



UTAH LAW RELATED EDUCATION

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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 2013 Mock Trial Program. Seventy-two teams competed in ninety-six playoff, quarter-final, semi-final, and championship mock trials. Most 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 2013 High School Championship teams were Woods Cross High School, 1st place, and West High School, 2nd place. West High 9th Grade placed 1st in the Junior High Division, with Centennial Junior, 2nd.

Woods Cross High School participated in the National Mock Trial Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana. With teacher Brook Gregg's support and dedication, the mock trial students placed 23rd nationally. Student-attorney McKay Holbrook received special recognition for his 5th place best-attorney performance in the competition.



Woods Cross High School Mock Trial Championship Team at Law Day Luncheon

The 2014 Mock Trial Competition will begin February 18 and end March 28, 2014. The Mock Trial teacher meeting and attorney CLE training will be January 22, 2014, at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center, 645 South 200 East, in Salt Lake City. The team registration form will be e-mailed to teachers in mid-October or may be downloaded in mid-October at Utah Law Related Education's website: www.lawrelatededucation.org.

The *2014 Mock Trial Handbook* may be downloaded on January 23, 2014. 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 13, 2013, students from Alta High, Mountain Crest High, and Sky View High participated in the State Mock Congressional Hearings at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Sky View was the championship team and represented Utah at the National Competition in Washington, D. C.



Sky View High School's class (above), the Utah State We the People Champions, participated with more than 1,500 high school students and their teachers nationwide in the We the People National Finals. With their teacher Michael Rigby's support and dedication, the Sky View students

placed 15th out of 56 high schools and won the Unit One competition.

The 2014 State High School Mock Congressional Hearings will be held February 4 at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Questions for the 2014 state high school competition may be downloaded at <http://new.civiced.org/wtp-the-program/hearings/hearing-questions>.

The State Junior High School Competition was held February 7, 2013, at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Centennial, Central Davis, Eisenhower, Pleasant Grove, Rocky Mountain, and West Jordan junior high school/middle school students prepared responses to question two in each of the six units. Pleasant Grove Junior High School won first place, with West Jordan Middle, second, and Centennial, third. The 2014 Junior High School Competition will be held on February 13. Junior High School classes will prepare for question three in each of the six units.

Schools or teachers interested in participating in the program may contact their Congressional District Coordinator or the LRE Office at lre@icw.com.

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The **Center for Civic Education's** website includes 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.new.civiced.org.

Think about sponsoring your school's *We the People* Program by purchasing a classroom set of books. Because the Center for Civic Education did not receive federal funding, textbooks are no longer available free of charge. Sets may be purchased www.new.civiced.org.

Classroom Sets of We the People's Enhanced Ebook are Now Available on Mobile Devices.

The groundbreaking *We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution* [enhanced ebook](#) for high school students is now available on mobile devices. Subscribers can enjoy We the People on nearly any device, including Macs and PCs, Apple iPads and iPhones, Android tablets and smart phones, and Windows 8 touch-screen devices.



A Warm Welcome to Our New Salt Lake Peer Court Director

Kathleen Zeitlin, Salt Lake Peer Court's Director for 20+ years retired in May 2013. Kathleen developed the program from a one-high-school program to one of the top Peer Courts in the nation. At the Utah State Bar's Law Day Luncheon on May 1, she received the Liberty Bell Award for outstanding service to the community.



Tyler Bugden, Program Director

In June, Tyler Bugden joined the Utah Law Related Education staff as the Director of Salt Lake Peer Court. After graduating from Tufts University in 2009, he returned to Salt Lake City to work as a Recovery Assistant at the Volunteers of America Adult Detoxification Center and as

an English instructor in the Salt Lake City School District. With a TEFL certificate and a year of teaching experience, Tyler moved to Quinto, Ecuador, where he taught international business English for six months. He spent the next six months in Argentina, Bolivia, and Peru before returning home to work part-time as an Internship Coordinator at the University of Utah's Lowell Bennion Community Center.

Salt Lake Peer Court

Salt Lake Peer Court is a prevention/intervention program utilized by the Salt Lake City School District and Juvenile Court. Approximately 325 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 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>.

On August 19, 2013, a Swearing-In Ceremony was held at the Salt Lake City Public Library for Salt Lake Peer Court members. Guest speakers included Third District Judge Todd M. Shaughnessy, who was the keynote speaker and conducted the swearing-in; Salt Lake City Police Chief Chris Burbank; and Salt Lake School District Superintendent McKell Withers.

Our student speakers were Anthony Mora, Luis Gerardo Miranda, Karli Nicole Sullivan, and Kevin Rosales.

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 a training opportunity in Utah, contact: Utah Law Related Education, lre@icw.com.

We the People . . . Project Citizen

Free classroom sets of books and training opportunities are available for teachers interested in participating in the Project Citizen Program. For more information, please contact Janet Hilliard at lre@icw.com or Bill Spence, billspence@alpinedistrict.org.

Calendar of Events

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| September 1 | We the People state high school questions posted at http://new.civiced.org/wtp-the-program/hearings/hearing-questions |
| September 17 | Constitution Day |
| October 15 | Mock trial registration posted at www.lawrelatededucation.org |
| November 19 | GettyReady; 150 th anniversary celebration of Gettysburg Address |
| December 6 | Mock trial registration forms due |
| December 15 | Bill of Rights Day |

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| January | We the People District Competitions |
| January 22 | Mock Trial Teacher Meeting |
| January 22 | Mock Trial Attorney CLE |
| January 23 | 2014 Mock Trial case posted at www.lawrelatededucation.org |
| February 4 | State High School We the People Competition |
| February 13 | State Junior High School We the People |
| February 18 | Mock trials begin |
| May 1 | Law Day |
| June | RDA/Project Citizen Teachers' Workshop |

Constitution Day

September 17 is recognized in the United States as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. The purpose of this 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 for download at:

Utah State Bar Civic Education Committee:

Role-playing will be an important part of the lesson plan as nearly 200 judges and lawyers of the Utah State Bar teach about the three independent branches of the government and the importance of an independent judiciary on September 17, the 226th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. Educators who have not registered should visit civics.utahbar.org. And if you can't imagine how the wicked step sisters were acquitted, you are welcome to review the elementary school lesson plan.

Center for Civic Education:

<http://new.civiced.org/resources/curriculum/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day>

<http://www.sharemylesson.com/mypublicprofile.aspx?uc=2527343>

Apples 4 the Teacher: U.S. Government - Constitution Day Classroom Activities - Constitution Week Unit of Study. Printable Coloring pages, Book Reviews, Word Jumbles, Worksheets, and Word Searches.

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/constitution-day>

Constitutional Rights Foundation:

<http://www.crf-usa.org/constitution-day/constitution-day-lesson-plans-kindergarten-middle-and-high-school.html>

American Bar Association: 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.

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/initiatives_awards/constitution_day/lessons.html

Read the Constitution:

http://www.abanet.org/publiced/constitutionday/textconst_intro.shtml

National Archives: Teaching With Documents: Observing Constitution Day.

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/constitution-day/>

Constitution Facts' Fun Zone: Crossword puzzles, test your knowledge quizzes, treasure hunts, and word finds.

<http://www.constitutionfacts.com/>

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