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### Pro Bono, LRE Award Nominations Due September 1

Do you know someone who is a great volunteer for pro bono programs? A firm or individual that deserves recognition for law-related education? Nominate them for the Randall T. Shepard Award for Excellence in Pro Bono, the Pro Bono Publico Award, or the Law-Related Education Award. Deadline for nominations is **September 1**. Find the award criteria [here](#).

### Indiana Kids Election Needs Attorney Volunteers

Help students learn about the election process and the importance of voting.

### 2016 Legendary Lawyer: John D. Ulmer

Congratulations to former legislator and Life Fellow John D. Ulmer, Goshen, on being chosen as the 2016 Legendary Lawyer. Ulmer served in the Indiana House for 10 years and is now Of Counsel with Yoder, Ainlay, Ulmer and Buckingham, LLP. There will be a reception honoring Mr. Ulmer on September 22, 2016 in Goshen. Read the full press release [here](#).

### Staff Additions, Changes

**Collin Gruver** has joined the Foundation as Director of Civic Education. He will be responsible for all education programs, including We the People, High School Mock Trial, U.S. Senate Youth, and Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council. Gruver is an attorney and former high school *We the People* teacher. Learn more about him [here](#).

**Marilyn Smith** is now the Foundation's Director of Civil Justice Programs and will staff the newly created Coalition for Court Access. Smith has been with the Foundation since 2014. Learn more about her [here](#).

### Attorney Registration Renewals Now Require Pro Bono Reporting

When attorneys renew their licenses this year, they will be asked to report their pro bono service hours and/or how much they donated to organizations serving the indigent with legal services ([Professional Rule of Conduct 6.7](#)). The Foundation has mailed letters to its donors to inform them of their donations to help report this information. Review our [FAQ of Rule 6.7 here](#). You may also [make a donation today](#) to use in your 2017 report and help Hoosiers in need of civil legal aid.

### We the People Summer Institute: Unprecedented Growth

The professional development program for *We the People* teachers, organized by the Foundation, underwent substantive growth this year. More than 70 teachers attended the training on constitutional history and law.

There are 422 schools in 75 counties that have signed up to participate in mock elections. [Sign up to volunteer](#) and the ISBA will match you with a participating school near you. *Your donations help fund programs like this one; the Foundation's board of directors dedicated \$10,000 to support this ISBA civic education project.*

### ISBA Dues Renewal Donations

[Consider donating](#) to the Foundation when you renew your ISBA dues. In addition to the Foundation's own programs, the Foundation supports the ISBA's members with scholarships to the annual meeting and public service projects such as Indiana Kids Election.

"We are excited to have more teachers trained in this highly effective method for teaching history, government, and civics," said Collin Gruver, referring to the [research](#) that shows *We the People* alumni are more civically engaged, vote at higher rates than their peers, and are more tolerant of opposing opinions. Read more about the Summer Institute and the James Madison Legacy Project [here](#).

### Thank You for Raising \$50,000!



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Timothy Abeska, a South Bend attorney, wanted to see the Foundation's mission grow and agreed to match up to \$25,000 in the first phase of our [Keystone Society launch](#).

With your help, we raised *over \$60,000!* Unrestricted donations of \$500 or more helped us meet Abeska's challenge. With unrestricted donations, the Foundation can step up to opportunities that arise, such as the unprecedented growth in our *We the People* professional development program.

**You can still help!** Until September 30th, unrestricted donations of \$500 or more will help the Foundation's mission to aid teachers, attorneys, and the public in need of free legal advice.

[Keystone Society members](#) believe the Foundation's mission can and should grow and are willing to help it grow this year with unrestricted donations. To learn more, visit our [donation page](#) or contact [Theresa Browning](#), (317) 269-7864.

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