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2016 Legendary Lawyer

Watch for news on the 2016 Legendary Lawyer, selected by the Fellows of the Indiana Bar Foundation. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, [find the criteria here](#).

Foundation to Manage New Coalition for Court Access

New leadership and board members, including two teachers for the first time, have been selected by the Foundation's board of directors. Read the full news release [here](#).

ISBA Annual Meeting Scholarship Available

Do you know an attorney practicing five years or less who would like a scholarship to the ISBA annual meeting on September 28-30, 2016? Check out the [Joseph T. Helling Scholarship](#). Deadline is August 1.

Recognize Lawyers' Good Deeds

We know you don't provide pro bono advice and assistance for recognition. However, did you know that your service gives others hope? That's important in a world where hopelessness can pervade so many lives of those down on their luck. Nominate a colleague, bar association, or firm for the [Pro Bono Publico or the Randall T. Shepard Award](#).

Attorney Registration Renewal

If you donated to the Indiana Bar Foundation in 2015, you may report those donations when you complete your Indiana attorney registration this year. The Foundation is mailing letters to its 2015 donors with the amount donated to help you record that figure, if you choose to do so. This will give the Indiana Supreme Court a baseline figure of the total donations and hours of pro bono service underway in Indiana. You may find [FAQ for Rule 6.7 here](#) for your reference.

You may also make a [donation of any amount](#) today to use in your 2017 report and help Hoosiers in need of civil legal aid.

Growing Civic Education to Benefit More Hoosier Students

The Foundation will become the managing body for the Indiana Supreme Court's new [Coalition for Court Access](#). The Honorable Steven David will be the first chair of the Coalition.

Kenneth J. Allen, Valparaiso, Becomes Foundation President

Please thank Ken when you see him for [assuming presidency one month earlier](#) than normal to replace Geoffrey G. Slaughter, who became Indiana's newest Supreme Court justice. Allen is the first Indiana Bar Foundation President from Northwest Indiana in six years.

Mock Trial Volunteer Orientation

On August 9th, new teachers and attorneys/coaches will meet to learn the ropes of the Indiana High School Mock Trial program from veteran educators and volunteers. Would you like to coach a team but don't know where to start? Would you like to bring this program to a school? Contact [Marilyn Smith](#) to learn how this two-hour orientation will allow you to help students succeed.

More than 70 teachers will attend the Foundation's July 2016 Summer Institute to learn how to teach constitutional issues in Indiana elementary, middle, and high schools. This professional development for teaching *We the People* will include 13 new teachers from "high needs" schools, where poverty indicators exceed fifty percent, thanks to a [grant from the Center for Civic Education and the U.S. Department of Education](#). You may recall the James Madison Legacy Project when it was announced last November.

This growth is exciting and means additional volunteers are needed as coaches and content scholars. If you can help, please contact [Lily Lawson](#), We the People State Coordinator, to discuss how.

Two Indiana Youth Meet U.S. President and National Leaders

Read about the experiences of two Indiana youth, [Alex Yom](#), Carmel, and [Brooke Hanes](#), Fishers, who were the Indiana delegates to the 2016 U.S. Senate Youth Program. [See the full agenda](#) for how these two Hoosiers met with a NASA administrator, a U.S. Court of Appeals judge, and the President of the United States. The *U.S. Senate Youth Washington Week* for high school students includes an all expenses paid trip and a \$10,000 college scholarship for each winner.

If you would like to help choose the 2017 scholarship winners, contact [Marilyn Smith](#) to learn how. The scholarship and Washington Week program are funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation and managed by the Indiana Bar Foundation.

You Helped Make a \$25,000 Donation!

Thanks to your help, the Foundation met the challenge from a donor to raise \$25,000 of unrestricted gifts. Timothy Abeska, South Bend, agreed to match unrestricted donations of at least \$500 to help the Foundation launch its new [Keystone Society](#). Within 10 weeks and thanks to 41 donors, the Foundation received \$25,000 in donations that qualified for the match.



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We could not educate students about the rule of law and help Hoosiers receive civil legal aid if you didn't invest in this work. Your volunteer time and your donations help this mission you believe in grow. Thank you to everyone who donated!

The donors who gave at least \$500 will now become charter members of the Keystone Society, a recognition that they support access to civil legal aid and education about the rule of law. **If you would like to become a Keystone Society member, it's not too late.** *Not an attorney but love civic education? You can help too!*

[Learn more here](#) about how you can support the mission we share.

Attorneys and Public Service

Many of you include the Indiana Bar Foundation when you renew your ISBA membership. Thank you for including our shared mission in your annual dues renewal. Thanks to supporters like you, the Foundation is able to recruit and train new teachers in civic education and work toward innovation to address the challenge of unrepresented litigants faced by our courts.

Want to make a donation directly to the Foundation? You can make a secure donation with a credit card [here](#). A few donors even send *monthly* donations to grow the mission more quickly.

Consider how a deferred donation through estate planning might be the tool to allow you to fulfill your dream for the legal profession that has provided for you and your family. It can be as simple as naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of five percent of your life insurance or retirement plan. Contact [Theresa Browning](#) or [Charles Dunlap](#) for more information. Your financial adviser or estate attorney can also advise you on how to provide for your loved ones and the charities your support.

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