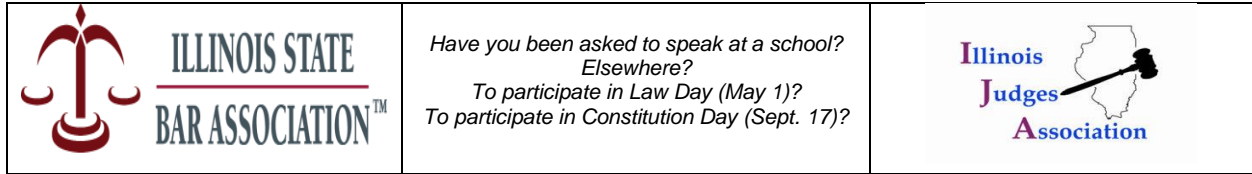


CIVICS EDUCATION IN 2016!



Recent legislation in Illinois is re-introducing civics education to classrooms throughout the State. To facilitate information about our legal system, the ***In School Programs Committee of the Illinois Judges Association*** and the ***Standing Committee on Law Related Education for the Public of the Illinois State Bar Association*** invite their members to talk to students (and others) about civics. At the Mid-Year Meetings of the ISBA and IJA, volunteers are being invited to talk to students about civics in 2016 and beyond. *Please visit the Standing Committee's table in the exhibitor area to sign up and for more information on the following programs and to share ideas.*

Bringing the Courtroom to the Classroom (IJA/SBA) *(for lawyers and judges)*

Judges and lawyers are now trained to team up to lead a classroom discussion on a United States Supreme Court case involving a Fourth Amendment issue: Is it constitutional to search a student's possessions without a warrant while he or she attends school? These activities help educators meet the Common Core standards. *Please visit ija.org or isba.org/teachers for more information.*

7 Reasons to Leave the Party (IJA) *(for judges)*

This fifty-minute, award-winning program presented by judges to teenagers, informs students about the legal and personal consequences of drinking and driving, taking drugs and having sex. *Please visit www.ija.org for more information.*

Page It Forward (IJA) *(for judges)*

This program is designed to promote literacy through volunteers visiting schools to read to and with students. *Please visit www.ija.org for more information.*

Lawyers in Classrooms (ISBA) *(for lawyers and judges)*

Volunteers are asked to make presentations to schools, with the aid of the *Lawyers in Classrooms Handbook for Lawyers, Judges, and Teachers*, which includes interactive lesson plans, discussions, simulations and role plays that complement the curriculum for Social Studies, Civics, American Government and American History classes. These activities help educators meet the Common Core standards. *Please visit isba.org/teachers for downloads.*

High School Mock Trial Invitational (ISBA) *(for lawyers and judges)*

The 34th Annual Illinois State Bar Association High School Mock Trial Invitational is being planned for April 2 and 3, 2016, at the University of Illinois College of Law. See other side.

Quarterly Newsletter and Other Resources (ISBA) *(for lawyers and judges)*

Numerous lesson plans and written materials are provided free of charge to lawyers and judges to use in presenting various topics to students. *Please visit isba.org/teachers for downloads.*

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The Standing Committee on Law Related Education for the Public of the Illinois State Bar Association

congratulates the 43 teams which participated in the

33rd Annual
Illinois State Bar Association
High School Mock Trial Invitational
March 14 and 15, 2015, at the
University of Illinois College of Law

1st Place: **Hinsdale Central High School**
(Represented Illinois in 2015 National High School Mock Trial Championship)
2nd Place: **St. Charles North High School**
3rd Place: **Chicago Christian High School**

Runners Up: Bartlett High School, Benet Academy, Bloomington High School, Boylan Catholic High School, Carmel Catholic High School, College Preparatory School of America, De La Salle Institute, Evanston Township High School, Glenbard East High School, Glenbard South High School, Guerin College Prep, Highland Park High School, Hinsdale South High School, Homewood Flossmoor High School, Huntley Consolidated High School, Illinois Math & Science Academy, Law Explorer Post #1, Lexington High School, Libertyville High School, Maine South High School, Mount Carmel High School, Mt. Vernon Township High School, Mundelein High School, Naperville North High School, Niles West High School, Normal Community High School, Normal Community West High School, O'Fallon Township High School, Oak Park and River Forest High School, Pittsfield High School, Providence Catholic High School, Rich Central High School, Roxana High School, Salem Community High School, St. Charles East High School, Thornton Fractional North High School, Timothy Christian High School, Wheaton Academy, Willowbrook High School, York Community High School.

and also announces

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*Opportunities **now** exist to:*
Form Teams / Coach Teams / Sponsor Teams
(the 2016 Case was released on November 1, 2015)

*Volunteers **are needed** to serve as Judges and Jurors (Evaluators).*

Every year, **lawyers and judges like you help** the ISBA make this educational competition happen! It is fun and a great way to meet other ISBA members! For more than three decades, this Invitational has provided an opportunity for Illinois high school students to learn what it is like to prepare and present a case before the Illinois Courts. Students learn to work as a team, develop oral presentation skills, set goals, plan ahead, think on their feet, and deal with obstacles with enthusiasm and confidence. To **volunteer or for more info:** email il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com, or contact a Member of the Standing Committee. See www.isba.org/teachers/mocktrial.

The Invitational is a project of the Illinois State Bar Association and its Standing Committee on Law Related Education for the Public; Illinois LEARN, Inc.; and the Illinois Trial Team, a Registered Student Organization of the University of Illinois, Champaign.

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