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Educating tomorrow's leaders, expanding civil justice, and aiding the profession.



Seeking High School Mock Trial Volunteers in February

You can help students build skills for successful futures no matter their profession of choice.

"One young woman competed for four years. The team won the state competition and went to nationals in Orlando. She went on to Rice University and majored in the biomedical field. That major has oral finals. She told her dad that after mock trial, 'this is easy' about her oral finals."

*Hon. Robert Miller, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
former Indiana High School Mock Trial coach and parent*

The regional competitions in South Bend (February 13), Indianapolis (February 20), and Hammond (February 20) need about 100 volunteer attorneys and judges to evaluate students in the trials. A three-hour volunteer commitment is all that is required to help these students succeed. Invite a friend to volunteer with you. [Sign up to volunteer here.](#)

Last year, 430 youth and 200 volunteers participated in Indiana. You can help *educate tomorrow's leaders* by [volunteering to judge](#) one or more of the teams at one of the regional events. The state competition is March 5-6 in Indianapolis. You may sign up at the same page to volunteer for the state finals. Questions may be directed to staff attorney Marilyn Smith at msmith@inbf.org or (317) 269-7863.

Follow the Foundation on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), or [LinkedIn](#) to follow the competition, too.

Indiana's *We the People* Team Prepares for Nationals

Fishers High School will return to the *We the People* national finals for the second time in three years after winning the Indiana State Finals in December. The 26-member team, taught by Liz Paternoster, is trying to raise \$40,000 for their trip. You can [donate to help the team](#) make their trip. See photos from the State Finals [here](#).

One former student told us, "Every time I go back to D.C., I still have the same feeling that I had more than 10 years ago as a *We the People* student."

"More than 200,000 Indiana students have learned their responsibilities as citizens through this educational model since 1987," said Charles R. Dunlap, Executive Director. Many cite it as a life-changing event.

Evansville Mixer, *We the People* Demonstration on February 29

The Unit 6 team from Evansville North High School will give a 20-minute demonstration of their testimony and respond to judges questions on February 29. Join Christopher Ripley, Fellow, and the Indiana Bar Foundation staff to listen to these students, and learn how the Foundation is expanding We the People's reach in Indiana. The program is from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the [Evansville Bar Association's \(EBA\) offices](#). Please RSVP to Kayla DeVoy at (317) 608-6502 or kdevoy@inbf.org. Our thanks to Susan Vollmer and the EBA for offering their office for this event. This event is open to all attorneys, judges, or interested persons in the Greater Evansville community who would like to learn more about the Foundation's mission and *We the People*.

Want a New Method to Give Pro Bono Advice?

[Indiana Legal Answers](#) was designed to help thousands of low-income Indiana residents each year get answers to their civil legal questions. Attorneys can do this pro bono work anytime from anywhere and report this work under the Supreme Court's new pro bono reporting rule - part of the Indiana Bar Foundation's goal of *expanding civil justice*.

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