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Dear Chuck,

Please take a moment to scan the recent news of our actions on behalf of you and other members of the legal community. We hope you enjoy learning more about our mission and how you can be involved.  
 Sincerely,

Chuck Dunlap, J.D.  
 Executive Director  
 Indiana Bar Foundation

## Elementary Students Showcase

### Volunteers Needed in May!

Students demonstrate civics at upcoming events!



You are invited to judge at the 2011 Spring Elementary *We the People* State Showcase on Monday, May 9th at Union Station/Crowne Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis. The judges training will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the hearings will end by 2:50 p.m., EST.

**If you haven't seen 5th graders participate in *We the People* yet, it is a great experience!**

#### Other Locales Statewide

May 4 - Project Citizen Showcase, Evansville.  
 May 6 - We the People Showcase, Lake County.  
 May 10 - We the People Showcase, Fort Wayne.  
 May 12 - Project Citizen Showcase, Fort Wayne.  
 May 17th - Project Citizen Showcase, Indianapolis (Statehouse and government center)

Contact [Andrew Homan](#) or your district coordinator by Friday, April 29th to volunteer at any event. Detailed information will follow.

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#### The most important thing I learned about the Constitution...

...all the rights and freedoms I have as a citizen. I also didn't know that our constitution is so important." - Margaret (student)

## What is Indiana's Civics IQ?

### Justice Robert Rucker, Rep. Lee Hamilton Announce Indiana Civic Health Index

Are you disturbed that only 1 in 3 Americans can name the three branches of government? We are too. Learn what your Foundation is undertaking to fully assess the situation!

[Learn more!](#)



## Gift to Total \$60,000

### Phelps Estate Gift to Help Legal Aid

The late Gale Phelps continues to impact the lives of many - whether they are attorneys who worked with her or clients she helped. Now her legacy will continue to impact access to justice for the poor. The board of the Indiana Bar Foundation voted March 11 to designate a \$30,000 estate gift from her trust to the Richard M. Givan Loan Repayment Assistance Program (Givan LRAP). Because of a match available from the Indiana Supreme Court, the Phelps estate gift doubles to \$60,000.



This gift combined with a \$25,000 leadership gift from Timothy J. Abeska, an attorney with the South Bend office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, propels the campaign toward meeting the Court's challenge. His gift was the first leadership gift received to this matching gift campaign.

"This is one way I can help Hoosiers in need to ensure they have equal access to the law," said Mr. Abeska, adding "I hope the announcement of this gift will encourage other attorneys or law firms to support this program, which will impact the lives of many of our less fortunate citizens."

The Foundation board chose to dedicate the Phelps estate gift to the LRAP because legal aid and pro bono cases so often involve family law, Gale Phelps' area of legal expertise. In honor of Phelps' dedication to the family law field, the board deemed the LRAP a fitting use of the funds. Phelps died in May 2003. Her estate was settled recently upon the death of her spouse.

[Watch for a profile about Gale Phelps this summer in Res Gestae!](#)

"The Court deemed a critical need for attorneys to serve the poor by creating an endowment for the Givan LRAP through their \$175,000 matching gift," said Chuck Dunlap, Foundation executive director. "We are confident the Indiana legal community will step forward to meet the challenge."

The Givan LRAP provides support to the attorneys who work in legal aid or pro bono organizations to help them repay law school loans. Attorneys qualify for loan assistance if they earn less than \$50,000 annually.

### Civic Education 6,000 Indiana Students Need Your Help!



#### About An Hour for Civics

*We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution* promotes civic competence and responsibility among 5th, 8th and 12th grade students. But these kids need your help. Learn how you can help kids from Allen to Vanderburgh to Lake counties improve critical thinking and public speaking skills while they learn about the U.S. Constitution and its contemporary relevance.

[Learn more!](#)

### 2011 Fellows Dinner Friday, July 15!

Join us at the French Lick Springs Resort for this dinner when we induct the the new [Fellows class](#).

Special guest speaker: **Steven Ferguson, Cook Group Incorporated**, renovator of the West Baden Hotel.  
Learn more [here!](#)

### Partnership for Appellate Pro Bono Project

The Indiana Pro Bono Commission and the ISBA Appellate Practice Section's pro bono committee are collaborating to formalize the application and screening process for the Indiana Appellate Pro Bono Project. Low-income Hoosiers who would like pro bono representation for an appeal must submit an application to the Pro Bono Commission. Eligible cases are then referred to the Appellate Practice Section's pro bono committee to find a volunteer.

To volunteer, please contact ISBA Appellate Practice Section staff liaison [Maryann Williams](#) or pro bono committee chair [John Laramore](#) or [Matt Albaugh](#) at Baker & Daniels. Lawyers on the pro bono appellate panel are contacted periodically by email to ask if they are willing to take a specific case described in the email. If requested, the project will attempt to find mentors for new attorneys who would like to take pro bono appeals.

In October 2009, the Foundation was challenged by the Court to raise \$175,000 by November 1, 2011. The Court will match the funds pledged or received as of that date. At the end of the campaign, the Foundation anticipates having at least a \$350,000 endowment to serve the poor.

To learn how you might assist others with a gift or a multi-year pledge to the Givan LRAP, contact the Foundation at 317-269-2415 or visit our [web site](#).

### Do we *know* you?

Help us keep our records updated. Make sure we have your current mailing address. Forward this to a friend in the legal community just in case we don't have his or her email address. Address corrections may be sent to [Theresa Browning](#). **Thank YOU!**

### About us

Providing civic education, access to justice and improving the Indiana judicial system.

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