

alumni news

Yale Law School alumni have been gathering around the world. Here is a sampling of the get-togethers that have taken place over the past six months.

Yale Law School Alumni Association Honored for Excellence in Programming

YALE UNIVERSITY'S Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) recently awarded the Yale Law School Association (YLSA) with its 2011 Outstanding G&P School Award, part of its Board of Governors Excellence Awards. The award is given to the graduate and professional school alumni association that exhibits overall excellence in programming, including a successful mix of educational, cultural, athletic, social, and community service programming. The Law School shared this year's G&P award with the Yale School of Management alumni association.

John R. Firestone '85, president of the YLSA, accepted the award at the AYA Assembly in New Haven in November. YLSA was noted "for hosting events that have continually been successful and differ in disciplinary focus and geographic location."

"We are all thrilled and delighted that our alumni association has won this award," said **Toni Davis '92 LL.M.**, Associate Dean for Alumni and Public Affairs and Graduate Programs. "All of our alumni volunteers work very hard to make the YLSA events varied, interesting and extremely successful."

The YLSA has about fifteen active regional associations that plan and implement approximately forty events each year in a wide variety of locations around the country.



John Firestone '85 (center) accepts the AYA's award on behalf of Yale Law School's Alumni Association

Corporate Law Breakfast in New York City

On October 6, the YLS Center for the Study of Corporate Law hosted an alumni breakfast program in New York titled "*Business Roundtable v. SEC: The Future of Dodd-Frank and the Rulemaking Process?*" A panel made up of Randall D. Guynn, Head, Financial Institutions Group, Davis Polk & Wardwell; **William Eskridge '78**, John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence, Yale Law School; **Bruce Kraus '79**, Co-Chief Counsel, Division of Risk, Strategy, and Financial Innovation, SEC; **Jonathan Macey '82**, Sam Harris Professor of Corporate Law, Corporate Finance, and Securities Law, Yale Law School; and moderated by **Roberta Romano '80**, Sterling Professor of Law and Center Director, explored the seemingly far-reaching implications of the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit striking down the SEC's proxy access rulemaking in *Business Roundtable v. SEC*. The program ended with a lively Q & A period.



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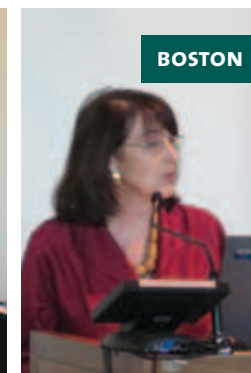
BOSTON



Fenway Family Fun in Boston

On July 27, more than 100 YLS alumni, Yale Club of Boston alumni, and their friends and families spent a wonderful day together at Fenway Park. The group first explored the ballpark and heard entertaining tales of Red Sox history as they watched batting practice from different vantage points, including from the Green Monster. The group then headed to the "Left Field Deck," where they enjoyed a rooftop dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs. During dinner, **Larry Lucchino '71**, President and CEO of the Boston Red Sox, came by to say hello to the group. He answered questions on all sorts of topics, including next year's centennial anniversary of Fenway Park and – to the delight of many – gave out fun Red Sox gifts to the kids. At 7:10 p.m., it was time to face off against the Kansas City Royals. On a picture-perfect summer evening, the group enjoyed watching the Red Sox win 12-5. There clearly was lots of hitting, including a grand slam by David Ortiz!

BOSTON



Art, Architecture, and Justice discussed in Boston

"Inventing Democratic Courts: Art, Architecture and Justice" was the title of an event held at the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston on June 2. The audience, including YLS Community members from across New England, was welcomed by U.S. District Court Judge **Nancy Gertner '71**. Professors Judith Resnik and **Dennis Curtis '66** (authors of *Representing Justice*) presented a slideshow of images of courthouses and representations of Lady Justice from around the world that was followed by comments by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, U.S. District Court Judge Douglas Woodlock, and courthouse architect Henry Cobb. The three worked together for four years to plan the building of the Moakley courthouse. During that time they discussed the concepts of justice, public access, the meaning of democracy, etc., and explored how those concepts should affect each detail of the final structure of the courthouse. Robert Campbell, architecture critic for *The Boston Globe*, also commented. Following a lively Q&A, attendees mingled in the lovely courthouse atrium.

Dean Post attends events in DC and Maryland

On July 11, nearly 200 YLS alumni, current students, admitted students, and their guests escaped the Washington, DC, summertime heat and humidity at a gathering at the YLSA of Washington, DC, Annual Dinner. The event was held at the National Press Club and began with a reception, which gave everyone a chance to visit with old friends and make new ones. At the beginning of the dinner Dean **Robert Post '77** told the attendees about new developments at the Law School, from new faculty hires to the impact of the work of various YLS clinics. Later in the evening YLSA President **Robin Meriweather '98** gave a wonderful introduction of the evening's guest of honor: **Gene Sperling '85**, Director of the National Economic Council and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy. Sperling then gave a fantastic talk, filled with both humor and insightful commentary on the debt ceiling debate.

On July 12 about thirty-five Yale Law School alumni, current students, admitted students, and their guests gathered at Nichols House, the Johns Hopkins University President's Residence on the picturesque Homewood Campus of the University. Johns Hopkins President **Ron Daniels '88 LL.M.** and his wife, Joanne Rosen, warmly welcomed everyone into their home. After President Daniels spoke about why his time at YLS was so special and formative, Dean Post detailed some of the exciting initiatives taking place at the Law School today. In addition to the informal remarks, there was plenty of time for socializing and enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres.



MID-ATLANTIC

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A YLS Night at *Anything Goes*

Two hundred alumni and guests attended the critically acclaimed Broadway revival of Cole Porter's musical *Anything Goes* on July 14. After the performance, there was a talk-back with **John Weidman '74** and **Robert Kimball '67**. Weidman is a celebrated playwright whose credits include *Pacific Overtures*, *Contact*, the current production of *Anything Goes* and the 1987 adaptation of the original book. Kimball is the artistic advisor to the Cole Porter Musical and Literary Property Trusts and the author of *Cole*, the definitive Cole Porter biography, and *The Complete Lyrics of Cole Porter*.

Brunch with Senator Arlen Specter in Philadelphia

On September 19, the Yale Law School Association of PenJerDel and their guests (from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware) mixed and mingled over brunch in a lovely garden at the home of hosts **Sarah Ricks '90** and **Tom Dolgenos '90**. **Arlen Specter '56**, Senator from Pennsylvania, 1981–2011, gave an extremely thoughtful talk on “Usurpation of Constitutional Authority” and responded to lively questions from the group. It was another wonderful annual Garden Party, the fourth in what has become a tradition for Law School alums in the area.



PHILADELPHIA

Annual Gathering on Martha's Vineyard

It was an incredibly blustery day on Martha's Vineyard on August 15, with winds and rain coming from every direction. But YLS alums and their guests were not deterred and gathered together at the home of **Margaret Marshall '76** and Anthony Lewis. Everyone had an absolutely splendid time catching up with each other overlooking the rain-drenched Vineyard greenery and a beautiful lake. By the end of the reception, the skies had cleared and everyone was grateful to the Marshall/Lewis family for their hospitality and looked forward to next year's Martha's Vineyard gathering.



MARTHA'S VINEYARD



LOS ANGELES

LA Plays Ball

On June 21, Yale Law School alumni and their families along with current students and admitted students, joined together to cheer on the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks after a private reception in the Staples Center. LA Spark's co-owner, **Carla Christofferson '92**, stopped by to say hello.

CHICAGO



YLS Community Meets, Mingles on the Chicago Waterfront

On a stunning July 6 summer evening, overlooking sailboats and skyscrapers on the shores of Lake Michigan, YLS area graduates, summer associates, admitted students, and Yale University graduates enjoyed a reception at the Chicago Yacht Club. Incoming YLS students conversed with current students to get the latest scoop on YLS and, at the same time, were able to talk with alumni from various class years. A highlight of the event was an informal discussion on healthcare reform by **Felicia Norwood '89**, who engaged the group with a talk about the status of the Obama reform, offering a terrific assessment of the bill, particularly in light of the status of care in various states.

ALSO SEEN AND HEARD... other YLS alumni events

Chicago On October 4 alumni and their guests attended a panel discussion entitled, “Sentencing Blagojevich,” just two days before former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich was scheduled to be sentenced. The panel included experienced federal sentencing experts Patrick Collins, Partner, Perkins Coie; Michael Monico, Partner, Monico & Spevack; **Alison Siegler '98**, Associate Clinical Professor and Director of the Federal Criminal Justice Clinic, University of Chicago Law School; and moderator **Candace Jackson '05**, Staff Attorney, Federal Defender Program. Perkins Coie's Chicago Office sponsored this MCLE event.

San Francisco On July 13, YLS alumni, summer associates, and admitted students attended a reception and presentation about the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project (SFALP), a partnership between Yale Law School and the San Francisco City Attorney's Office. The evening included remarks by: Dennis Herrera, San Francisco City Attorney; Heather Gerken, J. Skelly Wright Professor of Law, Yale Law School, and Faculty Advisor for SFALP; and **Jill Habig '09**, Clerk to 9th Circuit Judge Dorothy Nelson, 2009–2010 SFALP Fellow. The reception was held at the law firm Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco.

New Orleans YLS alumni, summer associates, admitted students, and their guests attended a Summer Happy Hour in New Orleans on July 21. Guests were greeted by organizers **Neerav Kingsland '07** and **David Olasky '07**. The Happy Hour took place in the Victorian Lounge of the Columns Hotel. Everyone had a great time and especially enjoyed meeting the current students and incoming members of the 1L class.

Connecticut Barbara and **John Streicker '67** hosted a YLS reception before a performance of a Westport Country Playhouse production of *Lips Together, Teeth Apart* on July 30. WCP Artistic Director Mark Lamos (Associate Artist at the Yale Repertory Theatre) and WCP Managing Director Michael Ross (former Adjunct Professor at Yale School of Drama) discussed the production process. The play was written by Terrence McNally, and directed by Mark Lamos.

A few months later, alumni, guests, current law students, and undergrads attended a discussion at the Law School with **Tim Bannon '76**, then Chief of Staff to Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy. Bannon's October 5 talk was titled “Resolved: Yale Can Prepare You For Anything.” The discussion ended with a lovely reception in the Law School's Alumni Reading Room.

HOUSTON



Yale Students, Alumni and Friends Break Bread in Texas

On June 21, more than thirty YLS alumni, current students, Yale College alums, and their guests met at Houston's Maggiano's Little Italy to kick off the summer. After socializing over a reception and dinner, **Janet Langford Kelly '83**, ConocoPhillips Senior Vice President Legal, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, gave a fantastic talk on the topic of “Our Love-Hate Relationship with Big Oil.” It was a terrific evening all around.

DC



Supreme Court Watchers in Washington, DC

On June 16, Yale Law School held its second annual Constitutional Law Breakfast in Washington, DC, generously hosted by the law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson. More than 100 DC area alumni registered to attend. The program, “June 2011—YLS Breakfast for Supreme Court Watchers,” was moderated by Yale Law School's Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence **Linda Greenhouse '78 MSJ**, who led a lively discussion of

some of the 2010–2011 term cases with her fellow panelists: **Martin S. Lederman '88**, Professor at Georgetown Law School; Andrew J. Pincus, Clinical Visiting Lecturer in Law at YLS, and Partner at Mayer Brown; and **Paul M. Smith '79**, Partner at Jenner & Block. YLS DC alums had plenty of time to mix and mingle over bagels and other breakfast goodies before and after the discussion. Our thanks to Fried, Frank for being such wonderful hosts in their new offices.