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Utah Mock Trials

Utah Law Related Education sponsors the mock trial competition which is open to all secondary schools in the state. Teams of up to 11 students argue a case, once as the plaintiff/prosecution and once as the defense. Teachers interested in sponsoring a team should contact the Utah LRE office at lre@icw.com.

We are so grateful to the hundreds of supporters who coached and judged the mock trial teams competing in the 2010 Mock Trial Program. Seventy-eight teams competed in ninety-eight playoff, quarter-final, semi-final, and championship mock trials. Many of these trials, lasting 3+ hours, were judged by a panel of two attorneys and one community representative. Together, more than 3,000 hours were donated.



The 2010 Championship Teams were Lehi High School and Centennial Middle School (above).

The 2011 Mock Trial Competition will begin February 21 and end April 7, 2011. The Mock Trial teacher meeting and Attorney CLE training will be January 18, 2011, at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center, 645 South 200 East, in Salt Lake City. The team registration form may be downloaded in mid-October at Utah Law Related Education's website: www.lawrelatededucation.org

The *2011 Mock Trial Handbook*, may be downloaded on January 19, 2011. Other mock trial cases, and scripted mock trials also may be downloaded at this site.

We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution

On February 8, 2010, students from Alta High School, Liberty Academy, Mountain Crest High, Orem High, Riverton High, and Sky View High participated in the State Mock Congressional Hearings at the University of Utah Student Union Building. Sky View placed first, Mountain Crest was second, and Riverton came in third. Sky View High School represented Utah at the National Competition in Washington, D. C. The 2011 State High School Mock Congressional Hearings will be held February 7. The questions for the 2011 state high school competition may be downloaded at http://www.civiced.org/index.php?page=simulated_congressional_hearings#resource.



Sky View High School; 2010 We the People First Place Winners

On February 11, 2010, students from Centennial Middle, Central Davis Junior, Evergreen Junior, Lehi Junior, Oak Canyon Junior, and Sunset Ridge Middle participated in the State Mock Congressional Hearings at the University of Utah. Centennial Middle school placed first, Evergreen Junior came in second, and Sunset Ridge Junior was third. The 2011 Junior High School Competition will be held on February 3. Junior High School classes will prepare for question three in each of the six units.

Each We the People Congressional District Coordinator has 25 classroom sets of We the People textbooks to distribute, free of charge, to Utah schools. Schools or teachers interested in participating in the program may contact their Congressional District Coordinator.

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The **Center for Civic Education** is updating its website. Included are videos of mock congressional hearings. These are great resources for teachers, students, and judges to learn about the process. Please check it out at www.civiced.org.

We the People . . . Project Citizen



On April 19, 2010, the Project Citizen Showcase was held at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Bountiful Junior High School (2 teams), Matheson Junior (9 teams), and Rocky Mountain Junior (1 team) participated in the Showcase. Bountiful Junior High placed first, with Rocky Mountain Junior second, and Matheson Junior third. One of Matheson Junior High School's portfolios was selected to represent Utah at the National Showcase.

Free classroom sets of books are available for distribution by Congressional District Coordinators. Schools or teachers interested in participating in the program may contact their Congressional District Coordinator.

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Representative Democracy in America

Representative Democracy in America: Voices of the People is a national project created by the Alliance for Representative Democracy, an educational outreach program of the Center for Civic Education, the Center on Congress at Indiana University, and the Trust for Representative Democracy at the National Conference of State Legislatures. The project introduces citizens, and particularly young people, to the representatives, institutions, and processes that serve to realize the goal of a government of, by, and for the people.

For more information about the program and training opportunities in Utah, contact:

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Constitution Day

September 17 is recognized in the United States as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. The purpose of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is to commemorate the creation and signing of the supreme law of the land and to honor and celebrate the privileges and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship for both native-born and naturalized citizens. Federal law requires that all schools receiving

federal funds hold an educational program for their students on September 17 of each year.

Free lessons designed to assist schools and federal agencies to meet the requirements of this law are available from the Center for Civic Education at http://www.civiced.org/index.php?page=constitution_day. Eleven lessons are available to be downloaded for grades K–12. Teacher instructions and selected lessons also are available as audio downloads. Materials have been adapted from the Center's *We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution* and *Foundations of Democracy* curricular materials. Audio recordings of selected Constitution Day lessons also are available.

Additional Resources

Celebrate [Constitution Day 2010](#) with lessons from the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago.

The Constitution - Debate It. Discuss It. Understand It. Website has lesson plans, interactive features and games, conversation starters, and information on landmark Supreme Court cases.
www.abaconstitution.org

Read the Constitution.
http://www.abanet.org/publiced/constitutionday/text_const_intro.shtml

Lead a Conversation on the Constitution and explore key constitutional provisions, including the right to bear arms, cruel and unusual punishment, and unreasonable searches and seizures.
<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/constitutionday/conversationstarters.shtml>

Classroom lessons appropriate for elementary, middle, and secondary students.
http://www.abanet.org/publiced/constitutionday/all_1_essons.shtml

Explore “[Uncle Sam’s Attic](#)” to learn about voting rights and the election process. Test your knowledge by taking interactive quizzes on constitutional issues.
<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/constitutionday/interactive.shtml>

Sign the U.S. Constitution manuscript, alongside the signatures of the framers.
http://www.abanet.org/publiced/constitutionday/sign_theconst.shtml

National Archives: Teaching With Documents: Observing Constitution Day
<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/constitution-day/>

PBS: Why Celebrate Constitution Day? Lesson Plan
http://www.pbs.org/georgewashington/classroom/constitution_day.html

Wikispaces: Resources for Constitution Day
Check out Barney Fife reciting the Preamble, School House Rock’s video on The Preamble, and the Bill of Rights Rap. <http://constitutionday.wikispaces.com>

Constitution Facts’ Fun Zone has crossword puzzles, test your knowledge quizzes, treasure hunts, and word finds. <http://www.constitutionfacts.com/>

Celebrate Constitution Day with fun, interactive materials and lesson plans.
www.billofrightsinstitute.org

Salt Lake Peer Court

Salt Lake Peer Court is a prevention/intervention Program utilized by the Salt Lake City School District. Approximately 300 youth are referred to Peer Court each year. Offenses most commonly referred are chronic truancy, fighting, disorderly conduct, theft, vandalism, harassment, and tobacco.

Salt Lake Peer Court is

- A three part program: 1) Court Hearings, 2) Peer Mentoring, and 3) Mediation;
- An alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system and school disciplinary proceedings using a non-adversarial approach for minor offenses, for youth who are sentenced and mentored by their peers;
- A restorative-justice approach to hold youth accountable for their actions, to build skills, and to strengthen their ties to school and community;
- An approach which empowers youth and communities to take an active role in addressing the early stages of youth delinquency; and
- A program that eliminates social barriers and unites youth throughout the community as they collaborate to intervene with referred youth.

For more information, check out the website at <http://www.saltlakepeercourt.org>.

Salt Lake Peer Court members will be sworn in by Utah Supreme Court Chief Justice Christine M. Durham on Wednesday, September 8, at the Salt Lake Library auditorium. Chief Justice Durham, Salt Lake City Police Chief Chris Burbank, and Salt Lake School District Superintendent McKell Withers will be the speakers.

Calendar of Events

2010

- September 8 Salt Lake Peer Court Swearing-In Ceremony
September 9 We The People state high school questions posted at http://www.civiced.org/index.php?page=simulated_congressional_hearings#resource.
September 17 Constitution Day
October 4-8 Supreme Court Week
October 31 Mock trial registration posted www.lawrelatededucation.org
December 15 Mock trial registration due

2011

- January 1 Mock trial schedule available
January 18 Mock trial teacher meeting
January 18 Mock trial attorney CLE
January 19 2011 Mock Trial Case posted www.lawrelatededucation.org
February 3 State Junior High School We the People Competition
February 7 State High School We the People Competition
February 21 Mock trials begin
March 28 Project Citizen Showcase
April 30 We The People National Finals in Washington, D.C.
May 1 Law Day
May 8 National High School Mock Trial Competition in Phoenix, Arizona
June 21-22 Project Citizen and Representative Democracy in America In-Service Training

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