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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Samantha Lillehoff

“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.

—Wayne Gretkzy”

—Michael Scott

It is wild to think that my office has been mostly remote for over a year now. While some of us may still be working in the office, I would think that all of the 1<sup>st</sup> JD bar members are likely experiencing a feeling of increased (social) distance between ourselves and our work community. The pandemic has significantly changed the physical ecosystem of our offices. I have found a stereotypically millennial way to regain some sense of connection to a pandemic-free group work space: watching *The Office* on repeat ad nauseum.

Much like the folks of the Scranton branch of Dunder Mifflin Paper Company, Inc., each of us contributes something unique that helps shape our work environment—if I may be permitted a cheesy pun, we all have a role to play. You may have worked with a serious, work-focused Oscar; a mean but loyal Angela; or a Kevin, of whom you wonder how such an incompetent person was ever hired but you are glad he was. Was there ever, lurking by the coffee maker, a Michael, an optimist who means well as often as he is inappropriately cringey? Maybe you have recognized in your colleagues a Pam, unsure of how to clearly assert herself but always willing to play along with office shenanigans; an easy-going and persistent Jim; a chatty and energetic Kelly; or a Stanley, with one foot out the door (except on Pretzel Day). Perhaps you have even had the singular experience of having in your workplace a Creed, an actual psychopath; a disconnected, puffed up Ryan; or a wild-card, off-the-wagon Meredith. Last but not least, what about a Dwight? If you have never worked with a Dwight, I am afraid that you might be the Dwight.

An office is comprised primarily of all of the people in it, as Michael tried to demonstrate in his Season 2 video presentation to corporate set touchingly, if a bit uncomfortably, to U2’s “With Or Without You.” No one person can take the place of another without changing the entire office dynamic, for better or worse. Hopefully, as we approach a new normal, each of us can find new ways to recognize and value the importance of our contributions as well as those of our colleagues, to utilize all of the resources available to us. Finding ways to stay connected, even if socially distanced for the foreseeable future, should fortify our sense of place and belonging.

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Tuesday March 9, 2021

First JD Members \$10  
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### The Mechanics of Powerful Delivery

*How lawyers and the judicial community can come across as more confident, engaging, and clear when communicating both in-person and in a virtual environment.*

Presented by Jay Pickard, Esq., of Pickard Law P.C.,  
and

Jeff Davenport, Executive Speaker Coach and Content Developer

### Virtual CLE Presented via Ring Central

Register at

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2021/3/9/the-mechanics-of-powerful-delivery-with-jay-pickard-esq-of-pickard-law-p-c-jeff-davenport-executive-speaker-coach-and-content-developer>

OR

[admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)

Information regarding attendance procedures will be  
provided after registration

CLE Credit Requested

## Would you like to serve on the 1st JD Bar Association Board of Directors

We are looking for interested people to get more involved in the organization! Being involved in the bar association is a great way to meet other lawyers, expand your practice and your mind, and serve your local community.

**Please consider that serving on the board involves a small but very important time commitment which includes a monthly virtual board meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30. A regular term on the board is two years.**

The nominating committee meets in April to consider appointments. If you are interested in a position, or would like to nominate someone, please send a **letter outlining your interest along with a resume** to: [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)

**Deadline April 1, 2020**

## 1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION GRANTS

The bar association is taking applications for non-profit grants. Applications are due February 28, 2021.

You may access the grant application on the website at [1stjd.org](http://1stjd.org) under Grant Application at the bottom of the page.

Note: If you have previously submitted a grant application, you need to provide only the current Annual Certificate of Good Standing and a summary of your request instead of the full form.

## MOCK TRIAL 2021

Thank you to the following people who made Mock Trial possible.

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Judge Laura Tighe  
Joe Walsh  
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## AWARDS BY POINTS

Best Attorney		
1	Meron Damtew LakewoodC	*P Atty *Close *Dx
2	Spencer Wilcox LakewoodB	*D Atty
3	Clara Anne Wind FaithChristian	
4	Emma Espino Pomona	*Cx
5	Rayna Hylden D'EvelynGreen	
6	Charlotte Combe LakewoodA	
7	Libby Cruser ChatfieldC	
8	Hayley Thomas DakotaRidge	
9	Mathias Bauer D'EvelynC	*Open
10	Lily Rudawsky LakewoodA	
11	Ella Walters LakewoodA	
12	Rachel Kidder FaithChristian	
13	Henry Falconetti LakewoodB	
14	Daniel Nakayama LakewoodB	
15	Cooper Kern ChatfieldB	

Best Prosecuting Atty		Best Defense Atty	
1	Meron Damtew LakewoodC	1	Spencer Wilcox LakewoodB
2	Clara Anne Wind FaithChristian	2	Clara Anne Wind FaithChristian
3	Mathias Bauer D'EvelynC	3	Emma Espino Pomona

Best Opener		Best Closer	
1	Mathias Bauer D'EvelynC	1	Meron Damtew LakewoodC
2	Clara Anne Wind FaithChristian	2	Spencer Wilcox LakewoodB
3	Bella Burgess LakewoodB	3	Clara Anne Wind FaithChristian

Best Direct Examiner		Best Cross Examiner	
1	Meron Damtew LakewoodC	1	Emma Espino Pomona
2	Spencer Wilcox LakewoodB	2	Julia Spehalski ChatfieldB
3	Rayna Hylden D'EvelynGreen	3	Landon Stucky FaithChristian

Best Witness		
1	Emma Espino Pomona	*Alex Sifuentes
2	Bella Burgess LakewoodB	*Avery Becker
3	Cyan Oakleaf Pomona	*Blake VanOwen
4	Libby Cruser ChatfieldC	*Jordan Markowitz
5	Melanie Mulcahy FaithChristian	
6	Angelina Reneau DakotaRidge	
7	Justin Keith ChatfieldA	*Kyle Kuzak
8	Milo Lamas LakewoodC	
9	Tony Adams D'EvelynC	
10	Jacob Durso LakewoodC	
11	Gavin Channell ChatfieldA	
12	Spencer Wilcox LakewoodB	
13	Daniel Nakayama LakewoodB	
14	Alex Holland D'EvelynC	
15	Rayna Hylden D'EvelynGreen	

Best Jordan Markowitz		Best Kyle Kuzak	
1	Libby Cruser ChatfieldC	1	Justin Keith ChatfieldA
2	Gavin Channell ChatfieldA	2	Milo Lamas LakewoodC
3	Daniel Nakayama LakewoodB	3	Tony Adams D'EvelynC

## AWARDS BY POINTS

Best Alex Sifuentes		Best Avery Becker	
1	Emma Espino Pomona		Bella Burgess LakewoodB
2	Spencer Wilcox LakewoodB		Melanie Mulcahy FaithChristian
3	Ella Thomas LakewoodC		Alex Holland D'EvelynC
Best Taylor Perkins		Best Blake VanOwen	
1	Forrest Williams D'EvelynBlack		Cyan Oakleaf Pomona
2	Ella Walters LakewoodA		Angelina Reneau DakotaRidge
3	Hayden Lee ChatfieldA		Jacob Durso LakewoodC
Professionalism			
1	LakewoodA	9.75	
2	ChatfieldA	9.46	
3	D'EvelynGreen	9.42	
4	DakotaRidge	9.38	
5	ChatfieldB	8.88	