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RAISING THE BAR: FLORIDA'S LEGAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY Clean Up Planned For Downtown Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., *Feb. 19, 2010* – Local lawyers, law students, law firms, and judges together with their employees, families and friends will volunteer to improve the downtown landscape as part of a greater statewide effort to give back to the community. The statewide service day is known as "Raising the Bar" and is an annual effort by the legal community to participate in city service initiatives.

"Lawyers provide a great service to the community through the counsel and representation given to people on a wide variety of issues – we hope to expand that service with this exciting opportunity" said Michael Fox Orr, Chair of the Florida Bar's YLD Law Schools Committee.

WHEN:	10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Registration begins at 10 a.m.) Saturday, Feb. 27
WHERE:	Downtown Jacksonville 500 Block of West Ashley Street (Area includes the Clara White Mission and LaVilla Middle School)
WHO:	The City of Jacksonville, Clean it Up, Green it Up Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission The Florida Bar, Young Lawyers Division The Florida Bar, Law Student Division The Jacksonville Bar, Young Lawyers Section
	Florida Coastal School of Law Lexis Nexis Various: Local law firms, attorneys, associates, judges, friends and family

WHAT: Vivian Harrell, Director of Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission, has planned many community service events in Jacksonville and has been very impressed by the motivated and well-organized efforts of the legal community in Jacksonville. "We can already see that this event will be a tremendous success and Keep Jacksonville Beautiful would like to encourage other professional organizations and/or industries to follow the example set by Jacksonville's outstanding legal community."

For more information on the event or to register as a volunteer, please contact Joy Lemoine at <u>jdlemoine@mforrlaw.com</u> or 904-358-8300.



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