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It's a Criminal! 2017 High School Mock Trial Case Released

The 2017 case involves a murder, the mafia, and more! [You can find it online](#), but better yet, hear it tried by the students themselves. [Sign up to judge](#) in February in your region or for the state finals in March.

Questions? Contact Collin Gruver at cgruver@inbf.org or (317) 608-6503.

Volunteers Needed: Students' Success Hinges on You

"It gives me hope." That's what many volunteers say about judging a *We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution* event.

The State Finals are December 11-12 for high school students, and December 13 for middle school. If you're available, please [sign up here](#). Questions? Contact Collin Gruver at cgruver@inbf.org or (317) 608-6503.

Want to learn more about the We the People program? [Watch this short video](#). On-site training will be provided at the event.

Recognition Dinner to Feature Federal Judge, Volunteer

Hon. Larry McKinney, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana, will be the guest speaker at the December 11, 2016 Recognition Dinner that the Foundation will host for honorees, new Fellows, and volunteers. Tickets are only \$25.00. Learn more about [this year's honorees](#), including the 2016 Fellows class, and reserve your seat [here](#).

Civics Corner with Collin

My name is Collin Gruver. This July, I began working as the Indiana Bar Foundation's Director of Civic Education Programs. I spent twelve great years teaching high school history, government, and economics on the southeast side of Indianapolis. After finishing law school in May of 2015, I was eager to find a career that could tie my passion for education with that of the law. Luckily for me, this opportunity arose, and I am thoroughly enjoying my time at the Foundation.

As Director of Civics, I oversee the Foundations core civics programs: *We the People*, High School Mock Trial, the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council, and the United States Senate Youth Program.

Future editions of the Foundation's e-newsletter will feature a column on civics, including ongoing developments in our civics programming and relevant commentary on civics-related current events.

Collin Gruver, Director of Civic Education Programs

Expanding Civil Justice: Indiana Access to Justice Conference

On October 28th, 200 people gathered in Indianapolis for the Indiana Access to Justice Conference. The conference brought together legal aid providers across the state, pro bono lawyers, law school programs, pro bono district staff, members of the judiciary, Court staff, and everyone else who provides legal help to low-income people in Indiana.

Justice Steven David opened the conference encouraging the civil legal aid community to work together, dismantling silos and replacing them with pathways.

Hon. Lora Livingston, 261st Civil District Court, Travis County, Texas, delivered the afternoon plenary speech and highlighted the support available to Indiana from around the country and the legal aid and pro bono innovations that are being developed.

The conference was presented by Indiana Legal Services, Inc. in partnership with the Supreme Court of Indiana, Coalition for Court Access, Indiana Bar Foundation, Indiana State Bar Association, Indianapolis Legal Aid Society, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, Indiana Disability Rights, Faegre Baker Daniels and Eskenazi Health.

How Can You Get Involved?

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2. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and share our #GivingTuesday posts.
3. Make an annual, monthly, or quarterly donation to increase your impact. Find out more [here](#).

New funds will allow the Foundation's programs to expand to more areas of the state.

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