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Volunteer Attorneys Make a Difference in Allen County

A total of 1,450 clients have received help from the Specialized Driving Privileges program in Allen County, which launched May 2017. After a year and a half, the need is showing no signs of slowing down. [This article](#) by Ruth de Wit explains how the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Northeast Indiana has partnered with Indiana Legal Services to assist more low-income Hoosiers.

24 Teams to Compete at Mock Trial State Finals



Two hundred high school students will participate in the Indiana High School Mock Trial State Competition March 9-10 in Indianapolis. Three schools will compete for the first time, including Clay High School, South Bend, Evansville Day School and Signature School, Evansville. See the full list of schools competing [here](#).

There are still several volunteers needed to serve as presiding and scoring judges, particularly in **Rounds 3 and 4**. You do not need to be an attorney or to have previous experience to participate. Help these students further grow their critical thinking and public speaking skills by [signing up today](#).

Helping Lawyers through JLAP

The Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP) provides free and confidential help to any law student, lawyer, or judicial officer who is experiencing difficulties in their life or practice. In 2018, JLAP took 305 new calls for help in addition to the 98 people to whom they were already providing ongoing services. JLAP provided help not only with mental health and substance use issues, but also with life stressors such as caregiving, grief, and career change. In addition to providing support, information, and referrals through the work of their staff, JLAP provided volunteer training to 112 lawyers and judges across the state to enable them to provide confidential peer support to colleagues in their communities.



Through the assistance of the Indiana Bar Foundation, the JLAP Treatment Fund provided \$3,480 in assistance to attorneys who would otherwise have been unable to afford their counseling appointments, medication, or other vitally important treatment. To support the JLAP Treatment Fund at the Indiana Bar Foundation, [make an online gift](#) and designate JLAP in the "additional information" text box.

Five Teams to Represent Indiana Nationally

Hamilton Southeastern High School, Fishers, won the We the People State Finals in December and will represent Indiana at the National Finals April 27-29. Fishers High School, the second-place team, has accepted a wildcard position to compete at the National Finals as well.

Two Indiana teams will also compete at the We the People National Invitational May 4-6: Fishers Junior High School, Fishers, and Kingsway Christian School, Avon.

The winning team of this year's High School Mock Trial State Finals will go on to represent Indiana at the National Mock Trial Championship in Athens, Georgia May 16-18.

Be sure to follow the Indiana Bar Foundation on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep up with Indiana teams at nationals!

Help Indiana Students Shine on a National Level

Each year, the Foundation raises \$25,000 to support Indiana's top We the People and High School Mock Trial teams traveling to their national competitions. It's a once in a lifetime experience for many of these students. Can you help them make it to nationals? [A donation](#) of \$100, or any amount, will get them one step closer.

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