd A. Smith
2003	Thomas Vesper
2004	Robert J. Cartwright, Jr.
2005	Robert J. Bonsignore
2006	Kathleen Flynn Peterson
2007	C. Gibson Vance
2008	Julie Braman Kane
2009	Kirk Wagar
2010	Elise R. Sanguinetti

For nomination information, visit the New Lawyers Division Web page, www.justice.org/NLD.

NLD Events

NLD Members participated in several Phonathons throughout the year, as well as Public Service events at Winter and Annual Conventions.



NLD Leadership

These dedicated stewards of the New Lawyers Division serve one terms, providing esteemed guidance over NLD responsibilities. Throughout their tenure, their commitment and dedication to the NLD's spirit of serving others was evident through their countless hours of self-less service.

2010-2011
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Division
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Brian Galligan

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Galligan & Reid, P.C.
Des Moines, IA



Jackie Olinger

Chair-Elect

Maune Raichle Hartley
French & Mudd, LLC
St. Louis, MO



Christopher T. Nace

Treasurer

Paulson & Nace
Washington, DC



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Jessica Klarer Pride
Secretary
Casey Gerry Schenk Francavilla
Blatt & Penfield, LLP
San Diego, CA



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Donna, M. MacKenzie
Representative to AAJ
Board of Governors
Olsman Mueller & James, P.C.
Berkley, MI



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Alexa D'Amato Barrera
Representative to AAJ
Executive Committee,
and Immediate Past Chair
D'Amato Law Firm, PC
Egg Harbor Township, NJ



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Ed Wallis
Representative to AAJ
Board of Governors
Glassman Edwards Wade & Wyatt
Memphis, TN



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Mitchell D. Garrett, Jr.
Representative to AAJ
Board of Governors
Garrett Law Center, PLLC
Tulsa, OK



NLD Board of Governors

The New Lawyers Division Board of Governors is made up of the most active members of the NLD. AAJ calls on NLD Governors to participate in various events and activities in an effort to make the Association stronger and protect the civil justice system.

To learn about application requirements, visit the New Lawyers Division Web page, www.justice.org/NLD.

For contact information, visit the New Lawyers Division Web page, www.justice.org/NLD or the AAJ Member Directory at www.justice.org.

Alabama

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