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You can now receive **one hour of free CLE** when you volunteer for Indiana's High School Mock Trial program. Once you [register to judge](#) at least one round of competition, you will receive a link to the Mock Trial Judges' Training. Our thanks to ICLEF for helping the mission and facilitating this CLE. Thanks also to **Mike Lewinski**, IceMiller LLP, for conducting the training.

**2017 Sponsorship Opportunities****High School Mock Trial Student Overcomes Anxiety**

"We have several first-time mock trial students this year, and one asked me at practice this afternoon if I remembered her stressing about terminology when we first got the case. **Well, now she says she has learned so much that she no longer has that anxiety.** I hear this all of the time - everyone involved in mock trial learns so much, not just legal terms, but also critical thinking, public speaking, time management, bonding as a team, and so much more. Regardless of how well our teams do, I am incredibly thankful for the learning our students achieve. **Thank you for sponsoring this program.** "

*Dianna Christopher, Faculty Sponsor  
Clay High School, South Bend*

**Mock Trial Volunteers Needed in February!**

Can you spare a few hours on a Saturday to help students thrive? Without our volunteers, these students cannot succeed. You can make a difference in the lives of these students with just a little time. South Bend has the most participating teams with a [large need for judges](#), and volunteers are needed for the final round (4-7 pm) at all locations. In all, 52 teams are participating in the regional competitions!

[Sign up for a competition](#) in Hammond, Indianapolis, or South Bend and help these students not just face their fears but overcome them. You will feel great after you see their commitment and how they present themselves.

**Three Teams in We the People Nationals; Mock Trial Winner Will Compete at Nationals in May**

The Indiana Bar has always been generous with students who are learning about the judicial process or the Constitution.



Show your support for any of the Foundation's programs to the participants, their parents, family, and teachers. You will also be seen before the school administrators, judges and attorneys who attend and volunteer. To learn more, contact the [development department](#) at (317) 269-7864.

### Former AG Zoeller Donates Campaign Funds to Foundation

The Foundation received a \$10,155.19 donation from the remaining campaign funds of outgoing Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller. The donation will be used to support the Foundation's civic education and civil justice mission. [Read more here.](#)

### Create Your Future for the Law Profession

[Designate a portion](#) of your estate, life insurance, or retirement to the Indiana Bar Foundation. The future depends upon the partnerships we form today. A deferred donation might be just the way to achieve your goals.

You give time, expertise, and financial support to ensure these students thrive.

Three teams will represent Indiana at the *We the People* national competitions this year, and one Indiana High School Mock Trial team will go to their nationals. Indiana teams always make us proud on the national stage because they show the bright young people who study here and are passionate about civics.

**Cathedral High School and Plainfield High School** will both represent Indiana at the High School National Finals for *We the People: the Citizen & the Constitution*. The Foundation is trying to raise \$20,000 to help those teams attend this national competition. If you are proud of how passionate these students are, consider [making a donation](#) to help them succeed. Their first deposit for travel expenses is due in February.

The winning team from Indiana's mock trial competition will also receive [financial support](#) to help them attend the national finals in May.

**Fishers Junior High School** will attend the national invitational for middle schools. You can donate directly to the team [here](#).

Donations to the Foundation are not only tax-deductible, you may report them as a donation on your attorney registration renewal.

### \$10,000 Scholarship Winners to Visit D.C.

Rushi Patel, Avon, and Jake Ingoglia, Munster, will each receive a \$10,000 college scholarship and spend a week in Washington, D.C. this March meeting leaders in all three branches of government. [Learn more](#) about these outstanding young men and this opportunity funded by the Hearst Foundation. The Indiana Bar Foundation is proud to administer this program. You will be awe-struck by these students.

### Richard M. Givan LRAP Grants \$8,000

Thanks to generous supporters, this endowment has produced \$8,000-\$15,000 annually to help legal aid or other nonprofit attorneys in public service positions help Hoosiers in need of free legal assistance. This year, there were only two awardees, but their average college debt totaled \$289,014!

Would you like to preserve your values for the future of the legal profession? Consider starting an endowment with the Indiana Bar Foundation. It's easier than you think. Contact [Chuck Dunlap](#), J.D., or [Theresa Browning](#), CFRE, for details and a confidential conversation. [Here's a link](#) to the endowments that the Foundation currently administers.

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