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The Legislative Liaison Subcommittee also provides monthly articles for *The Whisper* on the most relevant legislative initiatives across the land, with articles drafted by our own Young Lawyers. This outlet allows Young Lawyers to test their publication skills before other Young Lawyers with an article of very reasonable length. If you have a proposal for an article to go out in the coming months, please contact Vice Chair Joseph Ballard at jballard@lewisking.com.

Having not only achieved full, 50-state coverage but also having established a reliable, inaugural federal team, the Legislative Liaison Subcommittee is firing on all cylinders. This Subcommittee remains a great resource to DRI and a tremendous point of entry for Young Lawyers seeking to serve the professional community while gaining recognition and leadership opportunities. [Back...](#)

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