

**Proud to be a  
Washington County  
Lawyer**

The members of the Washington County Bar Association are dedicated to sharing legal expertise, solving legal problems, and serving our communities.

**WCBA Membership**

480 lawyers and judges are members of the Washington County Bar Association.



**WCBA Public Programs**

Our members contribute thousands of community service and pro bono hours each month.



**WCBA Public Service**

724.225.6710 is the number to call for more information on public education and community service programs.



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**PROGRAM REQUEST FORM**

**Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF PROGRAM**  
(Choose from a program outlined in this brochure, or suggest a topic or program):

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Audience Size/Profile:** \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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**Check here if date/time is flexible**

**Please make your request at least  
15 business days prior to your  
anticipated program date.**

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**PUBLIC  
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## **Why Public Education Matters**

It is obvious that there is a lot of interest in the legal system — just turn on your television and watch the coverage of the latest high-profile legal case or one of the many popular courtroom dramas. However, when legal cases make the news or hit the tube, we don't get a clear picture of all the facts or the details. The Bar Association's public education programs de-mystify the legal system and help separate the fact from the fiction.



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## **Serving the Community since 1892**

The Washington County Bar Association and its members are committed to providing educational programs to help the public understand the importance of the rule of law to our society, American civic values, our courts and our system of justice, and the meaning of our democracy in a diverse society.

## **Special Programs for Schools**

### **"NOW THAT YOU ARE 18"**

Teams of attorneys and banking/finance representatives visit with groups of high school seniors to talk about the legal rights and responsibilities that come with adulthood. A great program to hold for seniors that last week of school before graduation!

### **PBA-YLD HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIALS**

High schools can field teams of students for a national Mock Trial Competition, with the first qualifying District trials held in Washington County. Each team must have a teacher- and an attorney-coach to participate.

### **"I SIGNED THE CONSTITUTION!"**

A perfect program for "Constitution Day" in September, an attorney can visit your school to provide an interactive program about the Constitution and related law-related topics.

## **What Kinds of Programs are Available?**

### **SPEAKERS' BUREAU / COURTHOUSE TOURS**

Our active Speakers' Bureau is called upon many times per year to deliver presentations on almost any law-related topic to a variety of school and community groups. Our members also provide law-related tours of the Courthouse.

**PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL** provides citizens with general legal information on topics such as The Courts, Wills and Estates, Real Estate, Criminal, Civil and other types of law presented by panels of attorneys, judges and other legal professionals. We also sponsor "law schools" for leaders of non-profit organizations.

### **CLASSIC LAW FILM SERIES**

A free film festival to educate the public about the law and the positive role of lawyers in society. Attorneys and/or judges introduce each film, highlighting their own experiences and relevant points of law in the film. It has been included in the ABA's nationwide "Best of the Best" list of public education programs.

### **More Award-Winning Programs!**

★ Our former Boy Scouts of America / Learning for Life post won 1st place in the national 2008 BSA/LFL mock trial competition. ★ The "American Justice System: A Day in the Life of..." weekly radio program on WNJR received a national Community Education & Outreach award.



## **Annual Law Day Celebration**

Students can win cash prizes in our Law Day-themed contests! During the weeks surrounding Law Day, nationally observed on May 1st, WCBA sponsors poster, essay and creative arts contests for students in grades 2-12, conducts law-related **Courthouse Tours**, and sends **Speakers' Bureau** members to visit schools and groups to discuss Law Day related topics. A public Law Day celebration is held, during which time we present the **Liberty Bell Award** to a non-lawyer for outstanding service in encouraging respect for law and the courts.

Law Day was established in 1958 by President Eisenhower to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law.



Our 2004 Law Day Celebrations, featuring keynote speakers Cheryl and Linda Brown, daughters of the named plaintiff in the landmark civil rights decision "Brown v. Board of Education," received one of five national Outstanding Law Day Activity Awards from the American Bar Association.

## **Charitable Bar Foundation**

The Washington County Bar Foundation was created in 1989 as the charitable arm of the Bar Association. The 501c3 Bar Foundation provides grants and operates programs that support law-related community programs, pro bono initiatives and legal services for the indigent. A recent WCBF-WCBA public education program was "Law Works 4 You" at the LeMoyne Center.