



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 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 2019 Mock Trial Program. Sixty 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 2019 High School Championship teams were West High School, first place, and Integritas, second place. Congratulations to Integritas for placing 7th at the National Mock Trial Competition in Athens, Georgia! In the Junior High School Division, Integritas placed first, with Central Davis Junior High School second.



**West High School
Championship Mock Trial Team**



**Integritas Mock Trial Team
at Nationals in Athens, Georgia**



**Integritas Mock Trial Team
Junior Division Champions**

The 2020 Mock Trial Competition will begin February 12 and end March 19. The Mock Trial teacher and attorney CLE meetings will be January 8, 2020, 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 8 at www.lawrelatededucation.org.

The 2020 Mock Trial Handbook may be downloaded on January 10, 2020. Other mock trial cases and scripted mock trials also may be downloaded at this site.

A Teacher/Coach Round Table will be held on September 5 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 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. This year, various Online Workshops will be offered, as well as the Courtroom Artist and Courtroom Journalist competitions.

We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution

On February 14, 2019, students from five high schools participated in the State Mock Congressional Hearings at the University of Utah. Sky View/Green Canyon was the championship team, with Mountain Crest High School placing second, and Alta High School third.



Sky View/Green Canyon High School

Sky View/Green Canyon High School's class, with their teachers Michael Rigby's and Andrea Thompson'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 to Sky View/Green Canyon for placing first for their Unit 2 presentations!

Alta High School, with their teacher Rique Ochoa's support, also participated in the We the People National Finals in Washington, D.C.



Alta High School

The 2020 State High School Mock Congressional Hearings will be held February 13 at the University of Utah. Questions for the 2020 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.

On February 7, 2019, students from five middle school/junior high school students participated in the State Mock Congressional Hearings at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. West Jordan Middle School was the winner, with Oak Canyon Junior High School placing second, and Central Davis Junior High School third.

The 2020 State Junior High School/Middle School Mock Congressional Hearings will be held February 6 at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center.

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 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.

Check out our *We the People* training video on youtube. Contact Dawn Harvey, the State Coordinator, for the link and for future trainings.

Salt Lake Peer Court

Salt Lake Peer Court provides an alternative approach to juvenile justice in which youth referred for minor offenses are sentenced by a jury of their peers. The 80 youth volunteers adjudicate approximately 200 new and carry-over cases each year. Offenses most commonly referred are fighting, disorderly conduct, theft, bullying/cyber-bullying, assault, tobacco/E-cigarettes, alcohol, and marijuana possession/paraphernalia.

Salt Lake Peer Court is

- A two-part program: Court Hearings and Peer Mentoring.
- 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 Jenny Sanchez, Salt Lake Peer Court Director, by e-mail at slpcourt@xmission.com or phone at 801.322.1815.

In August 2018, a Swearing-In Ceremony was held at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center for the Peer Court members. The keynote speaker was Judge Augustus Chin, who also conducted the swearing-in. The student speakers were Charlie Root, Marleigh Anderson, Jihu Lee, Alfredo Barrera, Gwendolyn Orme, and Alpha Moquin.

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 Albert McFerson, state coordinator, at amcferson@alpinedistrict.org.

Calendar of Events

2019

August 31	<i>We the People</i> state high school questions posted
September 5	Mock Trial Teacher/Coach Round Table
September 17	Constitution Day
September 23	Salt Lake Peer Court Swearing-In Ceremony
September 30	Salt Lake Peer Court sessions begin
October 8	Mock Trial registration posted at www.lawrelatededucation.org
December 2	Mock Trial registration forms due
December 15	Bill of Rights Day

2020

January	<i>We the People</i> District Competitions
January 8	Mock Trial Teacher Meeting
January 8	Mock Trial Attorney CLE
January 10	2019 Mock Trial case posted at www.lawrelatededucation.org
February 6	<i>We the People</i> State Junior High School Competition
February 13	<i>We the People</i> State High School Competition
February 12	Mock Trials begin
March 18	Mock Trial High School Finals
March 19	Mock Trial Junior High School Finals
May 1	Law Day
May	Professionalism CLE
June	<i>We the People</i> Teacher Training



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 and opportunities designed to assist schools and federal agencies to meet the requirements of this law are available for download at:

Gilder Lehrman Institute:

Full-day professional development session exclusively for Utah teachers on Saturday, September 15, on the topic of the Constitution. Breakfast, lunch, and classroom materials will be provided. Robert Austin, Utah K-12 Social Studies Specialist, has arranged for them to hold the session at the USBE, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City.

Link to register:

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/civicism/event/register?id=918&reset=1>

Link to their site:

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/civicism/event/info?id=918&reset=1>

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 Division for Public Education offers law-related resources and programs to

educators, students, journalists, legal professionals, and the public to promote understanding of the law and its vital role in society.

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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