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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 12 students argue a case, once as the plaintiff/prosecution and once as the defense. Teachers interested in sponsoring a team should contact Victoria Dyatt, mock trial coordinator, at lawrelatedvictoria@xmission.com.

We are so grateful to the hundreds of supporters who coached and judged the mock trial teams competing in the 2017 Mock Trial Program. Sixty-two teams competed in over 100 playoff, round of 16, quarter-final, semi-final, and championship mock trials. Most of these trials, lasting 2+ hours, were judged by a panel of two attorneys and one community representative. Together, more than 2,000 hours were donated.

The 2017 High School Championship teams were Integritas, first place, and Wasatch Independent League of Debate, second place. In the Junior High School Division, Central Davis Junior High placed first, with Wasatch Independent League of Debate second.



Integritas Mock Trial Team

The 2018 Mock Trial Competition will begin February 20 and end March 23, 2018. The Mock Trial teacher and attorney CLE meetings will be January 17, 2018, at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center, 645 South 200 East, in

Salt Lake City. The team registration form will be posted on October 9 at www.lawrelatededucation.org.

The *2018 Mock Trial Handbook* may be downloaded on January 18, 2018. Other mock trial cases and scripted mock trials also may be downloaded at this site.



**Central Davis Junior High School
Mock Trial Team**

A Teacher/Coach Round Table will be held on September 7 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Please e-mail Victoria Dyatt, mock trial coordinator, at lawrelatedvictoria@xmission.com, to register.

Mini-Mock Trial Workshops may be scheduled at school sites by e-mailing Victoria. Mini workshops may include One-on-One for New Teachers/Coaches; How to be a Witness; Objections; Courtroom Procedures and Helpful Hints; and/or Opening and Closing Statements. New this year will be a workshop on the Federal Rules of Evidence.

We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution

On January 9, 2017, students from Alta High, Mountain Crest/Ridgeline High, Sky View High, and West Jordan High participated in the State Mock Congressional Hearings

at the Utah State Capitol. Sky View was the championship team and represented Utah at the National Competition in Washington, D. C.



Sky View High School

Sky View High School's class, with their teacher Michael Rigby's support and dedication, participated with more than 1,500 high school students and their teachers nationwide in the We the People National Finals. Congratulations for placing first for Unit 5 at Nationals!

Mountain Crest/Ridgeline High Schools, with their teachers Julie Major's and Sari Sparks' support, placed second in the State Mock Congressional Hearings and also participated in the We the People National Finals in Washington, D.C.

The 2018 State High School Mock Congressional Hearings will be held February 1 at the University of Utah. Questions for the 2018 state high school competition may be downloaded on August 31 at http://new.civiced.org/images/stories/WeThePeople/The_Program/Hearings/Hearing_Questions/statehearingquestions2016-17.pdf.

The State Junior High School Competition was held February 8, 2017, at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Central Davis, Oak Canyon, Pleasant Grove, and West Jordan junior high school/middle school students prepared responses to question three in each of the six units. Pleasant Grove Junior High placed first, with Oak Canyon Junior High second. The 2018 Junior High School Competition will be held on February 8 at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Junior High School classes will prepare for question one in each of the six units.



Mountain Crest/Ridgeline High Schools

Schools or teachers interested in participating in the program may contact their Congressional District Coordinator or the State Coordinator.

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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.civiced.org.

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

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution enhanced ebook editions for high school (Level 3) and junior high school (Level 2) are 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.

***We the People* Coordinators are in the process of making a youtube video for training purposes. Dawn Harvey, the State Coordinator, will send that link out as soon as the video is completed.**

Salt Lake Peer Court

Salt Lake Peer Court is a prevention/intervention program utilized by the Salt Lake City School District and Juvenile Court. The 120 youth volunteers adjudicate approximately 275 new and carry-over cases each year. Offenses most commonly referred are fighting, disorderly conduct, theft, bullying, assault, tobacco/alcohol, and chronic truancy.

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> or contact Kayley Richards, Salt Lake Peer Court Director, by e-mail at slpcourt@xmission.com or phone at 801.322.1815.

In August 2016, a Swearing-In Ceremony was held at the East High School auditorium for the 120 Salt Lake Peer Court members. The keynote speaker was Judge John Baxter, who also conducted the swearing-in. The student speakers were Kalee Bonner, Simone Beesley, Myra Gates, Alfredo Barrera, and Meggie Sorenson.

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, please contact Utah Law Related Education, lawrelated@xmission.com.

We the People . . . Project Citizen

Free classroom sets of books (also available in Spanish) and training opportunities are available for teachers interested in participating in the Project Citizen Program. For more information, please contact Brian Beal, state coordinator, at bbeal@graniteschool.org.

Calendar of Events

2017

August 31	<i>We the People</i> state high school questions posted.
September 7	Teacher/Coach Round Table
September 17	Constitution Day
October 9	Mock Trial registration posted at www.lawrelatededucation.org
December 1	Mock Trial registration forms due
December 15	Bill of Rights Day

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January	<i>We the People</i> District Competitions
January 17	Mock Trial Teacher Meeting
January 17	Mock Trial Attorney CLE
January 20	2018 Mock Trial case posted at www.lawrelatededucation.org
February 1	<i>We the People</i> State High School Competition
February 8	<i>We the People</i> State Junior High School Competition
February 20	Mock Trials begin
March 23	Mock Trials end
May 1	Law Day



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:

Judges and attorneys of the Utah State Bar are standing by for the annual **Constitution Day** teach-in the week before or after Sunday, September 17; however, you may include any later dates in September. Please request a volunteer judge/attorney at <http://www.utahbar.org/civics/form>.

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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