

What is the YLS?

An inclusive section of the bar, comprised of any MBA member in practice less than six years or under the age of 36. The YLS provides leadership, networking, professional development and service opportunities. And we have fun!

Aime Lee Ohlmann  
Receives 2024 YLS Rookie  
of the Year Award

by Allison Kamilos  
YLS Board

The MBA Young Lawyers Section is proud to recognize Aime Lee Ohlmann as a recipient of the YLS Rookie of the Year award for outstanding contributions during the 2023-24 committee year.

You may be tempted to infer from the award’s title as well as Aime’s bar number that she is new to the practice of law, but you would be wrong, as she has more than 10 years in the community under her belt - most of which relates to family law. She’s fiery and compassionate and is not afraid of hard work, as made clear by her dedicated journey to get to where she is today.

Aime started out as a receptionist at a family law firm in 2012. When that ended, she worked for a notable solo attorney as a legal assistant, which gave her insight into meticulous rule-following and litigation. Next, she worked with a collaborative law attorney for a year, where she had the opportunity to see two other methodologies to help clients from point A to point B via mediation and collaborative law. Her varied experiences allowed her to see different approaches to family law, and to take or leave different aspects of each approach. Throughout her work and willingness to take on different roles in different offices, Aime built a professional network before even setting foot on her law school campus - something most law students only dream of having in their back pocket upon graduation. Aime also had an unexpected surprise in 2014 when she became pregnant with twins and realized that, much as she loved being at home with them, she wanted to go to law school. With that in mind, she started at Portland State University in 2014 and while taking care of twins full-time, obtained her undergraduate degree. She then started at Lewis & Clark Law School, taking on Law Review and working as a Certified Law Student. It’s also worth mentioning she worked as a real estate agent and owned a property development company in addition to working, going to law school, acting as submissions editor on law review, and raising two twin boys.



Aime Lee Ohlmann

Aime has a pragmatic approach for her clients and her community and a no-bones-about-it attitude that seems to work well for her. She lives for complex cases tracing expenditures, or a fact pattern she has not come across before. While negotiation and settlement are often the best course of action, she also recognizes that certain power dynamics necessitate going to court, and is not timid when it comes to litigation. Having helped prepare complex litigation as a legal assistant, she is more confident than most attorneys of her vintage.

After just under two years as a barred attorney, she knows that her prior experience opened the door for her to more complicated cases, thereby allowing her to build her skillset and practice at an accelerated rate. Aime is quick to offer ideas and assistance in any setting - both with her clients, and in her involvement in the YLS. Aime is a dynamic presence at committee meetings and volunteers any time help is needed. She shows up with a positive attitude and collaborative spirit to each meeting and event she attends, which by all reports, is the way she moves through all aspects of her life.

Unsurprisingly, given her experience in the field, Aime recently announced her partnership with another attorney and will be delving into business ownership and management as her next foray. As with everything else, she looks at this opportunity as an exciting new challenge and chance to learn, and as stated initially, Aime is not afraid of a little hard work.

Alex Hutchinson Receives  
2024 YLS Award of Merit

by Nikki Abercrombie  
YLS Past President

The YLS Board is excited to present this year’s YLS Award of Merit to Alex Hutchinson, whose exemplary work spearheading and leading volunteer efforts for the Service to the Public (STP) Committee has made her a clear rising star within the YLS.

Alex grew up in Boise, Idaho and spent time in Colorado, Idaho, and Oregon before ultimately deciding to settle down in Portland. After earning her undergraduate degree from Portland State University, Alex spent a year working for AmeriCorps in Denver. But she missed Oregon and came back to attend law school at Willamette University, graduating in 2020.

Alex’s involvement with the YLS started when she was in law school. She attended many events, including the MBA Annual Dinner and found the MBA to be a valuable organization to network and meet people. Following law school, Alex attended various YLS events, and became involved as a committee member two years ago when she joined the STP Committee. In that role, she has made a tremendous impact in the MBA by spearheading the popular and successful Blanchet House Donation Drive. The

event involves a month-long drive to collect winter items for the houseless community (rain ponchos, hats, gloves, toiletry items, etc.), culminating in a “Winter Care Kit” making event where attendees assemble kits that the Blanchet House can pass out at meal services. The Blanchet House is a nonprofit social services organization located in Old Town Portland. It provides nutritious, hot meals three times a day, six days a week to anyone in need, no questions asked. The Blanchet House also has a clothing program to pass out clean clothing, hygiene items, and sleeping essentials, and a residential program for men struggling with addiction, unemployment, mental health, housing, or other challenges.

This year, Alex serves as the YLS STP Committee Chair. In that role, she has continued the Blanchet House Donation Drive and increased support for that organization. In addition to that event, however, the YLS STP puts on a variety of other events focused on helping the local community. The upcoming SOLVE Clean-Up at Laurelhurst Park on May 19 focuses on making one of Portland’s historic parks even more beautiful by



Alex Hutchinson

cleaning up litter. Alex said her favorite part of being chair is getting to watch the committee members’ creativity and passion and to foster their new ideas as they spearhead community service projects of their own. Alex has enjoyed her time on STP and in the YLS in general and hopes to continue to be a part of the MBA going forward.

Alex is an associate at Miller Nash LLP where she assists businesses in a wide range of corporate transactional matters, including sports, entertainment, and media, mergers and acquisitions, franchising, and securities. When she’s not working or volunteering in the community, Alex can be found hitting the slopes to ski most weekends in the winter or mountain biking and hiking in the summer. She is currently training for a half marathon in Grand Teton National Park later this year.

Molly Becker Receives  
2024 YLS Rookie of the  
Year Award

by Maxine Tuan  
YLS President

Molly is receiving the Rookie of the Year Award for her important contributions as a committee member on the YLS CLE Committee. Specifically, as one of the only probate attorneys on the CLE Committee, Molly was instrumental in formulating and planning the Estate Planning Spring 2024 CLE Series. For Molly, planning a CLE is all about making legal concepts digestible and interesting for attendees, and she enjoys thinking of new topics that address everyday questions attorneys encounter. For the future, Molly wants to plan an improv-related litigation CLE for attorneys. As a litigator and someone who has done improv, Molly appreciates the many overlapping skills litigators can learn from improv to better their trial skills and the many ways to better incorporate the improvisational and storytelling aspects of improv into a trial. It is through fun and innovative ideas like these that Molly has really shone on the CLE Committee.

Molly graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2021. During law school, Molly was awarded Best Oral Advocate and Best Trial Team. Molly was an Associate Editor for *Environmental Law*, worked at the Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office, the Portland City Attorneys’ Office, and the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic. Molly joined Buckley Law PC upon graduation and was elevated to Shareholder in December 2023. At Buckley Law, Molly practices litigation, including contested guardianship and conservatorship proceedings for minors and adults, and probate, trust, and elder abuse matters. Molly also specializes in representing clients involved with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) from the initial assessment phase through to the Founded review process.

Molly is able to provide a unique perspective when representing children, parents, and family members going through challenging circumstances. Her background,



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which includes working for Oregon DHS, Child Welfare for nearly seven years, laid the groundwork for her legal career. As a CPS caseworker, Molly investigated reports of child abuse and neglect, at the same time a young parent herself, which taught her to “make more time out of the same amount of time.” Although stressful, the work allowed her to protect vulnerable children in our local communities, while developing investigative and interpersonal skills she continues utilizing to this day.

Molly credits the time she worked at DHS to building up her resiliency. Now, as a busy attorney and mother of three, Molly continues to juggle it all brilliantly. As Molly states, “I want to work hard, and I want to give back.”