



March / April 2013



ILLINOIS STATE
BAR ASSOCIATION

LAW-RELATED EDUCATION

The Newsletter of the ISBA's Committee on Law-Related Education

The Illinois State Bar Association's Law-Related Education Newsletter is provided free of charge on a quarterly basis during the school year. We are dedicated to promoting law-related education resources and discussion topics appropriate for use in classroom or community settings. If you do NOT wish to receive this complimentary newsletter, please reply and indicate in the message line that you wish to be removed from our mailing list. Statements, expressions of opinion or comments appearing herein are those of the editors or contributors, and not necessarily those of the Association or the Committee.

In this issue:

Results of the 2013 ISBA & Illinois Trial Team High School Mock Trial Invitational

Thank you to our volunteers!

Outstanding Presentations by Mock Trial Students

ISBA Lawyers in Classrooms

The Paul Simon Institute for Public Policy

Real Life Role Plays for Junior & Senior High School Students

Illinois School Success Story



**2013 Illinois State Bar Association & Illinois Trial Team High School Mock
Trial Invitational Successfully Completed**

Thank you to all who participated in, or helped us with, the 2013 Illinois State Bar Association & Illinois Trial Team High School Mock Trial Invitational. This year we had 38 exceptionally talented and dedicated teams compete in Champaign and a number of volunteer judges, lawyers and paralegals and the Illinois Trial Team students, all helping to make this event possible.

We are very pleased to announce the achievement awards:

Top Eight Scoring Teams (Alphabetical Order):

Boylan Catholic, Rockford
Chicago Christian, Palos Heights
Evanston Township, Evanston
Glenbard East, Lombard
Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale
Huntley Consolidated, Huntley
St. Charles North, St. Charles
Timothy Christian, Elmhurst

1st place – Hinsdale Central
2nd place – St. Charles North
3rd place – Timothy Christian

Law Test

The team scoring the highest team average was: Glenbard South

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!!



Volunteers who made this all possible!

The Illinois State Bar Association, Illinois Trial Team and the Standing Committee on Law-Related Education for the Public would like to thank the volunteer judges, lawyers, retired lawyers, paralegals, Illinois Trial Team students and ISBA staff who undertake the task for coordinating and hosting the High School Mock Trial Invitational. This year, the following individuals helped to make the event possible.

Alison Anderson
Jessica Baer
Allison Barnes
Amanda Baylor
Alex Berk
Megan Bishop
Brandon Black
Rebecca Bradshaw
Rex Brown
Kelsey Chetosky
Hon. Michael Chmiel
Marie Chmiel
Bianca Ciarroni
Randy Cox
Lauren DeJong
Jill Doherty
Katie Dohse
Tracy Douglas
Emma Dorantes
Pablo Eves
Fallon Faia
Maureen Faller
Kathleen Finney
Jennifer Franklin
Aaron Galloway
Lisa Gillette
Stephanie Hall
James Huff
Charles Huh
Stephen Iden
Bernice Jacobs
Kenya Jenkins Wright
Katy Karayannis
Jesse Kearns
Marylou Kent
Frank Kopecky
Monse Martinez
Rocky Martinez
Tom McClure
Kateah McMasters
Claire Mellish

Todd Miller
Dominique Moore
Tom Murray
Hon. Jessica O'Brien
Aleksandra Ostojic
Ann Pictor
Karim Popatia
Ranjini Rajan
Robert Roberson
Michael R. Robinson
Donna Schechter
Gloria Mendoza-Schmidt
Suzanne Schmitz
Arjun Sharma
Krishna Somayajula
Jackie Smith
Matthew Stuart
Jon Summerfeld
Sarah Taylor
Francis Thomas
Rick Verticchio
Amyna Visram
Ian Vitalis
Stan Wasser
Linda Watson
Mark Wertz
Zee Williams
Paul Wilson
Christine Zeman
Lindsey Zawila



Named for Outstanding Achievement as a High School Mock Trial Attorney:

Nate Simmons	Bartlett
Sara Watson	Benet Academy
Ben Belford	Boylan Catholic
Chelsea Devine	Boylan Catholic
Brooke White	Carmel Catholic
Jacob Bruinius	Chicago Christian
Nathan Koster	Chicago Christian
Dan Venhuizen	Chicago Christian
Ben Richards	Deerfield
Miriam Gutierrez	De La Salle Institute
Angelica Parrilli	De La Salle Institute
Juliana Tamayo	De La Salle Institute
Max Goldsmith	Evanston (named in two trials)
Jacob Cholewa	Glenbard East
Jolie-Grace Wareham	Glenbard East
Alexandria Cross	Glenbard South
Sarah Schlaefke	Glenbard South
Sam Childress	Glenwood
Lauren Gregg	Glenwood
Jaime Santana	Guerin College Prep
Tess Levin	Highland Park
Max Correll	Hinsdale Central
Jessica Yin	Libertyville (named in two trials)
Alberto Covarubias	Mount Carmel
Corrine Futch	Normal Community
Tori Petrillo	Normal Community
Madeline Herrman	Normal West
Sean Duffy	O'Fallon Township
Raven Ford-Lee	Rich Central
Tiffany Montgomery	Rich Central
Sriya Siems	St. Charles East
Kiersten Aalfs	St. Charles North
Ali Anderson	St. Charles North
Nick Conklin	Salem
Bianca DeRango	South Elgin
Clarke Doig	Timothy Christian
Vincent Williams	Timothy Christian
Javier Hernandez	Willowbrook
Andrea Kreiter	Willowbrook
Atif Siddiqui	Willowbrook
Ciana Cahil	York



Named for Outstanding Achievement as a High School Mock Trial Witness:

Austin Javurek	Boylan Catholic
Francesca St. Angel	Boylan Catholic
Chris Linares	Carmel Catholic
Eddie Hood	Chicago Christian
Sarah Huisenga	Chicago Christian
Emilie Predl	Chicago Christian
Michelle Bank	Deerfield
Auren Delfin	De La Salle Institute
Peggy Giordano	Evanston
Catherine Rudy	Evanston
Ella West	Evanston
Christian Flores	Glenbard East
Rebecca Benner	Glenbard South
Ryan Conner	Glenwood
Mary Jo Toohey	Guerin College Prep
Julia Spathis	Highland Park
Corinne Casper	Hinsdale Central
Adam Smith	Hinsdale Central
Zach Wong	Hinsdale Central
Pooja Nair	Hinsdale South
Brian Weis	Libertyville
Skylar Taft	Morgan Park Academy
Korey Gallas	Mount Carmel
Brandon Kyles	Mount Carmel
Michael Reid	Mount Carmel
Connor Brinkman	Normal Community
Sanskriti Khurana	Normal Community
Collin Halihan	Normal West
Jake Rinda	Normal West
Wesley Tung	Normal West
Tessa Boots	O'Fallon Township
Victoria Shirriff	O'Fallon Township
Rowland Filbert	Pittsfield
Ryan Carp	Providence Catholic
Raven Evans	Rich Central
Carey Bohrenkamp	Roxana
Julie Jezek	St. Charles East
Kiersten Aalfs	St. Charles North
Jimmy Fleck	St. Charles North
Caroline O'Sullivan	St. Charles North
Charlie Decker	Salem
Connor Stephenson	Salem
Wes Noyszewski	South Elgin
Josh Bootsma	Timothy Christian
Angela Tucker	Willowbrook
Annie Nyberg	York
Brianna Steen	York



ISBA Lawyers in Classrooms

As part of the Illinois State Bar Association's initiative to make a difference in the lives of Illinois students, and to assist in expanding diversity in the legal profession, the Committee on Law-Related Education for the Public has invited lawyers across the state to go back to school and speak to students on law-related topics. This informal program provides ways for Illinois teachers to search an ISBA volunteer database to find lawyers in their area who are willing to speak on specific subjects. The list is available on our law-related education website, <http://www.isba.org/lawyersinclassrooms>, as an on-going resource for teachers.

The Paul Simon Institute for Public Policy

The Paul Simon Institute for Public Policy supports the creation of Democracy Schools in Southern Illinois and offers a \$1,000 stipend for three southern Illinois high schools to help them become the first to earn the distinction as an Illinois "Democracy School". Schools will also be eligible for an additional \$500 from the McCormick Foundation.

Democracy Schools are those that provide student with high quality action civics such as that recommended by retired U S Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. These schools offer programs and simulations that equip students with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for informed, effective engagement in our democracy. Democracy schools are a project of the McCormick Foundation.

Founded in 2006, there are about 20 Democracy Schools, mainly in the Chicago and suburban area. The Paul Simon Institute for Public Policy hopes to create a network of Democracy Schools in southern Illinois and offers not just a financial incentive but also some technical assistance in completing the application. Learn more at www.paulsimoninstitute.org.

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute sponsors the 13th Annual Youth Government Day in Springfield, IL on April 13. The program is free but registration is limited.

Youth Government Day is designed to:

- Introduce students to state government
- Motivate students to be involved in public policy
- encourage civic engagement at a young age

The schedule and registration information will be released in the coming weeks.

For questions, contact Carole Greenlee at (618) 453-4078 or cgreenlee@siu.edu



Real Life Role Plays for Junior & Senior High School Students

Looking for some real life role plays for junior and senior high school students – free and provided by the U.S. Courts. Go to www.uscourts.gov and click on Information for students and teachers. Here is one example of what is available.

The background scenario involves a high school with high academics and a reputation for increased marijuana use. Parents ask the school administrators to do something and they turn to the police. After some twists in the plot, the FBI searches a home of a student. Legal?

The materials provided include a more extensive background, witness scripts, jury instructions for a mock trial, motions to suppress evidence, and similar cases.

Other rights for which there are materials are the First, fifth and Sixth amendments. Sometimes there are quizzes, role plays, lessons plans.

The same site has materials for Constitution Day.

All free. Worth checking out!

Illinois School Success Story

Law makes History Fair winners

Middle Schoolers from Carbondale IL have a record for winning the Illinois State History Fair Performance category. Several recent groups of students have turned to the law for the subject of their work.

In 2011-12, students brought to life the stories of Myra Bradwell, Ada Kepley, and Alta Hulett, women attorneys from Illinois in the 1800s. They focused on the difficulties these women faced and the role of Illinois in the history of women becoming attorneys.

Students read the Illinois and U.S. Supreme Court cases involving Bradwell, read accounts about the efforts of these women to become licensed attorneys, interviewed attorneys, including Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon, read an autobiography of Hulett, and did additional research.

To participate in the performance division, students must write an original 10 minute script that brings alive the history they have studied. Students were able to borrow 19th century costumes from a local museum to enhance their performance. Students must also show use of primary and secondary sources.

The students' efforts brought them a chance to be one of two teams who represented Illinois at the national competition where they made it to the final round in spring 2012.

This year, the students have turned to the case of *McCollum v. Board of Education*, 333 U.S. 203, a 1948 U. S. Supreme Case from Champaign IL. The public school there offered optional religion classes, but when James McCollum, an atheist, opted out, he was ostracized.

The school placed him in a detention room during the optional classes and students bullied him. He is said to have suffered “hatred, heartaches, and headaches.” Ironically, the school offered the



optional religion classes to deter misconduct, but when James opted out, he suffered misconduct from others.

The students are focusing on the effect of the school's policy on James. They are currently reading the case, conducting research including listening to an interview of a family member, and reading news accounts. Soon they will write their script, which they hope will bring another trip to the nationals.

Additionally, other Carbondale Middle School teams are researching Illinois juvenile justice and domestic violence acts for their history fair projects. Carbondale middle school students, coached by Betsy Brown of Lewis School, who participate in the history fair, are volunteers who work almost daily after school from September to April.

For more information on the Illinois history fair, go to

http://www.illinoishistory.gov/History_Fair_Forms/2013%20History%20Fair%20Flyer.pdf

<p style="text-align: center;">Illinois State Bar Association 2012-2013 Standing Committee on Law-Related Education</p>

Sarah Taylor, Chair
Rex Brown, Vice Chair
Jennifer Franklin, Secretary
Lauren DeJong, Ex Officio
Jessica Baer
Hon. Michael Chmiel
Kimberly Cook
Jennifer Franklin
Stephen Iden
Bernice Jacobs
Kenya Jenkins-Wright
Marylou Kent
Frank Kopecky
Raquel Martinez

Todd Miller
Thomas Murray
Ann Pictor
Gloria Virginia Mendoza Schmidt
Suzanne Schmitz
Stanley Wasser
Zeophus Williams
Hon. Jessica A. O'Brien, Board Liaison
Mary Kinsley, Staff Liaison

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

424 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

•217.525.1760 •800.252.8908 •Fax: 217.525.9063

www.isba.org



ILLINOIS STATE
BAR ASSOCIATION

