

Panelist Biographies

Workshop 4A – Protect Your Future: How to Support Your Young Lawyers Division/Section

David A. Blaner is the executive director of the Allegheny County Bar Association and the Allegheny County Bar Foundation, in Pittsburgh, PA. He also serves as the chief executive officer of ACBA Services, Inc., the for-profit subsidiary of the bar association. He served as deputy executive director of the bar association and bar foundation from July 1991 to June of 2001. David previously worked as a city manager for three suburban municipalities in the Pittsburgh area prior to joining the bar association. Active in NABE, he is the past chair of its chief staff executive committee, administration & finance section, program committee and sponsorship committee. David currently serves as the president-elect of the Metropolitan Bar Caucus and treasurer of the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives.

Roxanna M. Chacon, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, is a 2001 graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law and a 1997 graduate of New Mexico State University. Chacon serves as a staff attorney for the Third Judicial District Court - State of New Mexico. Prior to this position, she practiced in the area of civil litigation for law firms in Las Cruces and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Chacon is a past chair of the New Mexico Young Lawyers Division and currently holds the position of director-at-large. She also serves as a vice-director for the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division's Affiliate Assistance Team. In 2003, Chacon was named the "Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year" by the State Bar of New Mexico.

Scott D. Laufenberg is an associate in the law firm of Kerrick, Stivers, Coyle & Van Zant, P.L.C. in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where his practice is concentrated in the areas of estate planning, business law, municipal law, and appellate practice. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and he received his juris doctor and master's degree in public administration from Drake University. He presently serves as vice chair of the Kentucky Bar Association Young Lawyers Section and Chair-elect of the Kentucky Bar Association Civil Litigation Section. He is currently editor-in-chief of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division publication *The Affiliate*, which publishes articles on topics of interest to leaders of young lawyer bar organizations, and has served on the staff of the publication for the past three years. He is a founding member and past president of the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section. He is also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Carole Martinez is director of development for the Orange County Bar Association ("OCBA"). She has worked at the OCBA for 14 years. Carole is responsible for overseeing and coordinating the philanthropic activities for the OCBA Charitable Fund, the association's philanthropic arm. In addition she coordinates the activities and supports the OCBA Young Lawyers Division ("YLD") as well as the association's law student members. Carole also acts as a consultant to the OCBA Client Services Department due to her experience in the area of client services and mandatory fee arbitration. She previously worked at the State Bar of California as program coordinator of the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program, and served as a volunteer for four years on the State Bar of California Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee. Since taking over the administration of the OCBA Young Lawyers Division shortly after its inception, Carole has implemented standing YLD committees and has helped develop relevant YLD programs and activities. Through these efforts, YLD's voluntary membership has steadily increased and, more importantly, many past YLD members continue to stay actively involved with the OCBA. Carole did her undergraduate studies in English literature at California State University Fullerton (CSUF), and is currently enrolled in CSUF's program for Financial Planning and Management for Nonprofit Organizations. She enjoys reading, music, cooking and traveling.