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The Young Lawyers' Section recently concluded an extremely successful year under the leadership of **Past-President George R. Parker**. Thanks go to George for his tremendous commitment to the Young Lawyers' Section during his term and for the guidance and wisdom that he has provided to me. At the Alabama State Bar's Annual Meeting in July, officers were elected for 2008-2009. They are:

President: James M. Terrell (Birmingham)
Vice President: Robert N. Bailey, II (Huntsville)
Secretary: Clay A. Lanham (Mobile)
Treasurer: Navan Ward, Jr. (Montgomery)

We have an exciting list of events planned for the upcoming year. We will host the bar admission ceremonies for new admittees in Montgomery in October and May, we will conduct our annual Iron Bowl CLE in Birmingham in November and we will return to Sandestin for our annual seminar in May. Stay tuned for more information on these events.

If you have been practicing law for more than five years but less than 15 years, please consider applying to be a member of the Alabama State Bar's Leadership Forum program. Many of our section's members have graduated from the four previous classes of the Leadership Forum, and the program has been a tremendous success. For more information or for an application, visit www.alabar.org/members/leadership-update.cfm. The application deadline is **October 1, 2008**.

Finally, we plan to continue our service projects this year. We will again be working with schools in our communities through our **Lawyer in Every Classroom** program and through our **Minority Pre-Law conferences**. I am pleased to report that our YLS received an Award of Achievement from the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers' Division for the work performed through our Minority Pre-Law conferences. This award was given to the state or local young lawyers' section who performed the best minority service project. We won first place in the mid-size bar category. Special thanks to **Navan Ward** and **J.R. Gaines** for their hard work in coordinating and planning these conferences. Without their leadership, our section could not have won.

With hurricane season approaching, we will also be prepared to assist victims of natural disasters should an unfortunate event strike our state. Through our **FEMA Assistance Program**, we provide *pro bono* legal services to Alabamians affected by these disasters. We will also be undertaking a new service project in conjunction with the **Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice**. More details regarding this exciting new project will be provided in the next issue of *The Alabama Lawyer*.

If you would like more information about any of these events or programs, or if you want to get more involved with your Young Lawyers' Section, please contact me. ▲▼▲