



# 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 [lawrelated@xmission.com](mailto:lawrelated@xmission.com).

We are so grateful to the hundreds of supporters who coached and judged the mock trial teams competing in the 2014 Mock Trial Program. Eighty-three teams competed in 101 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 2014 High School Championship teams were Woods Cross High School, first place, and Wasatch Home School Debate League, second place. Centennial Middle placed first and second in the Junior High School Division.



**Centennial A and B Teams**

The 2015 Mock Trial Competition will begin February 17 and end March 25, 2015. The Mock Trial teacher and attorney CLE meetings will be January 21, 2015, 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](http://www.lawrelatededucation.org).

The 2015 *Mock Trial Handbook* may be downloaded on January 21, 2015. 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 4, 2014, students from AMES Academy, 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, 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 14<sup>th</sup> out of 58 high schools. The 2015 State High School Mock Congressional Hearings will be held February 4 at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Questions for the 2015 state high school competition may be downloaded at [http://new.civiced.org/images/stories/WeThePeople/The\\_Program/Hearings/Hearing\\_Questions/statehearingquestions2014-15.pdf](http://new.civiced.org/images/stories/WeThePeople/The_Program/Hearings/Hearing_Questions/statehearingquestions2014-15.pdf).

The State Junior High School Competition was held February 13, 2014, at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Centennial, Central Davis, Eisenhower, Oak Canyon, Pleasant Grove, and West Jordan junior high school/middle school students prepared responses to question three in each of the six units. Centennial placed first, with Oak Canyon second, and Pleasant Grove was third. The 2015 Junior High School Competition will be held on February 11. Junior High School classes will prepare for question one in each of the six units.

Schools or teachers interested in participating in the program may contact their Congressional District Coordinator or the Utah LRE Office at [lawrelated@xmission.com](mailto:lawrelated@xmission.com).

#### **We the People State Coordinators**

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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](http://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](http://www.new.civiced.org)**

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#### **Classroom Sets of *We the People's* Enhanced Ebook are 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.

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## **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 25, 2014, a Swearing-In Ceremony was held at the Salt Lake City Public Library for the 119 Salt Lake Peer Court members. The keynote speaker was Third District Juvenile Court Judge Tupakk Renteria, who also conducted the swearing-in; and Theresa Jefferson, Attendance Specialist at the Salt Lake City School District.

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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 a training opportunity in Utah, contact: Utah Law Related Education, [lawrelated@xmission.com](mailto:lawrelated@xmission.com).

# We the People . . . Project Citizen

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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 [lawrelated@xmission.com](mailto:lawrelated@xmission.com) or Bill Spence, [billspence@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:billspence@alpinedistrict.org).

## Calendar of Events

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### 2014

- September 1 *We the People* state high school questions posted.
- September 17 Constitution Day
- October 15 Mock Trial registration posted at [www.lawrelatededucation.org](http://www.lawrelatededucation.org).
- December 5 Mock Trial registration forms due.
- December 15 Bill of Rights Day

### 2015

- January *We the People* District Competitions
- January 21 Mock Trial Teacher Meeting
- January 21 Mock Trial Attorney CLE
- January 21 2015 Mock Trial case posted at [www.lawrelatededucation.org](http://www.lawrelatededucation.org).
- February 4 State High School *We the People* Competition
- February 11 State Junior High School *We the People*
- February 17 Mock Trials begin.
- March 14 Presentation on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War at Alta High School by Matt Pinsker from Dickson College. Those interested in attending should contact [Richard.ocha@canyonsdistrict.org](mailto:Richard.ocha@canyonsdistrict.org)
- May 1 Law Day
- June RDA/Project Citizen Teachers' Workshop



## Constitution Day

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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:

Judges and lawyers of the Utah State Bar are standing by for the annual teach-in on **Constitution Day, Wednesday, September 17.**

Request a guest judge or lawyer to teach your students about the separation of powers and the importance of an independent judiciary at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014USBCivicsVolunteerRequest>

### 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](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/initiatives_awards/constitution_day/lessons.html)

Read the Constitution:

<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/constitutionday/textconstintro.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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