

# Stare Decisis

Following the Primerus Ideals

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## Introduction

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*Stare Decisis* is just one of the projects that the YLS undertakes each year. However, it is undoubtedly the largest undertaking of the YLS, as it requires constant effort throughout the year. Accordingly, on behalf of the YLS, I would like to thank Abbott Jones for her work in launching *Stare Decisis* and keeping it going for the last two years. Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Emily Campbell as the newest Chairperson of the YLS Newsletter Committee. As you will see, Emily has put a lot of time and effort into this edition of *Stare Decisis* YLS' own publication.

Finally, I would like to thank all of those who attended the 2013 YLS Bootcamp, which was held May 16-18 in Nashville, Tennessee. I firmly believe that everyone in attendance will agree that the time we spent receiving hands-on instruction and gaining practical experience in delivering opening and closing statements was beneficial to everyone involved. Furthermore, I would like to thank Ron Waicukauski, Bob Christensen and Marc Dedman, as well as their respective firms, for expending the time and resources necessary to ensure that the Young Lawyers of Primerus are receiving the training that they need in order to maintain the legacy of excellence that has become synonymous with Primerus.

Along those same lines, the YLS is already busy making plans for next year's Bootcamp. We hope that you will be able to join us. Stay tuned for details.

Richard M. Thayer  
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## Know Your Plaintiff: How Residency Status Can Affect Damages in Personal Injury Litigation

**James H. Whalen, Esq.**  
**Lipe Lyons Murphy Nahrstadt & Pontikis, Ltd.**



The 2012 Presidential campaign and Boston marathon bombings have pushed the national immigration discussion to the fore. By some estimates there are more than 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States today. Many of these individuals are a part of the work force, and some might use identities other than their own to obtain employment.

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## Words to the Wise

**Duncan Y. Manley, Esq.**  
**Christian & Small LLP**



This is the first of a series of interviews with successful senior lawyers at various Primerus member firms offering advice to young lawyers on how to succeed and thrive.

**What's the best advice you could offer associates as to how to work with partners in the firm?**

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## Submissions

### To Submit Articles and News

The Newsletter Committee encourages all YLS members to submit articles, news, and information of interest for subsequent issues. All submissions should be emailed in Word format to Emily Campbell at [ecampbell@dunlapcoddling.com](mailto:ecampbell@dunlapcoddling.com).

## Tips for Successful Networking

**Linda Hazelton, Marketing and Management**  
**Dunlap Coddling**



Networking-live and virtually-is essential to your professional success. People like to do business with people they know and like. Follow these common sense tips to maximize your results.

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## YLS Member Spotlight:

**Scott J. Robinson, Esq.**  
**Schneider, Smeltz, Ranney & LaFond P.L.L.**



Scott J. Robinson is an Associate with Schneider, Smeltz, Ranney & LaFond and his primary practice area is litigation. He has widespread knowledge of various types of litigation with strengths in Commercial, Labor and Employment, and Product Liability Litigation. Scott's practice also includes broad appellate experience.

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## Save the Dates

**October 24-27, 2013**  
Primerus Global Conference (Asheville, NC)

**October 27-30, 2013**  
Association of Corporate Counsel Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA)  
Primerus will be a corporate sponsor

**November 4-6, 2013**  
Professional Liability Underwriting Society International Conference (Orlando, FL)  
Primerus will be a corporate sponsor

**February 5-7, 2014**  
Young Lawyers Section Boot Camp (Location TBD)

