

**ELECTION BALLOT**  
**2010-2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**  
**LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS CITY – YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION**

Please vote for up to four (4) of the following candidates for the LAKC-YLS 2010-2011 Board of Directors by marking the box next to the candidate's name. Please return this ballot to LAKC via regular mail 844 S. 291 Highway #201, Liberty, Missouri, 64068 or email to [lowens@owens-lawfirm.com](mailto:lowens@owens-lawfirm.com). Mailed ballots (whether regular mail or email) must be received prior to 4:00 p.m. on June 3, 2010 to be counted. If you prefer to vote in person, you may do so at the LAKC-YLS Annual Meeting, which will be held on June 3, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Sol Cantina (408 E. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri). One ballot per YLS member.

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- Carly Duvall**: Carly is an associate in the insurance department at Lathrop & Gage LLP. Carly received her Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska in 2006 and her J.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where she graduated with the Order of the Barrister. While a student at Truman High School, Carly competed in the LAKC Mock Trial Competition for four years; she also won the LAKC scholarship as a high school senior. This year, Carly coached the Truman High School mock trial team in LAKC's Mock Trial Competition. In law school, Carly was a member of the Board of Advocates where she organized the 1L Moot Court competition. Carly also placed second at the national ABA Arbitration competition and was regional champion in the ABA Client Counseling competition. Carly is currently a member of the Young Professionals Alliance, which organizes fundraisers and volunteer opportunities at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Carly has also served on the Board of Directors for The Fabulous Event, which benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation, for two years.
  
- Jasmine Abou-Kassem**: Jasmine Abou-Kassem is a first year associate at Polsinelli Shughart, P.C., where she is a member of the Trial Department's Business Litigation practice group. Her practice focuses on representing plaintiffs and defendants in class actions and complex litigation, commercial litigation, banking litigation, business torts, contract disputes, director/officer and shareholder disputes, fiduciary litigation, tax litigation, intellectual property litigation, and investigatory matters. She is licensed to practice law in Kansas and Missouri.

After graduating from the UMKC Conservatory of Music in 2006 she transitioned career paths from a contemporary ballet dancer to the study of law at UMKC. After her first year, she clerked for Seigfreid Bingham Levy Selzer & Gee, P.C. As a second year student, she was an Academic Enrichment teaching assistant and tutored first year students in criminal law, contracts, and civil procedure. She also served as the Vice President of the UMKC International Law Society. During her third year, she oversaw six other second and third year teaching assistants with the founder of the UMKC Academic Enrichment program, Professor Dan Weddle. She was also the President of the International Law Society, where she used her fluency in Arabic and multi-cultural

exposure to bring different international speakers and programs to the UMKC School of Law student body. Jasmine is honored to have participated in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition, where her team placed 6th out of 75 teams in the Southwest Regional. A resident of KCMO for the past eight years, Jasmine periodically volunteers at the St. James soup kitchen. She looks forward to giving back to the community through her participation in community outreach programs. Jasmine hopes to contribute to the growth and strength of the legal community in Kansas City by serving as part of the LAKC - YLS Board.

- **Tamatane Aga:** Tama is an associate at Erickson, Kernell, Derusseau & Kleypas. His practice focuses on counseling clients on all aspects of intellectual property. He is a registered patent attorney licensed to practice in Missouri and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Prior to law school, Tama worked as a senior project engineer for ExxonMobil Corporation where he designed and managed the construction of oil and gas production facilities, field abandonment, and environmental abatement and remediation. In law school, he was a member of the Immigration Clinic where he counseled clients regarding asylum and removal proceedings and successfully argued before the Immigration Court in Arlington, Virginia.

Tama graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Kansas in 2003 and a J.D. from the George Washington University Law School in 2009.

- **Vedrana Balta:** Vedrana Balto is from Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina and came to the United States for the first time as a freshman in high school. She graduated with a business administration degree from the University of Kansas and received her law degree from the University of Kansas - School of Law. Ms. Balta joined Polsinelli Shughart, P.C. in November of 2009 where she practices general corporate law. Ms. Balta would like to be on the Board of the LAKC YLS, particularly because she truly enjoys organizing and participating in community service events.