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West Virginia Youth in Government

On the weekend of April 30, 2010 Martin & Seibert associate, Laurel K. Lackey, had the privilege of attending the 53rd annual West Virginia High School YMCA (“Hi-Y) Youth in Government Program. This program emphasizes civic leadership, the role and functions of state government in our lives, and citizenship. Specifically, Youth in Government (“YG”) propounds the idea that democracy must be learned *and practiced* by each generation [emphasis added].

Ms. Lackey, as an advisor and former participant of YG, helped students prepare for a mock trial before the Kanawha County Circuit Court and oral arguments on the floor of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. The students actively participate in each phase of trial, and one can see the progression and improvement of each participant as the weekend progresses. Ms. Lackey serves on the West Virginia Youth in Government Committee as well as the Ohio/West Virginia YMCA Board.