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The YLD kicked off its 2019-20 programming on December 12 with a panel discussion at the Montage Beverly Hills titled “How to Handle High Profile Cases in the Courtroom and with the Press.” The star-studded panel included attorneys Robert Shapiro (Glaser Weil Fink Howard Avchen & Shapiro LLP), Shawn Holley (Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump & Aldisert LLP), and Kevin Boyle (Panish, Shea & Boyle LLP), longtime trial reporter Linda Deutsch (formerly of the Associated Press), and Hon. Deborah Brazil (Los Angeles Superior Court). The panel was moderated by Panish, Shea & Boyle attorney and YLD member Robert Glassman.

The attorneys in attendance were treated to a fascinating discussion about high profile cases like the O.J. Simpson murder trial, the Michael Jackson child molestation trial, the Christian Brando manslaughter trial, and civil suits stemming from the 2017 Las Vegas shooting at the Route 91 Harvest festival and the Boeing 737 MAX disasters, among other matters. With decades of experience handling such matters, the panelists shared their insights on how to garner—or avoid—publicity, how media coverage can inform settlement posture or trial strategy, and how the ubiquity and immediacy of news reporting online has changed attorneys’ approaches to high profile cases in recent years, among other topics.

Stay tuned for much more from the YLD in 2020. We are anticipating a number of exciting programs, including more panel discussions, brown bag lunches with judges, social events (including the annual judicial mixer), and a public service event. There are also opportunities for YLD members to contribute content to the ABTL Report and to assist with the ATBL’s judicial profiles podcast. Please contact Andrew Holmer (aholmer@crowell.com) or Jonathan Slowik (jpslowik@akingump.com) if you’d like to hear more about getting involved. We’re looking forward to a great 2020!

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