



Prominent Civil Rights Activist to Address OCLRE Law and Citizenship Conference

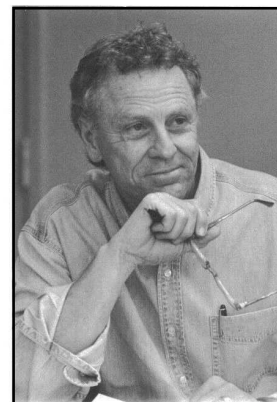
Morris Dees, prominent civil rights activist and co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, will address OCLRE's annual fall Law and Citizenship Conference, October 28-30. His speech is scheduled for the evening of October 29 in Downtown Columbus.

During his career, Mr. Dees has aided minorities in court by successfully filing suit to stop construction of a white university in an Alabama city that already had a predominantly black state college, and initiating lawsuits to integrate the Montgomery (Alabama) YMCA and the Alabama State Troopers. Recently, he has won multi-million dollar judgments against violent white supremacist groups such as the Ku Klux

Klan and the Aryan Nation for arson and attacks on minority groups.

Mr. Dees has received numerous honorary degrees from colleges, universities, and law schools as well as awards from the National Education Association, the American Bar Association, the National Council of Jewish Women, and Common Cause. He was one of the U.S. Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Men of America in 1966.

A made-for-television movie about Morris Dees' life, *Line of Fire*, aired on NBC in 1991. His autobiography, *A Season for Justice*, was published by Charles Scribner's Sons, and he is the author of several other books, including his latest, *Gathering Storm:*



Morris Dees

America's Militia Threat (HarperCollins), exposing the danger posed by domestic terrorist groups.

Mr. Dees' Southern Poverty Law Center publishes a curriculum on teaching tolerance that is available to schools for free.

Plan Now to Attend OCLRE 2001-02 Programs

October 28-30, 2001

Law and Citizenship Conference
(includes distribution of 2002 Mock Trial case, special guest speaker Morris Dees, and OCLRE Founders' Award presentation)

November 13, 2001

Youth for Justice Training

January 25, 2002

We the People State Competition

February 22, 2002

Mock Trial District Competitions

March 14-16, 2002

Mock Trial State Competition

May 1, 2001 (Law Day)

Youth for Justice Summit

Spring 2002

**Ohio Government in Action:
The Executive Branch**

Spring 2002

We the People Teacher Workshop

Summer 2002

Law and Citizenship Camp and Academies

Print out this newsletter using Acrobat Reader or save online for reference all summer. The Fall OCLRE Newsletter will be mailed to you at the beginning of the school year.

Integrated Curriculum, Special Keynote Speakers, to Highlight OCLRE Fall Law and Citizenship Conference, October 28-30

Integrating science and citizenship, as well as learning about civil rights and law from a leader of the civil rights movement and about the legislative process from a prominent professor and author, are on tap for the annual OCLRE Law and Citizenship Conference. The Conference, in a new three-day format, is October 28-30 in Columbus.

A committee of teachers, law enforcement officers, and other law-related educators has been meeting this spring to ensure that all three days of this popular conference are packed with exciting, practical ideas and materials that educators can take back to their classrooms. In addition, law enforcement personnel also will find plenty of lesson plans they can use in the classroom and techniques for dealing with students. Mock Trial advisors can learn from and talk to scoring judges and ask that burning question, "What are you looking for?"

The theme of the conference, "Creating Star Players for Our Democracy: Citizenship, Science, and the Law," will feature workshops on using scientific evidence, such as that gathered in forensic investigation of crimes, to teach law and citizenship courses and integrated science-citizenship-law activities in history, law, and government classes at elementary, middle, and high school levels. The 2002 Mock Trial case is expected to incorporate ideas from scientific investigation for

students to learn as they prepare their case. Mock Trial case materials will be distributed at the conference, and workshops on Mock Trial tips and techniques will be included.

Civil rights activist Morris Dees (see related story, page one) will be the guest speaker at a special dinner for conference participants and others as part of a not-to-be-missed fund-raising event for OCLRE. Alan Rosenthal, Professor of Public Policy and Political Science at the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University (see related story), will team with an Ohio legislator for presentations on democracy and the legislative process and the Ohio legislature. Dr. Rosenthal is currently writing a book on state legislatures and is researching the Ohio legislature.

Eminent Political Scientist to Speak as Law and Citizenship Conference Tuesday Keynote

Alan Rosenthal, professor of Public Policy and Political Science at the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, will team with an Ohio legislator to present a workshop on the democratic process and the legislature in Ohio, the United States, and developing countries. The presentation will keynote the Tuesday section of the OCLRE Law and Citizenship Conference.

Dr. Rosenthal has consulted with most of the state legislatures in

the United States, and has written several books on legislatures, lobbying, and ethics. He is currently researching the Ohio legislature as part of a book he is writing for publication in the fall.

For the first time in many years, the conference has been expanded to three days in order to allow more time for elementary and middle school sessions as well as high school workshops and to allow conference-goers to attend repeats of popular sessions. Many new presenters, as well as nationally known speakers popular at previous conferences, will lead hands-on, participatory workshops. As always, the conference will include exhibits of classroom materials and plenty of free handouts from exhibitors as well as from presenters.

Watch for a summer mailing and the fall OCLRE newsletter for more details and registration material. Information and a registration form will be posted on the OCLRE Website, www.ocltre.org, as details become available.



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Professor Rosenthal has also served as a Fellow in Harvard's Program on Ethics and the Professions and as a Research Fellow at the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School. He has received the American Political Science Association's Charles E. Merriam Award, which honors a person whose published work and career represent a significant contribution to the art of government through the application of social science research.

Teachers: You Can Win!

Send in Entries for Lesson Plan of the Year Awards

The Ohio Center for Law-Related Education wants to reward teachers who have created original activities and/or lesson plans that prepare students to be informed, active, responsible citizens, and that encourage them to vote, serve on juries, and speak out on important issues. Lessons that feature partnerships with the legal, law enforcement, and scientific communities are especially welcome.

The teacher who submits the top lesson plan will receive \$250 and a Law and Citizenship Camp or Academy scholarship for his or her district. Four finalists will each win \$100. The awards will be presented at the OCLRE Law and Citizenship Conference October 28-30. OCLRE will make the lessons available to other educators, with credit to the originators.

Deadline is August 31, 2001. For information, contact Jared Reitz at jreitz@ocltre.org or call 614-485-3506.



Middle School Mock Trial

OCFRE Needs Middle School Teachers to Write a Mock Trial from Children's Literature

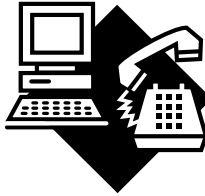
OCFRE is looking for volunteers to help select a popular piece of literature typically read in middle-school classrooms and turn it into a mock trial. Volunteers would need to commit a day or two, possibly including a meeting, to decide on a topic and source and generate case ideas.

The first such case, *The State of Rhode Island v. C. Doyle*, was created last year based on the book, *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, by Avi. The case has been used for a pilot middle school mock trial in Columbus. The case is available through OCFRE and has been requested and used by many middle school teachers and their students.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Murray at cmurray@ocfre.org or call 614-485-3510 or (toll-free) 877-485-3510.



Many national presenters were on hand at the 2000 Law and Citizenship Conference.



Call for Proposals!

Do you have an idea for a workshop that you'd like to present at the OCFRE Law and Citizenship Conference October 28-30? Or, maybe you don't have enough material for a full workshop, but you'd like to share your organization's offerings

with small groups of teachers in 15-minute carousel-style sessions? Call Cynthia Murray at 614-485-3510 for more information or a proposal form. Or check out the OCFRE Website, www.ocfre.org. Proposals are due July 15, 2001.

The theme of this year's conference is *Creating Star Players for Our Democracy: Citizenship, Science, and the Law*. Strands of the conference will center on school violence, connections between science and law-related education, and the role of the legislature in policy-making in these areas.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Programs, resources, or creative lessons integrating science and civics
- Collaborations between teachers, administrators, counselors, and resource officers to prevent violence
- Cross-disciplinary collaborations between teachers, scientists, lobbyists, and government and law enforcement officials to teach about science and law

Use a Fairy Tale or a Piece of Children's Literature to Try a Case in Your Classroom

Would you like to put Goldilocks on trial for eating the three bears' porridge? How about that big bad wolf who blew down the little pigs' houses?

You can conduct a mock trial in your elementary classroom with fairy tale cases from the OCFRE library. Several cases are presented in a booklet you can borrow.

Or, for a middle school classroom, how about the case of C. Doyle? The case, written last year, concerns an 18th century adolescent girl accused of a ship-board murder, based on circumstantial evidence. The case is based on *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, a popular piece of literature often taught in middle school classrooms.

In addition, some cases from various sources, shorter than OCFRE's high school mock trial cases, are available and could be adapted and used by middle/junior high school students.

Contact the OCFRE library at 614-485-3510 (local), 877-485-3510 (toll-free) or e-mail jreitz@ocfre.org.

Send a Kid to Camp This Summer!

Make this summer memorable for a child who could not otherwise go to camp!

Help a student learn to be a responsible citizen! It's easy—just sponsor a student—or students—to the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education's Camp or Academy program! It's not expensive and it could make a real difference in a youngster's life.

You as an individual or your parents' organization, civic organization, or local bar association can make a scholarship available for young people in your community, based on need or other criteria, such as an essay or poster contest. You can name the student(s) or OCLRE will use your donation to pay program fees for a student on our waiting list for financial aid.

For more information, call Jared Reitz, Law and Citizenship Camp and Academy program director, at OSBA headquarters, 614-485-3506 or 877-485-3510 or e-mail jreitz@oclre.org.

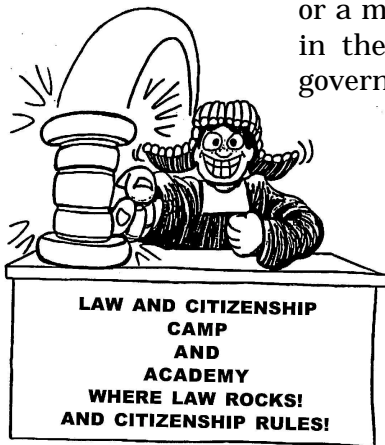


From the Camp Director . . .

by Jared Reitz

Time to Register for an Experience You'll Remember for a Lifetime!

"Where Law Rocks and Citizenship Rules." In that unique language of kids, we find the essence of OCLRE's Law and Citizenship Camp and Academy program. Through hands-on, learn-by-doing activities, participants experience how Ohio government works and how laws are made in a democratic society. Campers take part in legislative and judicial activities in a county courthouse, and those at the academy will pass their own legislation, participate in a mock trial in the Franklin County Courthouse or a moot court in the chambers of the Supreme Court of Ohio. Kids are literally in the seats of power. These activities really "rock" when county and state government and law enforcement officials get actively involved with the participants.



Whether in a cabin or dormitory, students are in an environment where citizenship rules. The importance of responsibility, respect, cooperation and active participation is not only emphasized in the small group activities but "lived" by participants in a community of their peers.

The days are loaded with activities that promote leadership and proficiency skills, as well as encourage debate and discussion on issues important to today's youth. Kids really "rock" when typical summer activities such as swimming, outdoor recreation, a dance and more are added to the mix.

I am pleased that we can offer a counselor/student ratio of one-to-eight. The counselors, most of whom are veterans of our program, are certified, well-trained teachers who know how to "rock and rule." Their understanding of teaching strategies and love of kids enriches OCLRE's one-of-a-kind- law and citizenship program.

I invite you to tell your students about this program so that they can join us this summer and discover how law rocks and citizenship rules.

Register now! Here's how:

Fill out one form per child (you are welcome to make copies); please type or print and return to the address on the back of this brochure. Be sure to include your **non-refundable deposit of \$50 per camper**. If you are an honor roll student, deduct \$25 from your deposit — you must send us your last report card. When we receive your registration form, OCLRE will send you a confirmation packet that will include medical forms, a brief survey, a map to the Camp and Academy sites, and other needed information.

How to apply for financial aid:

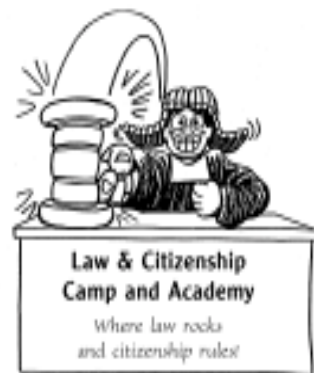
Simply fill out one form per child and return to the address below. Include a **\$20 non-refundable deposit fee** and a copy of your most recent tax return. Financial aid is limited and will be granted on the basis of individual need.

Questions?

Call Jared Reitz, camp director, at the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education at (toll free) (877) 485-3510 or (614) 485-3506.

Space is limited!

Mail registration form below today to:
Ohio Center for Law-Related Education
Attn: Registration
P.O. Box 16562
Columbus, OH 43216-6562
(Registration forms with credit card payment may be faxed to (614) 486-6221.)



Law & Citizenship Camp & Academy Registration Form

Camper name: _____ Parent name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Home phone number: _____ Work phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Grade: (Fall '01): _____ M/F: _____ School and district: _____

Have you been to Law and Citizenship Camp/Academy before? _____

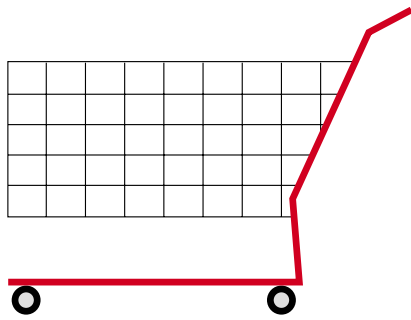
How did you learn about this program? _____

Sign me up for:

- Law and Citizenship Academy I
June 17-20, 2001
(entering Grades 7-9) \$250
- Law and Citizenship Academy II
July 8-11, 2001
(entering Grades 7-9) \$250
- Law and Citizenship Camp
July 15-19, 2001
(entering Grades 4-6) \$275

Payment method:

- Enclosed is check # _____ for \$ _____ made payable to OCLRE.
- Please charge \$ _____ to my:
 - Visa MasterCard
 - # _____ Exp: _____
- Signature: _____
- I wish to apply for financial aid. Enclosed is a copy of my tax return and \$20 deposit (non-refundable).



Come Shop at the OCLRE Store— Where There Are Bargains Galore!

When they're gone, they're gone! Mock Trial tee-shirts, that is. A few District Mock Trial t-shirts, all size XL, are still available for \$10 each, including shipping and handling.

You also can order a 3-color "How a Bill Becomes a Law" poster/gameboard, "Face-Off: ACLU vs. Attorney General" (Ohio state motto case video and teaching materials), *Lawyers in the Classroom*, and *Officers in the Classroom* resource packets.

Call OCLRE at 614 485-3510 (local) or 877-485-3510 (toll-free) to order. Shipping and handling included in the following prices:

Mock Trial 2001 District Tee-shirts	\$10.
How a Bill Becomes a Law poster/gameboard	\$ 5.
Face-Off: State Motto Case	\$30.
Lawyers in the Classroom	\$10.
Officers in the Classroom	\$10.
"How a Bill Becomes a Law" poster/game	\$ 5.

"In God We Trust"?

Buy Video, Lesson Plan of State Motto Case Debate from OCLRE "Store"

Face-Off: State Motto Case—ACLU vs. Attorney General, a lively debate conducted at OCLRE's Law and Citizenship Conference last fall, is available on videotape from OCLRE. The 50-minute video comes with a packet containing a lesson plan, background materials, and activities for classroom use.

The videotape and lesson plan is available from OCLRE for \$30, including shipping and handling. Call OCLRE toll-free at 877-485-3510 or (in central Ohio) 614-485-3510 or e-mail cmurray@ocle.org.

Lose Something?

A jean jacket and a black long wool coat have been found at recent OCLRE programs. Call 877-485-3510 if they're yours.

OCDRCM Honors 11 Ohio Students and Educators for Promoting Non-Violent Resolution of School Disputes

While schoolyard disputes that turn violent have been dominating media headlines, hundreds of students and teachers across Ohio have been learning and using conflict management skills to help angry young people calm down, talk over and work out conflicts before they escalate into fights or other dangerous, disruptive behavior.

In recognition of that effort, the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management (OCDRCM) and the Ohio Department of Education

(ODE) recently honored six education professionals and five students for outstanding achievement in teaching conflict management skills and helping their schools create and maintain a peaceful learning environment.

The honorees, who received their awards at the Statehouse in Columbus in May, include Aaron Baer, East Middle School (Warren); Lesley Bernard, St. Clairsville High School; Mary Walker, Radcliff Middle School (Dayton); Kristen Hartley, Westlake Elementary School

(New Carlisle); Tami Mazzella, Rootstown Elementary School; Vinia Roberts, Park Layne Elementary School (New Carlisle); Lynn Newsom, Batavia Elementary School; Evangelina Figueroa, Sheridan Elementary School (Youngstown); Brittany Person, Radcliff Middle School; and Curtis Philpot, Lakota East High School (Liberty Township).

The honorees used grants, up to \$4,000, which are available in limited numbers from OCDRCM, to fund their projects.

OCLRE Library Offers Rich Resources for Teachers, Lawyers

New OCLRE Bibliography Available for Free

An updated OCLRE bibliography lists hundred of resources for teachers looking for new materials to prepare lessons for next school year. Educators, lawyers, and law enforcement personnel can borrow materials in the bibliography from the OCLRE library for free (except for return postage).

Videotapes, lesson plans, mock trial cases, books, and pamphlets are available. Request materials by calling OCLRE at 614-485-3510 (local), 877-485-3510 (toll free) or e-mailing jreitz@oclr.org.

Use Past Mock Trial Cases to Enliven Your Classes

Mock Trial cases from previous years can be borrowed from the OCLRE library for use in high school classes. Some teachers also adapt the cases for middle and junior high school use.

All cases are copyrighted and may not be reproduced or used outside the borrower's classroom without the express written permission of OCLRE.

Some of the cases available, with videotapes and student case books, include the following:

1999-00 *Turner v. Raetown Board of Education*: An Ohio high school, in light of recent violent and tragic events at high schools across the country, enacts a zero-tolerance respect policy to be enforced by a Respect Judicial Panel. When a student-athlete violates this policy, disciplinary action is taken that threatens the student's chances for a college scholarship, and, as a result, the student files a lawsuit.

1998-99 *1 City of Whiteacre Bluffs v. K.J. Tyler*: Does the City of Whiteacre Bluffs loitering ordinance violate the right to freedom of association when the defendant, K.J. Tyler is arrested while talking with a group of

youths, at least one of whom is a known gang member, in a popular local youth hang out?

1997-9 *United States v. Dorian Lowe*: A high school student is charged with possession of drugs and drug trafficking after an e-mail message is intercepted by the student's school principal.

“Thank you for loaning the materials. They were a huge help as I am planning my law unit for the kids.

Thank you for your time and assistance.”

—Ann Radford-Lewis
Urbana, Ohio

1996-97 *C. Washington v. Mid-City Veterans Foundation*: A high school senior files suit against a veterans' organization because s/he was passed over for an academic scholarship that the organization awarded to a minority student.

1995-96 *In the Matter of C. Northern*: A student-led crime-prevention organization runs afoul of a hypothetical state statute prohibiting paramilitary training when they attend a survival skills camp.

1994-95 *In the Matter of H. Roller*: A juvenile court case in which high school students claim their First Amendment and other Constitutional rights were violated when they were cited for curfew violation while attending a “religious” meeting in local restaurant.

(Cases from earlier years may be available. Call for information.)

Borrow from OCLRE Library Companies Donate Drunk Driving Videotapes and Instructor's Guides to Ohio High Schools

Almost 600 copies of a videotape and instructor's packet on drunk and substance-impaired driving have been distributed to Ohio high schools through the generosity of three Ohio companies. LP Cavett of Cincinnati, Northwood Asphalt Contractors of Belle Center, and the Shelly Company, also of Belle Center, together paid for the production of 590 copies of “DUI: It's a Crime” which were donated to schools in their areas.

The videotapes were originally made for use in West Virginia by Alliance Productions, Inc., Charleston, West Virginia. Asphalt contractors in that state sponsored distribution. Larry G. Kopelman, Esq., of Charleston, spearheaded the project and wrote the video, and arranged for sponsorship and distribution. (Although there are some differences in Ohio and West Virginia DUI laws, most of the information on drunk and impaired driving can be used in Ohio classrooms. An Ohio comparison is included in the packet.)

Jared Reitz of OCLRE helped to facilitate the distribution in Ohio. The OCLRE library will lend copies of the videotape and teacher's packet to teachers at schools that did not receive them. Contact OCLRE at 877-485-3510 (toll-free) or e-mail jreitz@oclr.org.

Teachers: You Can Win a Grant for Civic Education

Teachers in grades 4-12, as well as college faculty, teacher-led student teams, and individuals who develop curriculum can win grants for civic education projects.

The Dirksen Congressional Center will distribute \$40,000 in Robert H. Michel Grants in 2000-2001. Projects should focus on designing lesson plans or student activities and applying instructional technology in the classroom. Awards are made three times per year.

For more information, visit www.pekin.net/dirksen/micheledgrants.html or contact Frank Mackaman, Executive Director, The Dirksen Congressional Center, 301 South Fourth St., Suite A., Pekin, IL 61554; 309-347-7113.

VOICE Workshop to Focus on Violence Prevention Outcomes in Civic Education

A week-long summer institute for 2nd - 8th grade social studies and language arts teachers is set for August 6-10, 2001, in Chicago.

Conducted by the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago, the VOICE (Violence-Prevention Outcomes in Civic Education) workshop will introduce teachers to the VOICE curriculum. VOICE incorporates conflict resolution, law-related education, and service learning to help students develop a deeper understanding of the U.S. Constitution and our system of government. Lessons can be incorporated in language arts, U.S. history, and world history. The VOICE model involves teams of attorneys; field experiences; interactive lessons that emphasize critical thinking, effective communication, and peaceful resolution of conflict; and projects that contribute to the well-being of the school and highlight quality student work.

Registration fee for the program is \$100, but teachers who complete "teacher reflections" on four lessons will receive a refund of the \$100. Airfare to Chicago (up to \$400 coach) and a per diem stipend for lodging and meals will be provided. Additionally, two graduate credit hours can be earned. Preference will be given to groups of two-to-six teachers from a school.

To apply, call or e-mail Rhonda Mallory at OCLRE (614-485-3509 or 877-485-3509 or rmallory@ocle.org) for a registration form, or contact the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago, 407 South Dearborn Street, Suite 170, Chicago, IL 60605-1119. Deadline for completed application is June 1.



Newsletters Promote Classroom Discussion, Provide Background to Issues

Two newsletters provide information on current legal issues that teachers can use for class discussion.

Courtroom and Classroom, provides synopses of recent constitutional cases from appeals courts as well as classroom discussion questions and legal definitions. The newsletter is written on a level easily understood by most high school students.

Topics have included "Professor's Classroom Profanity," "Public Libraries and Internet Porn," "Confederate Flags on Students' Shirts," "Mom Couldn't Help This Time," and "Random Drug Testing in Schools OK." Case descriptions in-

clude a summary, background, excerpts from majority opinion and dissent, and discussion questions.

Teacher subscribers are permitted to reproduce the newsletter for use in their classrooms. For subscription information, call John Smith at 651-690-5155 or e-mail jwsdev@aol.com

Justice First, published by the Alliance for Justice, focuses on violence prevention and selection of judges.

Information on subscriptions can be obtained from Justice First, Eleven Dupont Circle, NW, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20036 or by e-mail, JusticeFirst@afj.org

Shop Online and Help OCLRE

A percentage of just about anything you purchase online can be donated to the Ohio Center for Law Related Education – at no extra cost to you! So, the next time you shop online, please visit the iGive.com mega mall of more than 230 stores. Whether you shop JCPenney or Nordstrom's, the Gap or Walmart, Eddie Bauer or Avon, Hooked on Phonics or Land's End, Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble you'll find it at iGive.com.

Each online store donates from 2 –15% of every dollar you spend to OCLRE, if you designate the Center as your "cause." Shipping is often free. It's a great way to support OCLRE's Law and Citizenship Camp and Academies, the Mock Trial program, Youth for Justice or any of the Center's programs dedicated to making star players for our democracy! Remember: www.iGive.com.

Please Support OCLRE!

Tax savings for OCLRE donations! As a 501 (c)(3) organization, your gift to OCLRE is tax deductible. The generosity of OCLRE supporters helps to keep program fees down. Your gift may be used for activities such as Camp or Academy student scholarships, financial aid for teachers or student teachers to attend the Law & Citizenship or Ohio Government in Action professional development conferences, and many more exciting citizenship education opportunities for Ohio's educators and students.

You may give any dollar amount at your discretion. At the end of the year, OCLRE will provide a statement of your giving activity for your tax records. All you need to do is mail or fax the pledge form below.

Yes, I want to support OCLRE!

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the work of the
Ohio Center for Law Related Education

Personal check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Please invoice me in the amount of \$ _____

Please apply \$ _____ to my credit card Visa/MC # _____ Exp Date _____

Signature _____

Please apply my tax-deductible contribution to:

- General Fund
- We the People...
- Mock Trial
- Youth for Justice
- Ohio Government in Action
- Student scholarship to Law & Citizenship Camp and Academy
- Camp and Academy

Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

e-mail _____ FAX _____

Thank you for your contribution!



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Creating Star Players for Our Democracy

OGIA: Teachers See the Supreme Court in Action

Forty-seven teachers from across the state watched an oral argument in a death penalty case at the Supreme Court of Ohio, followed by a debriefing by the opposing attorneys who argued the case. The Supreme Court visit was part of a two-day workshop, Ohio Government in Action (OGIA): The Judicial Branch, conducted by OCLRE in April.

OGIA participants also observed a murder trial in Franklin County Common Pleas court. During lunch at a downtown Columbus club, the participants also "broke bread" with several Supreme Court justices, including Ohio Chief Justice Thomas Moyer, Justice Evelyn Stratton, and Justice Alice Robie Resnick.

The teachers toured the Franklin County Courthouse facility, heard from the Franklin County Prosecutor, the Franklin County Public Defender, and the Jury Commissioner. Then the educators were challenged with materials from a moot court hearing and several rose to the occasion, performing in the Statehouse for the

rest of the group. They were applauded for quick thinking and on-the-spot ad-libbing! Attendees received notebooks full of teaching materials to use in their classrooms.

The Ohio Government in Action program looks at each of the three

branches of government, one per year, in the spring. Next year's program will examine the Executive Branch and provide methods and materials for teaching about that branch in the classroom. Space is limited, so plan now to attend next year!



Teachers at Ohio Government in Action learn about the judicial branch by staging a mini-mock trial at the Statehouse.

You Can Use Ohio Government in Action Judicial Branch Resource Materials in Your Classroom

If anyone is interested in purchasing the notebook used for the Ohio Government in Action: The Judicial Branch seminar, please contact Betsy McNabb at bmcnabb@ocltre.org. The contents of the book include:

Oral Arguments

State of Ohio v. Kareem Jackson Case Summary
 Merit Brief of Plaintiff-Appellee State of Ohio
 Reply Brief of Appellant, Kareem Jackson

Ohio Courts

Structure of Ohio Judicial System
 Supreme Court
 Courts of Appeals
 Sample of Appeals Case
 Municipal Court
 Courts of Common Pleas
 Docket of Judge Miller
 Mayors Courts
 Total New Cases Filed 1995 -1999
 Definitions

Legal Procedure

How a Civil Case Begins
 How a Criminal Case Begins
 Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure
 Appendix of Forms

Moot Court Activities

The Case of Billy Greenwood
 The Case of Laney Howard

Teaching Materials and Information

Association Contact Information
 Internet Resources
 Putting on Mock Trials – American Association
 Middle School Mock Trial – The State Rhode Island v. C. Doyle
 Grade School Mock Trial – Spot, the Dog on Death Row



Judge James Green (upper left), of the Franklin County Municipal Court and the OCLRE Board of Trustees, talks to OGIA participants; (lower left) teachers find themselves "in jail" during a tour of the Franklin County Court-



Olympic weightlifter Ari Sherman demonstrates his prowess at the Youth for Justice Summit. He involved students in his sport while teaching them about the dangers of steroids and other drugs (left). Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery, a sponsor of OCLRE, announces outstanding projects at the Youth for Justice Summit.

Middle-Schoolers Showcase Projects at Youth for Justice Summit

Twenty-six teams of middle-school students met in Columbus in April to present their violence-prevention and school and community problem-solving projects at the 7th Annual Youth for Justice Summit. The teams represented hundreds of classmates around the state who worked on the classroom-wide or whole-school projects.

Adult volunteers from state agencies and police departments chose five projects for special recognition.

Domingo Herraiz, director of the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) and long-time Youth for Justice supporter, welcomed the youth and guests to the Summit. He also presented a proclamation of “Youth for Justice Day” by Ohio Governor Bob Taft.

Keynote speaker Ari Sherwin, Olympic weightlifter and anti-drug advocate, presented an interactive session, “Drugs in Sports . . . A Losing Game.” Recruiting students to come on stage to help, Sherwin taught stu-

dents not only about weightlifting, equipment, and safety, but also about the dangers of steroid and recreational drug abuse, while amazing them with his weightlifting feats.

The Office of Criminal Justice Services, the Ohio State Bar Foundation, and the Constitutional Rights Foundation provide grants to support the program. In-kind donations of food were provided by Donatos, Kroger, and Tim Hortons.

State Leaders Recognize Five Outstanding YFJ Projects

At the Youth for Justice (YFJ) Summit in April, 60 volunteers from state agencies and police departments talked with the teams to learn about their projects. The adults were impressed by the teams’ work and commented that the projects seem to be getting better each year. They especially noted that teams from schools participating for several years are going more in depth in their projects, making a difference by implementing solutions in their schools and communities.

Although the judges praised all the projects, they singled out the following five for special recognition:

Problems of and Solutions for Stereotyping

Finneytown Middle School
Liz Baker, Advisor

Behaviors That Cause Disrespect

Louis de Brosse-Maumee Youth Center
Rebekah Schindler, Charlene Niner, Advisors

Creating Positive Role Models to Promote and Improve Interpersonal Communication

Schaefer Middle School (Springfield)
Ellie Bahns, Mary Drayer, Advisors

Finding Out about Fighting at Fairview through a Questionnaire

Fairview Junior High School (Dayton)
Michael Slightam, Advisor

Increasing Awareness about Cheating in School and Ways to Curtail it.

Willets Middle School (Brunswick)
Richard Javorek, Advisor



OCJS Director Domingo Herraiz presents a proclamation from Ohio Governor Bob Taft at Youth for Justice Summit.

Centerville High School Wins *We the People* State Competition for 3rd Time

Upholding a winning school tradition, teacher Darren Smith led his Centerville High School Honors/Advanced Placement American Government class to the state championship in the annual *We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution* competition in January. The class represented Ohio in the national competition in April in Washington, D.C.

Conducted in Ohio by OCLRE, *We the People* is a nationally-acclaimed civic education program that helps students understand the history and principles of United States constitutional government.

Students on this year's championship team are Michael Buenaventura, Ryan Chanatry, Chris Chenoweth, Jaewon Chung, Jason Dugan, Matt Durham, Nick Eilbeck, Andrew Galusha, Abhishek

Gowda, John Grim, Sarah Holstine, Rachel Irwin, Lauren Lantz, Lem Liou, Wayne Lovely, Sathyan Mathai, Nidhi Mehta, Heather Miller, Roocha Patel, Eric Schomburg, Lynette Shie, Ann Song, Bob Stephens, Michelle Thompson, and Marianne Windholtz.

The Centerville class was one of seven classes competing in mock congressional hearings where they were judged by Ohio legislators and other state officials on their knowledge of the

six units of the *We the People* curriculum. The program is unique in that the whole class, rather than a selected group of high-achieving students, must participate if a class enters the competition. Centerville teams also won the state championship in 1999 and 1996.

Nineteen District Coordinators from the Congressional Districts in Ohio supply limited numbers of free classroom sets of *We the People* materials to elementary, middle, and high schools in their districts.

Additional sets are available from the Center for Civic Education for a small cost. A *We the People* teacher training workshop is planned for Spring 2002.

For more information, please contact Jared Reitz, program director, at OCLRE, 877-485-3510 (toll-free) or by e-mail, jreitz@ocle.org.



The winning *We the People* State Champion, Centerville High School, advanced placement American Government class, and teacher, Darren Smith, after winning Centerville's third state title.



The Willoughby South *We the People* team (above) captured the James Madison prize for their knowledge of Unit 3, which spotlighted Madison. Madison, one of the Founding Fathers of the U.S. Constitution, proposed the Bill of Rights. Left to right are Kelly Ackroyd, Rep. Derrick Seaver, at age 18 the youngest-ever Ohio representative, who presented the award, Erin Woods, and Amanda Berichon.

Miss Ohio, Stephanie Meisberger (right photo), inspired students at the *We the People* state competition to challenge themselves to achieve more than they think possible.



Sylvania Southview Wins State Mock Trial Championship

Sylvania Southview High School won the Ohio High School Mock Trial State Championship, and represented the state in the National High School Mock Trial Competition in Omaha, Nebraska, May 10-13. Sylvania Southview also won the Ohio Mock Trial state championship in 1996 and 1999.

The Lucas County school's Mock Trial team outscored the Marysville High School (Union County) team in the fifth and final round of the competition at which Ohio Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer presided.

Awards for Outstanding Attorney and Outstanding Witness in the Championship trial were given to Sandra Moon and Michelle Lipszyc, respectively, of Sylvania Southview.

The two finalists advanced from a field of 42 district winners who competed in the three-day state competition. More than 300 teams competed in 25 District Mock Trial programs in February to advance to the State Competition.



Sylvania Southview High School team members are congratulated by Judge Michael Fain after winning the Ohio Mock Trial State Championship. From left to right, front row, are Dennis Lyle, Esq., Legal Advisor; Jeff Loeser, Michelle Lipszyc, Andrea Kendall, Jodi Wellman, Jolene Meiring, and Sandra Moon. Championship round judges include David Gormley, Attorney General Betty D. Montgomery's Office; Reginald Jackson, President of the Ohio State Bar Association; Terri-Lynne Smiles, Chair of the Mock Trial Case Committee; and Rick Dove, President of the OCLRE Board of Trustees.

In addition to the two finalists, other teams in the top eight included Brecksville-Broadview (Cuyahoga County), Lake Catholic (Lake County); North Royalton (Cuyahoga County), St. Xavier (Cincinnati), and Thomas Worthington and Worthington Kilbourne (both of Franklin County).

The Sylvania Southview team is coached by Dennis Lyle, Esq., of

Fuller & Henry in Toledo. Team members include Sandra Moon, Jolene Meiring, Andrea Kendall, Jeff Loeser, Jodi Wellman, Michelle Lipszyc, Elodie Dupuy, and Michelle Steinle. The Sylvania Community Action Team (SCAT) sponsored the Southview Mock Trial team this year.

The Ohio Mock Trial program is made possible in part by a grant from the Ohio State Bar Foundation.



Mentor High School Mock Trial Team Receives Congressional Recognition

Congressman Steven LaTourette, 19th Congressional District, presents award to the Mentor High School Mock Trial team, one of the winners of the Lake District Mock Trial competition.



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