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## Platform

It is an honor to be nominated as President-Elect of the Utah Young Lawyers Division ("YLD") after serving as YLD Secretary this past year. As I discuss my candidacy with young lawyers, the most common questions are: "What does YLD do?" and "What can it do for me?" As President-Elect, a major goal will be to increase the number of young lawyers throughout the state who can easily and enthusiastically answer those questions.

As young lawyers, we experience many changes between law school graduation and age 36. Most young lawyers still ask themselves: (1) What type of practice is best for me? (2) How do I find a good job (or a better/different job) and build my career? and (3) How do I maintain balance in my life and keep my priorities in the right place? YLD is an organization that should lead the charge to help young lawyers find the answers to these questions.

Accordingly, among the projects I will pursue if elected include:

- Making the personal and professional development of young attorneys a key priority of YLD through relevant videos, online resources, CLE seminars and articles focused towards young lawyer needs and career development (not just seminars on specific legal topics).

- Developing a more formal mentoring program that will team young lawyers with seasoned attorneys who can provide practical advice and networking opportunities.
- Developing an online database of current job openings available to young lawyers.
- Increasing participation (without big time commitments) by all types of young lawyers, including those employed outside of Salt Lake, those who work for small firms, solo practitioners, and government lawyers. This effort includes improving communication through better use of the YLD website, e-mail, and conference calls.
- Continuing the development of quality service and social opportunities among YLD members throughout the state. Meeting young lawyers outside your typical professional circle, through service and social interaction, is one of the greatest benefits of YLD.

I have worked in private practice and as a government attorney. I have been employed in a large office with many resources and a small office with limited resources. This diverse employment experience, along with extensive YLD leadership experience and a clear vision for YLD's future, uniquely qualifies me to serve as YLD President-Elect. I would greatly appreciate your vote.

## Biography and experience

- Assistant City Attorney for the City of West Jordan
- Secretary - Utah Young Lawyers Division (2006-2007); Liaison for the YLD Governmental Relations and CLE committees
- Clerked for the Honorable Judge Joe J. Fisher - United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- Jefferson County (Texas) Young Lawyers Association - former Vice President and Director
- Named "Utah Legal Elite" by Utah Business Magazine in the area of Government Law - 2007
- Author, "Electronic Filing in Federal Court: Where are we now?" - Utah Bar Journal, January 2007