



Save the Date: 75th Anniversary Gala on October 3, 2025!

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### Renewing our Oath

One of the wonderful opportunities that I get to experience in my position with the Indiana Bar Foundation is to participate in the bar admission ceremony for new Indiana lawyers twice each year. This past week was another such occasion. These ceremonies give me a chance to reflect on the [Indiana Oath of Attorneys](#) that provides the common ideals of our profession. The principles in the Oath are at the heart of our legal system and are also a guiding light of the work of the Indiana Bar Foundation. Each of these principles serves to uphold the overarching goals of justice, fairness, and appreciation of the rule of law.

The Indiana Bar Foundation provides a unique opportunity to harness the collective power of individuals who are passionate about supporting and enhancing our system of justice and the rule of law, leveraging their collective expertise, resources, and influence to effect meaningful change. Through the Foundation's commitment to civics and civil legal assistance, the Foundation mobilizes individuals to work together towards common goals, making a collective impact that surpasses the efforts of any one individual. The Foundation plays a pivotal role in strengthening the rule of law and promoting a legal system that serves the needs of all members of the community.

If you think back to the day that you raised your right hand and recited the Indiana Oath of Attorneys, ask yourself what your vision was for how you would be able to use your unique skills to help your clients, your community, and your fellow Hoosiers. If you still feel that passion and drive, or are looking for an opportunity to renew it, please consider partnering with the Indiana Bar Foundation and the thousands of others who feel the same as you do. Together we can all come that much closer to living up to those lofty principles in our common Oath.

A great next step is to join us for the Foundation's Annual Meeting on June 21st. We look forward to sharing a report on the past year's events — and what may be coming soon in 2024-2025 as we approach our 75th Anniversary. I am confident that anyone interested in finding ways to put the principles in our Oath into action will find plenty of opportunities. We also look forward to expressing our gratitude to our long-standing volunteers and supporters who continue to make the Foundation's work possible.

What does all that have to do with our passion for those principles set forth in our Oath of Attorneys? I humbly would suggest *everything!*

As the next generation of attorneys enters the profession, it's up to all of us to pass on not only why the principles of our Oath are so important, but also demonstrate ways that our profession comes together to translate those ideals into action. I hope you will consider partnering with the Indiana Bar Foundation to ensure that our collective legacy and dedication to the principles in our Indiana Oath

## Civil Legal Assistance

### Indiana Legal Help Desk Open for Phone Calls

Hoosiers with questions about housing legal issues such as eviction can now talk to a legal navigator over the phone through the Foundation's Indiana Legal Help Desk by calling (386) 465-4911 on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 am-2 pm ET. Legal navigators help Hoosiers find free eviction clinics in their area, connect to attorneys who offer free services, and get information about the eviction process.

In addition to the phone lines, legal navigators are also available to answer questions through text or email and can chat with Hoosiers live Monday through Friday from 10 am-2 pm ET. The help desk can be found on the [Indiana Legal Help website](#). Look for the blue speech bubble on the bottom right of the screen and follow the instruction to "Click here to contact us." You can also text the help desk at (317) 548-0350 or call (386) 465-4911.

The Indiana Legal Help Desk is made possible through a partnership between the Foundation and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority.

## Civic Education



### Trinity School at Greenlawn Competes at Mock Trial Nationals

The Foundation congratulates Trinity School at Greenlawn, South Bend, on competing at the National High School Mock Trial Competition in Wilmington, Delaware this past weekend. The students represented Indiana well as they competed against teams from across the nation!

### Three Hoosier Classes Heading to We the People National Invitational

Three schools from Indiana will participate in the We the People National Invitational May 10-11:

- Fall Creek Junior High School, Fishers, teachers Patrick Bradshaw and Jennie Medeiros
- Fishers Junior High School, Fishers, teachers Tony Sturgeon and Heather Butz
- Woodside Middle School, Fort Wayne, teacher Andrew Haff

Congratulations to these schools, teachers, and students for their hard work and dedication in participating at this level of competition. We are excited to watch you represent the Hoosier state!



### We the People Summer Institute

There are still spots available for the 2024 We the People Summer Institute June 23-27 at Indiana University Bloomington. Indiana high school, middle school, and elementary teachers can join the Foundation to learn in-depth content and strategies for teaching government, history, or social studies classes.

The theme of this year's institute is the 60th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act. The scholar presentations will be Societal Confidence in Election Outcomes, the Origin of Civil Rights Legislation, and the Evolving Understanding of What Makes a Citizen. These topics will also aid We the People teachers in presenting the curriculum and preparing for the simulated congressional hearing authentic assessments, which will be focused on during the institute.

Visit the Foundation's [professional development page](#) for more information, and [register here](#).

## Giving & Recognition

### How can we help you attend the Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon?

Whether you are a longtime Keystone Society member, or new to the Foundation's mission and work, we would love to see you at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on June 21! You can join us for an informal meet-and-greet at the Indianapolis Marriott, Keystone at the Crossing, on Thursday, June 20 from 5:00-7:00 pm then attend the meeting the next day at 11:30 am.

If you need information or assistance with an overnight reservation, simply click below, or let us know you are nearby and can join us without any lodging needed. Save the date now and let us know by clicking one box below! We will follow up with you by email.

Yes, I would like to attend!

[Click here for hotel information](#)

[Click here for informal reception info](#)

## News Brief

### In Memoriam: Dr. John J. Patrick

The Foundation mourns the loss of [Dr. John Patrick](#) who passed away last month. Dr. Patrick was a stalwart of civic education in the Hoosier state, helping bring the We the People Summer Institute, our flagship professional development, to Indiana University where he was a professor. He was a preeminent civics scholar, helping to write and edit many books and articles still used by the We the People program today, including *American Governance* and *The Supreme Court of the United States: A Companion*. The world is better and more civically healthy because of Dr. Patrick.



### America's Field Trip Contest

In 2026, the United States will mark our Semiquincentennial: the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. America's Field Trip is a new contest that invites students across the country in grades 3-12 to be part of America's 250th anniversary by sharing their perspectives on what America means to them and earning the opportunity to participate in unforgettable field trip experiences at some of the nation's most iconic historic and cultural landmarks.

By May 15, students may submit artwork, videos, or essays in response to the contest's prompt: "What does America mean to you?" [Learn more here.](#)

### Indianapolis Legal Aid Society CLE Event

The Foundation is pleased to support the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society's 11th annual *Timeless Tips from the Bench & Bar* event on June 26. This highly anticipated gathering offers valuable insights and updates on key laws and changes, along with engaging discussions and guidance on court decorum, tips, refreshers on skills, all being led by premier members of the legal community. It's a unique opportunity to learn directly from experienced judges and gain practical wisdom for legal careers. [Learn more here.](#)

# Get to Know



We are proud of our team and want to introduce them to you! Please take a moment to get to know our Director of Civic Education Programs [Tim Kalgreen](#).

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