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2020 Legendary Lawyer



On October 15, the Foundation recognized Douglas D. Church as the 2020 Legendary Lawyer in a virtual ceremony. For those who were not able to attend live, a recording will be posted on our [website](#). Thank you to Church Church Hittle + Antrim for sponsoring the event!

U.S. Senate Youth Program Deadline

We the People Volunteers

The Foundation is seeking volunteer judges and facilitators for its We the People regional competitions. With hearings being virtual this year, it is possible to volunteer from anywhere, including your home or office. Training is provided for both roles.

The greatest needs are:
 November 11th - 6 judges and 4 facilitators
 November 13th - 3 judges and 5 facilitators

You can register as a [judge](#) or [facilitator](#) using the respective links. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Mock Trial Case Release

The Foundation has created its first original case for the 2020-2021 High School Mock Trial state program. The [criminal case](#) will be released this Friday. Registration for the virtual competition season also opens this Friday, October 30.

Special thanks to the Foundation's case committee: Scott Barnhart (chair), Bryan Bradley, Lyle Hardman, Ben Huffman, Yvette LaPlant, Mike Lewinski, Judge Robert Pigman, Swati Pradeep, Oscar Rivas, Julie Slaughter, Daniel Strunk, Judge James Sweeney, and Jay Tidmarsh.

National Celebration of Pro Bono

This week is the National Celebration of Pro Bono, an annual opportunity to shine a spotlight on the amazing pro bono work by lawyers, paralegals, and law students across the country. To celebrate, the Coalition for Court Access is hosting its conference this Friday, October 30. There is still time to [register](#). Find more information [here](#).

Indiana Legal Help Grant Funding

The Legal Services Corporation announced that Indiana will receive a \$125,000 technology grant

Two Indiana high school students will be selected for the U.S. Senate Youth Program and receive a \$10,000 college scholarship. The delegates will also attend Washington Week, which will be held online in March. Applications for the [2021 U.S. Senate Youth Program](#) are due November 15.

through Indiana Legal Services. The grant will be used to enhance [Indiana Legal Help](#), a website that helps people navigate legal issues on their own in expungement, driving privileges, gender marker and name change cases. The site is currently managed by the Indiana Bar Foundation. Senator Todd Young and Representatives Susan Brooks and André Carson congratulated Indiana Legal Services on the grant. Those can be read [here](#).

Timothy J. Abeska Endowed Fund, Matching Gift Opportunity



The Foundation is pleased to announce that Timothy Abeska, board member and retired partner of Barnes & Thornburg LLP's South Bend office, has created the [Timothy J. Abeska Endowed Civic Education and Civil Justice Fund](#).

"The creation of this fund supports my two passions: civic education and legal services for the underserved. My hope is that people will be moved to contribute to the Indiana Bar Foundation so it can carry out this important work," Abeska said.

He wants to give donors an opportunity to maximize their contribution, so he has generously pledged to **match each additional donation made to the fund up to \$5,000** beyond his initial contribution.

If you are interested in contributing to the fund, you can do so [here](#). Please note "Abeska fund" in the comment box.

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