



Top 5 Reasons to Join DRI's Young Lawyers Committee (YLC)



1 Business Development Opportunities

Lawyer-to-lawyer referrals is the best way to build a book of business. DRI's YLC allows members to do just that through its networking opportunities, ranging from virtual opportunities like its online discussion board called the Young Lawyers Community page to in-person opportunities like its annual Young Lawyers Seminar.

“We flocked together to our YL seminars, to Annual Meetings, and to our beloved fly-ins. We traded stories, called each other for advice, and referred business.”
– Margot Wilensky, Connell Foley LLP, New York, NY



2 Career Development Opportunities

DRI's YLC provides members with opportunities to grow their careers. The committee's renowned Fast Pitch program, where YLC members make 15-minute sales pitches and get valuable tips to improve their marketing skills from nationwide in-house counsel and claims managers, is just an example.

“The folks they meet will become valuable referral sources, as well as friends for their entire careers.”
– Matthew Cairns, Textron Inc., Providence, RI



3 Legal Research

DRI's members-only resources will help you with your next case, including LegalPoint, an online library of DRI articles, books, and materials; Courtroom Insight/DRI Expert Database, a new member benefit that contains information about over 460,000 expert witnesses; and other Expert Witness Resources.

“No matter the issue, chances are that there is an article about it contained in LegalPoint.”
– Baxter Drennon, Wright Lindsey & Jennings, LLP, Little Rock, AR



4 Continuing Education

Become the best lawyer you can with advice from respected legal authorities. Resources range from DRI's Associate Handbook, which helps young lawyers develop their management, leadership, marketing, and litigation skills, to DRI's *For The Defense*, the nation's only monthly legal magazine focused on civil defense practice.

“Those involved in the YLC will be able to develop leadership and management skills, engage and connect with a national network of attorneys who are—or will be—the tip of the spear in the substantive practices areas, and have opportunities to be involved in producing cutting-edge legal research.”
– Toyja Kelley, Saul, Ewing, Arnstein & Lehr, LLP, Baltimore, MD



5 Work-Life Balance Resources

Learn how to balance a fulfilling career and a happy personal life with support from your DRI peers. The DRI for Life Resource Center is just an example of where young lawyers can access expert advice on how to effectively manage their time and develop sustaining work habits.

“DRI Young Lawyers Committee and DRI for Life are Committed to helping each young lawyer build a strong future for themselves and deliver a favorable return on their law firm's investment in them.”
– John Parker Sweeney, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Washington, DC

These are just a few benefits of DRI's Young Lawyers Committee. For more information and to join DRI, visit dri.org.