Pro Bono Publico License
Hon. Martha Wentworth, Indiana Tax Court, and Indiana Bar Foundation Vice President Marilyn Smith were featured in the latest Res Gestae about the Pro Bono Publico License, which allows inactive and retired lawyers to volunteer free legal services to help Hoosiers of limited means with the support and guidance of a pro bono or other legal services organization.

Pro Bono Manager Job Opening
Faegre Drinker is seeking applicants for its Pro Bono Manager position to support the administration of the firm’s pro bono practice. The job posting can be found here.

National High School Mock Trial Judge Opportunity
The Indiana Bar Foundation is excited to host the 2021 National High School Mock Trial Championship May 13-15. It will take place online via Zoom, but we will be hosting virtually from Evansville. We invite you to join us as we welcome more than 600 students, teachers, and legal advisors from across the country to participate.

Please visit 2020.nhsmtc.org to sign up as a national mock trial judge.

Diversity Initiative Announcement
The Foundation has launched its High School Mock Trial Diversity Initiative, presented by Krieg DeVault LLP, to eliminate financial barriers to participation and provide schools with mentors from the legal community. So far, more than $40,000 has been raised from Krieg DeVault, Barnes & Thornburg, Lumina Foundation, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, Ice Miller, and Plews Shadley Racher & Braun.

Sponsorships are still available. Please contact Kim Berry, kberry@inbf.org, to learn more.

Indiana Civic Education Bill Passes
Governor Holcomb is set to sign House Bill 1384, which establishes standards for civic education, creates the Indiana Civic Education Commission, and requires all middle school aged students to take a semester of civics. The Bill is a result of recommendations from our Civic Education Task Force chaired by Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. The task force met throughout 2020 and released their recommendations to improve civic education in this report. Rep. Tony Cook, a member of the task force, sponsored the Bill.

Grants and Scholarship Applications
The Foundation is accepting applications for both the Indiana Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts (IOLTA) and the Civil Legal Aid Fund (CLAF). Application materials are due May 1.

Applications for two IU McKinney Law School scholarships are being accepted until June 1. The Hon. Cale J. Holder Scholarship is awarded 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, if any. The Phelps & Fara Scholarship assists a student interested in family law.

The Helling Scholarship covers travel and registration expenses for an attorney to attend the ISBA’s annual meeting and is also accepting applications until June 1.

More information about each opportunity is available on the Grants & Awards page of our website.