WELCOME

By Audrey Lustgarten—alustgarten@fragomen.com

Welcome to the first YIN/Outreach Newsletter of the 2013-2014 term! We are reviving our newsletter and plan to publish newsletters on a quarterly basis. We hope that this will help to keep our members updated on the latest YIN/Outreach happenings, and inspire many of you to become more actively involved in these committees and the Section of International Law (SIL) in general. In light of this goal, our first newsletter focuses on the opportunities that SIL provides to its members by spotlighting the positive experience of a young leader, and highlighting the many publication opportunities available to young attorney members. But, this is just the beginning—there are so many ways to get involved. If this newsletter peaks your interest please consider joining us on one of our monthly YIN member calls, which are held the 2nd Friday of the month at 11 a.m. EST and are open to all members. We would love to hear from you!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JENNIFER DIAZ

By Fatima Nadine Khan—fatima.nadine@gmail.com

Jennifer Diaz is a shareholder at Becker & Poliakoff. She leads her firm’s Customs and International Trade department in the firm’s Miami office. Jennifer represents companies that need assistance in complying with U.S. federal regulatory law. Her work covers a broad range of clients from importers and exporters of commodities ranging from cosmetics to aircraft parts.

Jennifer joined Becker & Poliakoff as a clinical intern during law school. Her internship experience gave her the opportunity to enter the international department and learn about an area of law other than what she planned to pursue upon graduation. Jennifer speaks moderate Spanish and can read and write Hebrew.

She first became involved in YIN seven years ago upon the encouragement of Russell Dombrow, a former YIN Chair. Jennifer has found YIN and the ABA to be instrumental in her career: she has formed friendships and beneficial connections as well as been able to stay up-to-date on her practice through area committees. Through the ABA, Jennifer has also been able to gain insight and perspective by working with her competitors on ABA proposals relevant to her practice.

For YIN, Jennifer envisions an all-inclusive network - she is a strong advocate of intra-YIN mentorship and professional support, believing it is "the best starting point for any law student or young lawyer wishing to delve into an international law practice."
Committees provide numerous publishing opportunities for Section of International Law members.

SIL SPRING MEETING IN NEW YORK

By Audrey Lustgarten

The Section of International Law Spring meeting will be held April 1 through 5 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. YIN is very pleased to announce that four programs that we are sponsoring or co-sponsoring were accepted for the Spring meeting, including:

- Global Immigration Reform and The New Corporate Reality
- How Safe is Our Food Supply? Does FSMA and Current and Anticipated Food Safety Regulation Serve as Adequate Protection Against Domestic and Foreign Threats: A Primer for Lawyers Representing Food Companies

We will also be planning a YIN after hours event and a Young Lawyers Brunch. This will be a great meeting for young lawyers so please plan to attend!

SIL FALL MEETING

The Section of International Law fall meeting in London just wrapped up with a strong showing from YIN.

In addition to the programming, YIN hosted an after hours reception and collaborated with Association Internationale des Jeunes Advocats to host a well-attended Young Lawyers Brunch at Hotel Connaught. Stay tuned to YIN’s Facebook page for event photos coming soon (or if you have any photos from the event that you would like to share please send them to the YIN co-chairs for publication).

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

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Recently admitted lawyers looking for opportunities to be published should look toward the more than 60 committees of the Section of International Law. A committee’s newsletter and Year in Review publication frequently welcome contributions from new lawyers. William Mock, professor at The John Marshall Law School and the former Publications Officer for the Section of International Law, advises that a committee’s newsletter editor would be the best contact to find out whether an upcoming newsletter theme dovetails with a prospective author’s interests. Likewise, Year in Review editors are often receptive of article proposals relating to recent developments of interest to the committee.

Professor Mock also suggests volunteering to report on a committee meeting or conference panel, the proceedings of which may be published. The planning committee of the conference or meeting would be able to provide additional information.

The Section of International Law produces The International Lawyer, a quarterly journal, and also considers book proposals from members. These paths to publication are more difficult than those presented by the committees, although not impossible.

Committee membership is free to members of the Section of International Law. Joining a committee is as easy as signing up on the ABA website, which has detailed information about the committees available here: www.americanbar.org/groups/international_law/committees.html
PROGRAM PROPOSALS: TOP TIPS FOR GETTING PROGRAMS APPROVED

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The ABA Section of International Law has recently changed its procedure for future Fall and Spring meeting program selections. Under the new procedure, members must submit their proposals first to their committees. Each committee will then select the best programs and submit them to the Section’s Programs Committee, together with its ranking of the programs in the order of preference.

Young lawyers can enhance their resumes and increase their name recognition by hosting a program and being on a panel, but how to get your programs approved in the first place? Here are some practical tips.

Interviews of chairs and co-chairs of different committees who participated in the reviewing and selection of programs revealed the five most important considerations in the selection process: Topic, Title, Panel, Format, and Substance.

**Topic.** The proposed topic of discussion should be timely, current, and appealing to a diverse audience. On the other hand, topics that are overly narrow, controversial, or too often treated should be avoided. For instance, “Merger Control in the EU and US vs. China and Brazil: How Do the Newcomers Compare to Established Jurisdictions?” would be a more attractive topic than “M&A in Asia.”

**Title.** The proposed program should have a catchy title. First impression is everything. Many members make their decisions to attend a particular session based on a quick glance at program titles, so whether a program sells or not depends largely on how sexy its title is.

**Panel.** The lineup of panelists is arguably the most important component of a program. The best panels are those that include distinguished and diversified speakers. Panelists with differing viewpoints tend to make the dialog more interesting. An ideal panel should include both men and women, both seasoned and young lawyers, and practitioners from both the private and public sectors. Such a panel not only keeps the conversation stimulating, but also helps attract a broader range of audience. Further, it is essential to make sure that the panelists’ spoken English is understandable by all. It would be a huge disappointment to have the Chief Justice of the Chinese Supreme Court on your panel, but the audience is not able to understand him.

**Format.** Avoid plain, old presentations and come up with interactive formats that engage the audience. Creative formats, such as workshops, games, and role plays, help maintain the audience’s attention and make the session more memorable.

**Substance.** Although a hot topic and a sexy title may catch your selection committee’s attention, a program that lacks substance is deeply unsatisfying and unlikely to be selected. Successful programs should leave the attendees with the feeling that they have learned something.

In addition to these five points, also remember to communicate and request support from various committees. It is in the committees’ interest to submit the best proposals possible, so the committee chairs are generally willing to provide comments on your proposals and recommend speakers. Participating in the committee calls is an excellent way to receive feedback on your proposals and ensure that they meet the requirements. Moreover, try to rally up support from several different committees for your program if you can. Collaborative programs are often the most well-received programs.

The golden rule for proposing programs? Present the program in a way that you would like to see it yourself!

CALL FOR CONTENT

Do you want to get published but don’t know where to start? Do you have a helpful tip or interesting bit of information that you would like to share with your fellow YIN/Outreach members? Or do you have an upcoming event or program you want YIN/Outreach members to know about? If so here is your opportunity! YIN and Outreach are currently soliciting content for our next quarterly newsletter. If you have ideas, suggestions, or would like to submit a brief article please contact Audrey Lustgarten - alustgarten@fragomen.com.
UPDATING YOUR ABA PROFILE

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Take 10 minutes to update your ABA profile. Access the myABA Home page, then click on the links to the far left of the screen to update your contact information, profile settings for the Member Directory, committee memberships, and preferences for receiving e-mail & other ABA publications. The process is simple. Spending the time now to update this information could lead to awareness of upcoming ABA programs, client referrals, less time clearing your inbox of inapplicable e-mails, and more!

Have a look at the screen shot below to see just how easy it is to update your profile.

RONA R. MEARS STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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Are you a law student? If so please consider entering the ABA Section of International Law’s Rona R. Mears Student Writing Competition! Details are as follows:

Topic of Essay: Edward Joseph Snowden. Present legal arguments on why Mr. Snowden is guilty or alternatively not guilty of violating U.S., foreign or international laws. Present legal arguments on why the U.S. government has violated or alternatively has not violated U.S, foreign or international law through its actions disclosed by Mr. Snowden.

The winning submissions will be published by the section and will receive:

Best Written Submission: $1,000 cash prize, or iPad and accessories up to $1,000

Best Video Submission: $1,000 cash prize, or iPad and accessories up to $1,000

Both winners will receive free meeting registration to the Spring Meeting and $1,000 travel stipend. Taxes on cash awards are the responsibility of the winners.

Most Submissions: international law society or journal in the law school submitting the largest number of total submissions (with each written submission and each video submission counting as one) will receive $500.

Deadline to submit is December 31, 2013. For more information including competition guidelines visit the Section website at: ambar.org/writingcompetition