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2017 Indiana Civic Health Index Released

Find out how the state is doing on various indicators of civic engagement [here](#).

Provide Pro Bono Advice Online

[Indiana Free Legal Answers](#) allows you to answer pro bono legal questions online, with privacy and confidentiality, for Hoosiers who qualify for free legal aid. You may report the time you spend answering questions on your annual attorney registration. [Contact Marilyn Smith](#) for more information.

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Indiana to Host National High School Mock Trial Championship in 2020 in Evansville

The Foundation announced October 30 that Indiana would again host the National High School Mock Trial Championship in 2020. The 46 teams, which include teams from South Korea, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands, will convene in Evansville, Indiana, May 6-9, 2020. The Foundation's bid for the championship in Evansville is to spur growth in southern Indiana for the Indiana High School Mock Trial Program. Read more in [this article](#) by the Indiana Lawyer.

Birmingham's Role in Civil Rights

The Indiana Bar Foundation recently took a group of *We the People* teachers and attorneys to Birmingham, Alabama for a Seminar on the Civil Rights Movement. Participants heard from veterans of the movement, a survivor from the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, and the former U.S. Attorney who successfully prosecuted two of the bombers nearly 40 years after the bombing. All in attendance found the experience to be incredibly informative and moving.

Volunteers Needed Statewide

Would you like to volunteer for an upcoming *We the People* competition? All competition dates, locations, and registration information can be found [here](#). The annual *We the People* State Finals will be in Indianapolis December 10th through the 12th. [Volunteers can register for State here](#).

Legal Aid, Pro Bono Conference Held

The Coalition for Court Access held the Indiana Partnerships for Justice conference on Monday, October 23 at the Ivy Tech Conference Center in Indianapolis. This statewide civil legal aid conference included over 200 legal aid lawyers, pro bono volunteers, law school staff and students, members of the judiciary, and people who focus on serving the legal needs of low and modest means clients.



Justice Steven David reminded the audience that there were only 56 people in Philadelphia to create the Constitution, and that by looking around the room of more than 200, Indiana had "momentum" in its favor. "Right will

insurance, or retirement to the Indiana Bar Foundation. The future depends upon the partnerships we form today. A deferred donation might be the way to achieve your goals and help the mission you value, too.

prevail," he said alluding to the task of increasing access to justice in Indiana.

ISBA President Andi Metzel pledged the ISBA's support for access to justice as well. Brandon Cosby, Executive Director of Flanner House, shared an inspirational message about the impact that one person had on his life by taking an interest in him and guiding him towards a successful career and life. He encouraged the legal aid community to continue helping the marginalized and disenfranchised to realize that "this [justice] system is for you, too."

14 Pro Bono and Civics Award Winners, 2017 Fellows Class Announced

Recognizing attorneys and other volunteers who help others recognizes that attorneys do much to help their communities. Many abhor attention for it, and yet it reminds us of how working together to help others adds meaning to the quality of life we enjoy. The Foundation will recognize 14 attorneys and one teacher on December 10 for the aid they lent to others through their volunteer time and expertise. They are:

- Molly E. Briles, Evansville, Pro Bono Publico Award
- Andrew M. Hicks, Elkhart, Law-related Education Award
- Drew Horvath, Indianapolis, John Patrick Award for Civic Education
- Arthur E. Johnson, Indianapolis, Randall T. Shepard Award for Excellence in Pro Bono
- Hon. Larry J. McKinney (posthumous), Indianapolis, William Baker Award for Civic Education
- Jessica L. Van Dalen, Indianapolis, Pro Bono Publico Award

2017 Fellows

David A. Capp, Gary
Lucy R. Dollens, Indianapolis
Terry L. Harrell, Indianapolis
Keith P. Huffman, Bluffton
Irwin B. Levin, Indianapolis
Hon. Robert L. Miller, Jr., South Bend
Karl L. Mulvaney, Indianapolis
Leanna K. Weissmann, Lawrenceburg
David A. Wemhoff, South Bend

You may [purchase a table or reservation](#) for the December 10 event recognizing these honorees *by December 1*.

Keystone Society Campaign Exceeds Goal



Thank you for your donations! The 2017 Keystone Society campaign is complete. You made it possible to raise \$101,075 for civic education and civil legal aid in Indiana this year. See who else participated [here](#).

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Your donations ensure that students will learn about the U.S. Constitution and the American judicial process. Your donations will help Hoosiers who cannot afford a private attorney find representation through a local legal aid nonprofit. *Do you want to ensure [more Hoosiers get the help they need?](#)*

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