

***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

325 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):

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

Audience Size/Profile: _____

Check here if date/time is flexible

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

**Washington
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**PUBLIC
EDUCATION
PROGRAMS**

***Learn About
the Law***



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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.

What Kinds of Programs are Available?

SPEAKERS' BUREAU / COURTHOUSE TOURS

Do you need a lawyer to do a presentation for a school group or organization? Our active Speakers' Bureau is called upon more than 40 times per year to deliver presentations on almost any law-related topic. Our members are also available to provide law-related tours of the Washington County Courthouse.

PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

Our "People's Law School" program provides interested citizens with general legal information. Seminars on topics such as The Courts, Wills and Estates, Landlord-Tenant, Real Estate, Criminal, Civil and other types of law are presented by panels of attorneys, judges and other legal professionals. We also provide "law schools" for business leaders and for leaders of non-profit organizations.

PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS

The Bar Association partners with local, state and national organizations to bring you public education programs such as "Why A Will Can't Wait" and "Health Care Decisions Week" and seminars on current events and legal issues.

"I SIGNED THE CONSTITUTION!"

In conjunction with a nationwide educational effort by the National Constitution Center (NCC) in Philadelphia, a member of our Bar Association will visit your group to talk about the Constitution and related topics; attendees' signatures on a 6-foot replica of the Constitution are then displayed at the NCC.

CLASSIC LAW FILM SERIES

A film festival to educate the public about the law and the positive role of lawyers in society. Local attorneys and/or judges introduce each film, highlighting their own personal experiences and relevant points of law in the film. The series, co-sponsored by W&J College's Pre-Law Society, is free and open to the public.

Special Programs for Schools

STEPPING OUT PROGRAM

Teams of attorneys visit with groups of high school seniors to talk about the legal rights and responsibilities that come with adulthood.

HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

High schools can field teams of students for a statewide 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.

LAW EXPLORERS

Our co-ed Law Explorers Post, sponsored by the Learning for Life Division of the Boy Scouts, provides activities for students ages 14-21 to educate them about law-related careers.

Charitable Bar Foundation

Our charitable foundation provides ~\$25,000 per year to support law-related community programs and legal services for the poor.

Annual Law Day Celebration

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

During the weeks surrounding Law Day, nationally observed on May 1st, the Bar Association sponsors poster, essay and photography theme contests for Washington County 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.

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.