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### **Marietta attorneys selected for State Bar YLD Leadership Academy**

MARIETTA –Joseph B. Alonso of Brock, Clay, Calhoun & Rogers, P.C. and Molly Barrett of the Cobb County Solicitor’s office have been selected to participate in the 2008 YLD Leadership Academy of the State Bar of Georgia.

Sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar, the Leadership Academy is a program that meets once a month for six months with 59 young lawyers. Each month’s program will cover a different topic, and participants will receive continuing legal education credits for the sessions they attend. This year, the program received five times the number of applications over the previous year.

“The YLD Leadership Academy was founded when it was determined there was a need for a leadership development program in the YLD that would bring together young lawyers from across the state with leaders in various areas of legal practice,” said Sharri Edenfield of Statesboro, co-chair of the Leadership Academy Committee. “This program is unique because it focuses on training members to serve as leaders within the legal profession as well as within their local communities.”

Co-chair John Jackson of Atlanta added, “The purpose of the Leadership Academy is to educate young lawyers regarding salient issues facing our state and nation, to help them develop and refine their leadership skills and to foster a mentoring relationship between the participants and the selected leaders.”

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