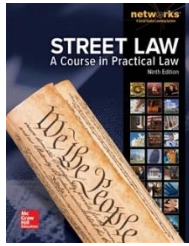


# Judicial Opportunities in the Civic Education of Young People

Judicial officers in Washington have many structured opportunities to involve themselves in the civic education of young people. Highlighted below are some of the most popular programs coordinated by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Council on Public Legal Education, or other organizations. For more information on these programs, see [www.wsba.org/ple/speakers](http://www.wsba.org/ple/speakers).



1.

**Street Law** is a practical law curriculum that engages high school students in learning law important in everyday life. Judges team up with teachers in existing classes and teach weekly classes. With financial support from the Washington Judges' Foundation, the AOC and CPLE are able to launch new judge-teacher teams each year. Contact Margaret E. Fisher, [margaret.fisher@courts.wa.gov](mailto:margaret.fisher@courts.wa.gov). *2014 Winner of Youth Civic Education Award, Seattle CityClub.*



2.

**Judges in the Classroom and On-Line Lesson Plans** makes it easy for teachers to request a judge to teach a class to elementary or secondary school students. Scripted lesson plans are available online for download. Additionally, teachers may request a judge online. Contact Sondra Hahn for more information, [sondra.hahn@courts.wa.gov](mailto:sondra.hahn@courts.wa.gov). Go to [www.courts.wa.gov/education](http://www.courts.wa.gov/education).



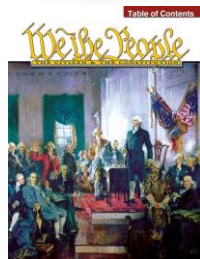
3.

**Youth Courts** are an alternative to traditional juvenile justice processes, in which young people sentence their peers for minor infractions of criminal law, truancy violations, traffic law or school rule violations. Judges help establish these youth courts, and may train youth volunteers. Contact [margaret.fisher@courts.wa.gov](mailto:margaret.fisher@courts.wa.gov).



4.

**YMCA Mock Trial Competition** provides opportunities for judges to preside at mock trials at the district or state level. High school students compete in a competition with winning teams advancing to national competitions. Contact Sarah Clinton, [youthandgovexec@qwestoffice.net](mailto:youthandgovexec@qwestoffice.net)



5.

**We the People** is a national curriculum with a competition that focuses on constitutional principles. Judges volunteer to evaluate the competition. Contact Kathy Hand, [kathyhand@attbi.com](mailto:kathyhand@attbi.com).



6.

iCivics is web-based education project designed to teach students civics and inspire them to be active participants in our democracy. A vision of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the project provides middle school teachers with better materials, including video games, and support. Contact Margaret Fisher, [fisherm2@seattleu.edu](mailto:fisherm2@seattleu.edu).