



# INDIANA BAR FOUNDATION

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## Dunlap's Download

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



The Foundation is happy to be hosting a series of site visits (virtual and in-person) where we have an excellent opportunity to talk with our [grantees](#) from across the state, providing vital civil legal services to low-income Hoosiers. These services include family law, housing stability, guardianships, veteran services, and elder law issues. The dialogue offers an opportunity to identify emerging trends and legal needs that will help us prioritize future grants and funding. Site visits also allow the Foundation to collect data from grantees and work cooperatively to strategize ways to implement the \$13.1 million Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHEDA) housing stability legal services contract awarded to the Foundation in December. These check-ins

with grantees also enable us to provide additional accountability and information to the many funders who support this work, including the Indiana General Assembly, the Indiana Supreme Court, and the Indiana Bar Foundation donors and supporters. We are extremely fortunate to have a strong network of partner organizations with dedicated legal professionals providing civil legal assistance to so many Hoosiers in need.

## Civic Education

### Mock Trial Teams Set for State Competition

The depth of Indiana's Mock Trial students and teams was on full display during regionals held in Hammond, South Bend, Evansville, and Indianapolis during the last two Saturdays in February. Months of research and hours of after school preparation showed as each of the 47 teams presented their cases during three grueling rounds during a 10-hour competition day. The full field of State Finals participants will be unveiled March 2 during the 2022 Indiana Mock Trial Regional Awards Ceremony. The [livestreamed event](#) will begin at 4 p.m. (ET) / 3 p.m. (CT).

### Registration Open for 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](#).

### Save the Date!

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.

## Foundation Offers Timely Resource with Indiana Legal Help

The [Indiana Legal Help program](#) is a great resource for Hoosiers seeking helpful legal information on a wide range of topics. Your friends and family can find basic information on family, consumer, housing, and drivers license issues through the program. Hoosiers seeking brief online advice for civil legal questions can also log into the [Indiana Free Legal Answers](#) project. The Foundation supports Free Legal Answers through funding to Pro Bono Indiana.

## Development, Marketing, and Communications

### Social Media Great Way to Keep Up With Foundation Activities

The Foundation encourages our donors, partnering agencies, supporters, and friends to follow and like us on Twitter and Facebook. Consistent communication ensures you know what the Foundation is doing through our civil legal assistance and civic education programs. In the next month we will share the build-up and daily updates from Mock Trial State Finals, provide a snapshot of how our civil legal team is working across the state, and how valued our donors, volunteers, and supporters are to our mission. Please take a moment to follow us on Twitter @INBarFoundation and on Facebook.

### Updated Donation Site

The Indiana Bar Foundation has updated its donation site to make supporting our programs even more convenient. The update is part of a new working partnership with Salesforce. Please visit the [site](#), donate, and let us know what you think about the update!

## News Briefs

### Indiana Youth Delegates Participating in National Program

Tracy McKittrick of Jac-Cen-Del High School and Nathan Mock of South Vermillion High School are Indiana's delegates to the prestigious [United States Senate Youth Program](#). Each student wrote essays, participated in interviews as part of the application process. Each has earned a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate study. During March 5-10, the two will hear from speakers representing the three branches of government and the national media.

### Purdue Hosting International Civic Cultural Fellowship

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Purdue University is accepting applications to participate in the Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellowship (BFTF) June 25 –July 23, at Purdue University, Ten U.S. Fellows will join 45 BFTF Fellows from Europe to take classes in International Diplomacy, Media and Journalism, Global Problems, Democracy and Civic Education. Fellows will meet with US diplomats and politicians, prominent scholars and journalists. Learn more [here](#).

### Applications Available for FBI Youth Leadership Academy

The Indianapolis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is hosting its annual Youth Leadership Academy June 8-10. Applicants must be a high school junior, have a minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, write an essay, and complete the application process. The deadline to apply is April 1. Learn more about the program [here](#). The application form can be found [here](#).