

# attorney spotlight

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## Interview with YLS Chair Karli Glascock Wilson

Karli Glascock Wilson has come a long way since her first job, answering phones at her father's boat dealership, to becoming a partner with one of the oldest law firms in Baton Rouge.

Wilson, a native of Walker, graduated from LSU with a B.A. in political science in 1995. During her time as an LSU undergrad, she was a member of Delta Zeta sorority. Wilson graduated from LSU law school in 1999. "I started with Kean Miller right after I graduated law school. I made partner in 2005," said Wilson.

Wilson has a varied litigation practice ranging from toxic tort to commercial and warranty re-habilitation cases. One thing that Wilson has learned about the law is "the best way to counter an attorney with a bad attitude is to maintain your composure, stay civil and do your job right. Never sink to his or her level."

"Jay Jalenak Jr. encouraged me to get involved in various BRBA activities. I always enjoyed the Youth Education Committee and the Holiday Star Committee, but I wanted to become more active in leadership. This is when I decided to run for the Young Lawyers Section chair," said Wilson. She was first elected to the YLS Council in 2005, and now serves as the 2008 YLS chair.

As the 2008 YLS chair, Wilson's first priority is "to continue the great projects like Belly Up with the Bar, Holiday Star and Cocktails with the Court, that have been



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so successful over the years. We are also hoping to adopt one new project this year and are currently considering several options," said Wilson.

In addition, Wilson has also been a member of the Youth Education and Belly Up with the Bar committees and served as a Mock Trial coach. She has been an attorney presenter for Lawyers in the Classroom and an adviser for Law Day. In addition, she served as chair of the Statewide Mock Trial Committee in 2004.

Wilson has a 5-year-old son, Tanner. "My dad was a Baton Rouge City Police officer when I was young. He owned several boat dealerships for 15 years but now he owns a local TV station in Hammond and produces his own show," said Wilson. "While I do not consider myself an outdoorsman, I have always enjoyed outdoor time with my

family, whether it's boating, fishing or an occasional duck or alligator hunt. Though I admit my favorite part of those activities is when we get home and my dad cooks up the catch of the day," said Wilson. "My mom used to own a women's boutique but now spends most of her time catering to Tanner," said Wilson.

Wilson enjoys running to '80s music. "I have a way to go before I can keep up with others. I am training to run a 5K now but in the longer range I would like to run in next year's 10K Crescent City Classic," said Wilson.

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