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# Judicial Civic Learning Opportunities

Judicial officers in Washington have many structured opportunities to involve themselves in the civic education of young people. Learn how to participate in one of the many popular programs coordinated by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Council on Public Legal Education, and other local and national organizations.

“The opportunity to participate in a local high school classroom turned out to be the highlight of my career.”

**JUDGE SUE DUBUISSON (RET.),  
THURSTON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**

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## CIVIC LEARNING INITIATIVE

Key stakeholders in Washington are working together to provide meaningful opportunities for students to become active, informed, and engaged in civic learning. The Civic Learning Initiative seeks to ensure access to high quality civic learning for all Washington youth and address gaps in civic learning by prioritizing opportunities for youth of color, immigrant and refugee youth, and youth in rural communities. For more information, contact Margaret Fisher, [fisherm2@seattleu.edu](mailto:fisherm2@seattleu.edu).



## STREET LAW

Winner of Seattle CityClub's 2014 Youth Civic Education Award, Street Law is a practical law curriculum that engages high school students in learning about the law and how it applies to their everyday life. Judicial officers pair up with teachers to teach the curriculum once per week, and each team is provided with a classroom set of the national textbook, *Street Law: A Course in Practical Law*. There are more than 30 active partnerships around the state. For more information, contact Margaret Fisher, [fisherm2@seattleu.edu](mailto:fisherm2@seattleu.edu).



## JUDGES IN THE CLASSROOM

Join your colleagues on Constitution Day, September 17, for an intensive effort to present the Constitution to students. This program makes it easy for teachers to request a judge to teach a class to students in grades 3-12 at any time of the year. Lesson plans are downloadable. Teachers may request a judge and interested judges may register online. The curriculum is intended to engage students in active discussions, courtroom simulations and role-playing. For more information about the program or to volunteer, visit [www.courts.wa.gov/jitc](http://www.courts.wa.gov/jitc).



## YOUTH COURTS

Offered as an alternative to traditional juvenile justice processes, Youth Courts are programs in which young people sentence their peers for violations of juvenile law, truancy law, traffic law, or school rules. Youth courts are structured to provide positive alternative sanctions for young violators to take responsibility, to be held accountable, and to make restitution. Judges help establish these courts and may train youth volunteers. For more information, contact Margaret Fisher, [fisherm2@seattleu.edu](mailto:fisherm2@seattleu.edu).



## YMCA MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Provides an opportunity for students to participate in a competitive high drama courtroom showdown between teams from around the state. Through researching case law, working with team members and arguing legal issues in front of real judges and lawyers, teens are provided hands-on learning opportunities that will assist in the development of the confidence, knowledge and skills needed to lead the next generation. For more information, contact Amber Wetzel, [awetzel@seattlemca.org](mailto:awetzel@seattlemca.org) or Lorrie Thompson, [lorrie.thompson@courts.wa.gov](mailto:lorrie.thompson@courts.wa.gov).



## WE THE PEOPLE

Promotes civic competence and responsibility among the nation's upper elementary and secondary students. Free textbooks, teaching manuals, and a simulated congressional hearing make teaching and learning exciting for both students and teachers. More than 1,400 teachers in Washington have participated in the program. Judges may participate by visiting classrooms, hosting students in their courtrooms, or by being a resource for teachers and students. For more information, contact Kathy Hand, [kathyhand@comcast.net](mailto:kathyhand@comcast.net).



## ICIVICS

Founded and led by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, iCivics provides students with the tools they need for active participation and democratic action, and teachers with the materials and support to achieve this. Free resources include print-and-go lesson plans, award-winning games, and digital interactives. For more information, contact Nicole Ack, [nicole.ack@courts.wa.gov](mailto:nicole.ack@courts.wa.gov).