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## YLD: Where Everybody Knows Your Name

Let us raise our glasses and coffee mugs and cheers to building camaraderie, to fostering inclusiveness, and in continuing to grow and learn among friends and colleagues.

Most people know and love the TV sitcom Cheers, and its catchy theme song that sparks nostalgia, happiness and comfort. The soft, iconic piano introduction soon gives way to lyrics that tend to strike a chord at the end of the work day: "Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got..." The song soon crescendos into the chorus reminiscent of good times: "Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came." I recalled these lyrics

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back in June of this year, as I joined friends and colleagues in celebrating another year with the YLD and in welcoming our incoming officers and directors.

I am truly honored and grateful for this opportunity to serve the young lawyers of Hillsborough County, and I am happy to welcome back our returning board members: Nicole Gehringer, Lyndsey Siara, Hannah Becker, Alexis Deveaux, Harold Holder, David Kalteux, Christian Katchuk, Natasha Khoji, Amanda Keller, and Daniela Mendez. Our legacy and succession of leadership continues to usher in new members, and I am excited to also welcome Julia Ammerman, Alexa Cline, Blake Fromang, and Paige Tucker to the Board. Finally, we are proud to have Judges Samantha Ward and Elizabeth Rice serving as the YLD's judicial liaisons, and our ex-officio board members who are hard at work representing the 13th Judicial Circuit among the Florida Bar YLD's Board of Governors.

In the past Bar Year, the HCBA YLD accomplished many feats, thanks in large part to the tireless efforts and passion of our immediate past president, Lyndsey Siara. Lyndsey's dedication and contributions to the Young Lawyers Division are immeasurable, and we owe a huge amount of gratitude to her and to all of our outgoing committee members and chairs.

As we set goals for the new Bar Year, I am reminded of the Cheers theme and how we should always strive to make the YLD that welcoming place where everybody knows your name. Plans are already underway for our Fall and Spring events where members can forge a closer connection with the legal community, our local judiciary, and with each other. Committees are meeting in September, and we look forward to another successful Golf Tournament in October. Be on the lookout for Coffee for a Cause to return in November, for the YLD to defend its 1st place title at the Judicial Food Festival in 2024, and for more exciting events on the horizon!

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