



INDIANA BAR FOUNDATION

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A message from Charles Dunlap, Indiana Bar Foundation President & CEO



On March 4, the Foundation signed the \$13.1 million contract with IHEDA, signaling the official agreement initiating our role in implementing the legal services portion of the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) federal program. With board and staff support, we are looking forward to expanding civil legal services, increasing access to legal information and resources, standardizing data location, and developing a marketing and outreach strategy. This will involve dozens of new legal aid attorneys and non-attorney legal navigators along with hundreds of housing information legal kiosks deployed around the state. I will

keep you posted as we implement this exciting new initiative.

Civic Education

Mock Trial State Finals

Congratulations to Indianapolis Heritage Christian High School for winning the 2022 Indiana Mock Trial State Finals. Heritage Christian will represent Indiana in the Mock Trial Nationals in May. The Indiana Bar Foundation (Foundation) thanks the students, their families, educators, school communities, and the volunteers making this year's competition a success.

Volunteer Opportunities Available for National High School Mock Trial Championship

Volunteer opportunities are available for the May 5-7 National High School Mock Trial Championship. The hybrid format allows individuals to participate in the comfort and convenience of your home or office as well as in the host city of Kalamazoo. Please consider volunteering to support students participating in the national mock trial competition. Additional information is available [here](#).

Six Indiana Schools Competing in We The People Nationals

Indiana will be well represented in the We the People National Finals. 2021 We the People Indiana Champion Fishers High School and Hamilton Southeastern High School are participating in the April 23-25 finals. 2021 Indiana Middle School We the People State Champion Fishers Junior High School, Fall Creek Junior High School, Hobart Middle School, Hobart Middle School, and Woodside Middle School will compete in the We the People National Invitational April 30 through May 1.

Civics Summit April 22

The Center for Civic Education will be hosting a Civics Summit on Friday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. ET. The event will kick off the We the People National Finals and will feature Center President Christopher R. Riano and special guests, who will discuss the present and future of civic education. Registration details are available [here](#). You can view the video

from last year's Civics Summit [here](#).

Reminder: April 12 is Coming Quickly! Register Now for the Spring Online Professional Development

The Indiana Bar Foundation will host its annual Spring Professional Development opportunity for Indiana educators in upper elementary, middle, and high school. The workshop will be held Tuesday, April 12, from 4-6:15 p.m. (ET). In this workshop, participants will take a deep dive into the First Amendment, specifically the freedom of the press and its role in American society. Hear from University of Cincinnati College of Law Constitutional Law Professor Chris Bryant on the First Amendment's freedom of press provision: What it is, why it's important, and Supreme Court interpretation of it. Next, hear from Andrea Neal, a teacher at St. Richard's Episcopal School in Indianapolis, on ways to integrate lessons to teach the First Amendment into your classroom. Register [here](#).

Reminder: Summer Institute is Set for June 26-30

The Annual We the People Summer Institute is June 26-30, covering topics related to teaching civics and We the People. Educators in elementary, middle, and high school will benefit from these informative and interactive sessions. Additional information will be shared through the Foundation's website, social media, and upcoming newsletters.

Civil Legal Assistance

Foundation Looking for Civil Legal Kiosk Host Sites

Courts and community-based organizations interested in hosting a legal help housing kiosk can express interest via the [Indiana Legal Help website](#), or directly through this [link](#). Each legal kiosk will include a computer with access to a website providing information and resources on housing stability and a printer. Eligible Individuals will be able to look up housing-related legal information, connect virtually (by phone or online) with a live or virtual legal navigator for individualized referrals and guidance on legal processes, and complete and print out self-help legal forms, if a self-represented litigant.

Staff Presenting at State Judicial College

Foundation President and CEO Charles Dunlap and Senior Counsel, Civil Legal Assistance Programs, Marilyn Smith, will be among state and national presenters at the April 26 Spring Judicial College. Charles and Marilyn will be speaking on State Level Partnerships and Resources. The Judicial College theme is "Help with Housing Opportunities: Challenges and Resources in Eviction Cases."

Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarships Offer Variety of Opportunities

Phelps and Fara Scholarship – The Phelps & Scholarship assists a law student enrolled at the IU McKinney School of Law with an interest in family law. Gale Phelps and Thomas Fara joined their practices after many years of successful solo practices where they formerly represented opposing clients. Both were active members in the family law section of the ISBA, demonstrating their commitment to the professionalism of family law by helping other attorneys and leading CLEs on various family law topics. Apply [here](#).

Hon. Cale J. Holder Scholarship – The Hon. Cale J. Holder Scholarship was established in 1984 in memory of Judge Holder and is awarded annually based on dedication to the administration of law, financial need, desire to be a practicing trial lawyer, capacity for leadership, academic achievement, and military service record if any. Apply [here](#).

Helling Scholarship – The Helling Scholarship was created to provide scholarships to young attorneys in Indiana in order to give them the opportunity to participate in the Indiana State Bar Association's annual meeting each year. As part of the award, and depending on the particular winner, the scholarship award is designed to cover the expenses of sending a lawyer and his or her family to the ISBA Annual Meeting, including such expenses as registration fees, lodging, meals and travel expenses. The Joseph T. Helling Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Nancy J. Gargula, Cynthia L. Chandler, and Douglas J. Helling in honor of their father, Joseph T. Helling, who practiced law in South Bend for more than 40 years. Apply [here](#).

Development, Marketing, and Communications

Evansville Celebrating Law Day April 22

The Indiana Bar Foundation is a Silver Sponsor of the Evansville Bar Association's Law Day Event on Friday, April 22. Law Day is an annual event emphasizing the role of law in society and cultivating a better understanding of the legal profession. Chuck Dunlap and Foundation Board Chair, Scott Barnhart will be representing the Foundation.

Support the Foundation on Social Media

As part of the Foundation's brand refresh initiative, your help in liking our Facebook and Twitter posts, retweeting posts, and encouraging colleagues, friends, and family to support our social media is appreciated.

News Briefs

Indiana Civic Health Index Continues to Garner Statewide Attention

Chuck Dunlap and Ellen Szarleta, Director, Center for Urban and Regional Excellence and Professor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University Northwest, were guests on the WNIT-TV "Politically Speaking" program discussing the 2021 Indiana Civic Health Index. Watch the interview [here](#).

Foundation Represented at American Bar Association Panel Discussion

Foundation Board Member Scott Wylie joined colleagues from Virginia and Florida in a panel discussion on ABA Free Legal Answers, sponsored by the ABA Center for Pro Bono in Chicago. The session on "Re-engaging Volunteers" who are registered with the online pro bono system focused on recent survey data gathered by the Florida program. Wylie discussed the importance of providing timely information to volunteer attorneys within an ever-changing environment and his decades of service as a volunteer. A link to Indiana's version of the site can be found [here](#).

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