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We the People National Invitational Challenge

Best of luck to Fishers Junior High School who will participate in the We the People National Invitational Challenge this Saturday, May 2. All six units will testify and be evaluated by panels of judges from across the country via Zoom. Results will be announced on [Facebook](#) the evening of Monday, May 4.

2021 National Mock Trial Championship

The Foundation is excited to announce that it will host the [2021 National High School Mock Trial Championship](#) May 13-15 in Evansville, Indiana. Nearly 1,000 visitors will travel from across the United States, South Korea, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands for the championship. The 2020 tournament, previously scheduled for Evansville from May 7-9, was cancelled due to COVID-19.

We want to thank the sponsors, committee members, donors, and volunteers who have committed their time and resources for another year. This national event would not be possible without you!

Civic Education Task Force Meeting



The Foundation and Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, chair of Indiana's Civic Education Task Force, held the [first task force meeting](#) on April 17 via Zoom.

Members heard from national experts Ted McConnell from the CivXNow Coalition and Shawn Healy, chair of the Illinois Task Force on Civic Education. Indiana teachers Janet Chandler, Fishers, and Molly Bowman, Fort Wayne, gave local civic education perspectives at the meeting.

The task force will utilize the information gathered during these meetings to produce a report laying out specific, actionable recommendations to increase civic education

opportunities for all Hoosiers, which in turn will serve as a catalyst to increase Indiana's overall civic health.

COVID-19: How You Can Help

One of the results of the current COVID-19 crisis is that in order to help our economy weather the storm, interest rates have been reduced to near zero. Unfortunately, this dramatic rate reduction affects the revenue generated for one of our major funding sources for civil legal aid in Indiana, the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. We anticipate an annual loss of nearly 80% in IOLTA revenue if interest rates stay at their current levels. As the largest private funder of civil legal aid in Indiana, the Foundation provides critical help for Hoosiers to protect their livelihood, their health, and their families. To help us get through these unprecedented times, please consider [making a gift](#) to the Indiana Bar Foundation.

In addition, attorneys can answer the call to help now, from home or anywhere, by answering online civil legal questions from low-income Hoosiers at indiana.freelegalanswers.org. Over the last month, Indiana pro bono attorneys answered 82% of the 211 civil legal questions posted on the website. A donation of your time and knowledge would be so meaningful to Hoosiers that are facing some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

Thank you in advance for supporting us as we support our most vulnerable Hoosiers.

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