



YLD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2010

By: Holly Hance, GCBA Young Lawyers Division Representative
Royal Will Law Firm
hhance@royallaw.net

The YLD Leadership Academy is a leadership development program with the State Bar that brings young lawyers from across the state together with the leaders of various areas of the legal practice. The purpose of the program is to help young lawyers develop and refine their leadership skills and to foster a mentor relationship between the participants and the selected leaders. This year, I am a participant, and we will meet for six sessions prior to "graduation." The next session occurs in February and will be a visit to the State Capitol to observe the political process and to enjoy a luncheon with lawyers who serve in the legislature. Many of the lawyers who serve in the legislature have given up private practice to pursue public service. Lawyers who serve in the legislature are important because they provide a higher level of knowledge of the law in drafting new legislation and improving our State's existing legislation. Other sessions throughout the year for the Leadership Academy will include development of young lawyers' Pro Bono service and professionalism, and opportunities to travel to Mercer Law School, Savannah, and Amelia Island. Participants will be able to interact with sitting federal and state judges and prominent Bar leaders with visits to the Russell Federal Building and the State Judicial Building. Finally, all participants have the opportunity to earn 12 CLE credit hours for the year. If you would like more information on the YLD Leadership Academy, please contact me at hhance@royallaw.net.

