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4th Annual YLS Texas Hold ‘Em Benefit Sets New Records

Record number of players at annual CBA Young Lawyers Section benefit nets more than \$23,000 for The Chicago Bar Foundation

Chicago, IL –

A new record of 145 players and a number of other poker fans turned out for the 4th Annual YLS Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament. Organized by the CBA Young Lawyers Section for the benefit of the CBF, the event once again was a big success and set new records for both the number of players in the tournament and the net proceeds raised.



Paul Ochmanek of Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC chaired the tournament, and Mike Gentithes of the Illinois Appellate Court won the grand prize of a trip to Las Vegas. The event was underwritten by Navigant Consulting and Clifford Law Offices and netted more than \$23,000. Other sponsors included Corporate Creations, Dennemeyer & Co. LLC, Levenfeld Pearlstein LLC, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Tribler Orpett & Meyer, P.C. and The Horton Group. Proceeds support the CBF and its work to improve access to justice for low-income and disadvantaged people in our community.

“The CBA Young Lawyers Section is a big supporter of the CBF throughout the year, and this event is a great way to appeal to the growing number of poker aficionados in our legal community while raising funds for a good cause,” said Bob Glaves, CBF Executive Director and a player in the tournament himself. “We applaud the dedicated YLS volunteers who came up with the idea for this event for their vision and for their hard work in turning that vision into a reality, and thank everyone who helped make this year’s event a record-breaking success.”

The Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF) mobilizes our legal community around a cause uniquely important to us as a profession: working to ensure that everyone in the Chicago metropolitan area has equal access to justice, particularly the low-income and disadvantaged people who are in most critical need of the protections of our legal system.

Through grants, advocacy and other programs, the CBF takes a system-wide approach to improving access to justice and focuses on objectives we can best achieve by coming together as a community. More specifically, the CBF:

- *Advances the work of our community’s pro bono and legal aid organizations;*
- *Enables dedicated lawyers to pursue careers in legal aid and helps pro bono attorneys most effectively supplement their efforts; and*
- *Makes the courts and legal system more user-friendly and accessible for all.*

As the charitable arm of The Chicago Bar Association, the CBF’s work is made possible by the generous contributions of thousands of dedicated lawyers and legal professionals, more than 150 law firms and corporations, and many other committed supporters. For more information about the CBF, please call Bob Glaves 312-554-1205 or email at bglaves@chicagobar.org.

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