

ISBA Lawyers in Classrooms Volunteers

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We currently have volunteers in the following counties: Adams, Bond, Champaign, Coles, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Livingston, Madison, McHenry, McLean, Peoria, Perry, Rock Island, St. Clair, Sangamon, Warren, Will, Winnebago and Woodford.

List of Sample Topics Offered – Feel free to ask the volunteer if they might speak on another topic if you have an additional need!

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Alternative Dispute Resolution – reaching consensus & problem solving (grade school thru high school)
Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school levels)
Careers in the law (high school level)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (junior high and high school levels)
Consumer issues/Contracts and responsibility (high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Diversity – the law is on your side (middle and high school)
Drugs, Guns and Safety issues in schools (junior high and high school)

Employment issues (high school level)
 Environmental issues: how to green your classrooms (grade school thru high school)
 Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
 Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
 Famous trials
 First amendment as it relates to schools and students
 Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
 How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
 Marriage and family law (high school level)
 Mock Trials – I'd be available to meet with a mock trial team to advise/fine-tune presentations
 Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
 Reading! I'd love to visit a class and read to students (grade school)
 So, now that you're 18 (high school)
 So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
 The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process
 The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)
 The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
 The Law School Experience (high school and college)
 Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)
 Working your way through college (high school)

ADAMS COUNTY

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Adams County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
 Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
 Careers in the law (high school)
 Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (junior high and high school)
 Consumer issues/Contracts and responsibility (high school)
 How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
 Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
 So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
 The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process
 The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)
 The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
 The Law School Experience (high school and college)
 Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)
 Working your way through college (high school)

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Adams County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
 Careers in the law (high school)
 Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (junior high and high school)
 Consumer issues/Contracts and responsibility (high school)
 Current events: law-related issues in the news
 Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
 How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
 So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
 The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)

The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience (high school and college)
Working your way through college (high school)

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Adams County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Employment issues (high school)
1st Amendment as it relates to schools and students
4th Amendment as it relates to schools and students
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)

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Adams County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
The adversarial system/steps in the trial process

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Adams County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Alternative Dispute Resolution – reaching consensus & problem solving (grade school thru high school)
Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school levels)
Careers in the law (high school level)
Consumer issues/Contracts and responsibility (high school level)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school level)
The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience (high school and college)
Working your way through college (high school)

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Adams County – Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Careers in the law (high school)
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Drugs, guns, and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Fourth Amendment as it relates to schools and students
First Amendment as it relates to schools and students
Current events: Law-related issues in the news

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Adams County – Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Famous Trials
Marriage and family law (high school)
The court system and its role in government (middle and high school)
The law school experience (high school and college)

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Adams County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Consumer issues/Contracts and responsibility (high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Diversity – the law is on your side (middle and high school)
Drugs, Guns and Safety issues in schools (junior high and high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
Famous trials
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process
The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience (high school and college)
Working your way through college (high school)

BOND COUNTY

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Bond County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The adversarial system/steps in the trial process
The court system and its role in government (middle and high school)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

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Champaign County – Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)

Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitutional/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Current events: law related issues in the news
Diversity Issues (grade school, middle and high school)
Drugs, Guns and Safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
First amendment as it relates to school and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to school and students
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)
Working your way through college (high school)

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Champaign County – Willing to speak in county & neighboring counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitutional/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Diversity Issues (grade school, middle and high school)
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The Importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

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Champaign County – Willing to speak in my city and neighborhood

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Alternative Dispute Resolution – problem solving and reaching consensus
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Environmental issues – how to “green” your school
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

The Law School Experience
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school level)
Working your way through college (high school)

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Champaign County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Drugs, guns and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
Marriage and family law (high school)
Traffic laws and courts (high school)

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Champaign County – Willing to speak statewide

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Diversity issues (grade, middle and high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
How real are lawyers on TV and film (high school)
Marriage & family law (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worse that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)
Working your way through college (high school)
General Civics – the three branches of Federal Government; State rights v. Federal programs; local government role in legislation

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Champaign County – Willing to speak in Champaign, Edgar & Clark counties

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
Domestic Violence and Illinois Law

COLES COUNTY

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Coles County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Fairy tales and the law (grade school)
Importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
Others: Powers of Attorney (high school)

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Coles County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Drugs, guns and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Fourth Amendment as it relates to schools and students
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process
The Court system and its role in government (middle and high school)
The importance of rules and authority (grade school)
The law school experience (high school and college)
Traffic Laws and courts (high school)

COOK COUNTY

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Cook County – Willing to speak in own city, county and neighborhood

Topics:

Alternative Dispute Resolution – problem solving and reaching consensus
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
How real are lawyers on TV and film: (high school)
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Law School experience
Current events: law-related issues in the news

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Cook County – Willing to speak in own city

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Fairy Tales and the law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
The Law School Experience
Working your way through college (high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own city

Topics:

The importance of rules and authority (grade school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

The importance of rules and authority (grade school)
Fairy tales and the law (using mock trials to teach about the law (grade school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
Consumer issue/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Others: How a case proceeds, start to finish

Hon. William J. Borah, Homewood, IL (signed up January 27, 2009)

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Cook County – Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Others: Topics under the Illinois Human Rights Act

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Cook County - In my neighborhood

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
The law school experience (high school and college)

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Cook County – Willing to speak in my city, neighborhood & county

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Diversity Issues (grade, middle & high school)
Drugs, Guns and Safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
Traffic Law and Courts (high school)
Working your way through college (high school)

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Cook County – Willing to speak in my neighborhood, city, county & neighboring counties

Topics:

Alternative Dispute Resolution – problem solving and reaching consensus
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

Paul Byck, Chicago, IL (signed up September 16, 2011)
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Cook County – In my neighborhood, neighboring counties, my city and county.

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer
The difference between practicing law and running a law practice.
Litigating a medical malpractice case as the medical information and legal strategies evolve.

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Cook County – In my city only

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Current events: Law-related issues in the news
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
The Court System and its Role in Government?
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience
Working your way through college (high school)

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Cook County - willing to speak in own city

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the Law (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
The Importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Current Events: law-related issues in the news
Fairy Tales and the Law (using fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school))
Famous Trials
Parts of a trial
The Adversarial System
Trial Advocacy 101

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Cook County – Willing to speak in own city

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)

Careers in the law (middle and high school)

Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)

Currents events: law-related issues in the news

Marriage and family law (high school)

Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend

Working your way through college (high school)

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Cook County – Willing to speak in own neighborhood, city, county and neighboring counties

Topics:

Alternative Dispute Resolution – problem solving and reaching consensus

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)

Constitution/Bill of Rights Issues (middle and high school)

Consumer Issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)

First amendment as it relates to schools and students

Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students

Marriage and family law (high school)

Mock Trials – I'd be available to meet with a mock trial team to advise/fine-tune presentations

So, now that you're 18 (high school)

The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial

The Law School Experience

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Workers Compensation and related topics

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Fairy tales and the law (grade school)

Careers in the law (high school)

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)

Careers in the law (high school)

Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)

Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)

Current events: law-related issues in the news

Fairy Tales and the law (grade school)

First Amendment

Fourth Amendment

The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
Traffic laws and courts (high school)
Others: Teacher should contact to discuss additional topics

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Cook County - Willing to speak in Cook at Lake Counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Employment issues (high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
The Law School Experience

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Civil trial law
Drugs, Guns and Safety Issues in schools (middle and high school)
Fairy Tales and the law (grade school)
Importance of rules and authority (grade school)
Medical malpractice issues
Traffic laws and courts (high school)

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Cook County - Willing so speak in own city

Topics:

Constitution/Bill of Rights (middle and high school)
Fifth Amendment issues
Fourth Amendment as it relates to schools and students
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
The adversarial system/steps in the trial process
The law school experience (high school and college)

Leslie A. Hairston, Chicago, IL (signed up July 15, 2008)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in city

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Drugs, guns and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
Fairy Tales and the law (grade school)
How real are lawyers on TV and film (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The court system and its role in government

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Cook County – Willing to speak in own neighborhood (60614)

Topics:

Alternative dispute resolution – reaching consensus and problem solving
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
The adversarial systems/ steps in the trial process
The law school experience (high school and college)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in Cook, Will and Kankakee counties

Topics:

Alternative dispute resolution – reaching consensus and problem solving
Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process
The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience (high school and college)

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Cook County – willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Reading! I'd love to visit a class and read to students (grade school)
The law school experience
Working your way through college (high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own town and neighboring cities/towns

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Employment issues (high school)
Importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in Cook and neighboring counties

Topics:

Fairy tales and the law (grade school)
Employment issues (high school)
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
The law school experience
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
Media in the law
Issues in tort law (medical negligence)
Discussing myths in tort law

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Cook County – Willing to speak in neighborhood, city and county

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the Law (middle and high school)
Constitutional/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news (non-criminal)
Employment issues (high school)
How real are lawyers on TV and in film? (high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own city

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Current events: law-related education issues in the news
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The law school experience (high school and college)
Traffic laws and courts (high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in Cook and Lake counties

Topics:

Alternative dispute resolution – reaching consensus and problem solving
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
The adversarial system/steps in the trial process

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Cook County – Willing to speak in her county

Topics:

Careers in the law (middle and high school)

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Cook County – Willing to speak Statewide

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Alternative Dispute Resolution – problem solving and reaching consensus
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
How real are lawyers in TV and film? (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Law School Experience
Working your way through college (high school)

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Cook County – Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Alternative Dispute Resolution – problem solving and reaching consensus
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news

Diversity issues (grade school, middle and high school)
Drugs, Guns and Safety issues in school (middle and high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
First amendment as it relates to school and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to school and students
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience
Working your way through college (high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in Northwest Suburbs

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (junior high and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Diversity – the law is on your side (middle and high school)
Drugs, Guns and Safety issues in schools (junior high and high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Famous trials
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process
The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)
The Law School Experience (high school and college)

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Cook County – Willing to speak in neighborhood, city, county and neighboring counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitutional/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Diversity issues (grade, middle and high school)
Drugs, guns and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
Planning a classroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in the Government
The importance and Rules and Authority (grade school)

The Law School Experience
Working your way through college (high school)
Need for Diversity in the Law

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Cook County – Willing to speak in her city

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle & high school)
Constitutional/Bill of Rights issues (middle & high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Diversity Issues (grade, middle & high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Environmental issues – how to green your school
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trials fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
The Law School Experience
Importance of voting/voting rights

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
The law school experience
Working your way through college
Real Estate Law and Contracts Law

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Cook County – Willing to speak in own neighborhood, city, county, neighboring counties and statewide

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
So what if I am arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own neighborhood and city

Topics:

Careers in the law (high school)
Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news

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Cook County - Willing to speak in Cook and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the Law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights (middle and high school)

Current events: law-related issues in the news
Drugs, guns and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (grade school)
Importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
Marriage and Family law (high school)
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own neighborhood

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Employment issues (high school)
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
Marriage and family law (high school)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in Chicago

Topics:

Constitutional/Bill of Rights issue (middle and high schools)
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students

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Cook County – Willing to speak in neighborhood, city, county and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the Law (middle and high school)
Diversity Issues (grade, middle and high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worse that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Law School Experience
Working your way through college (high school)
Others (Business Law)

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Cook County - Willing to speak in own neighborhood (Chicago south suburbs)

Topics:

Alternative Dispute Resolution – problem solving and reaching consensus

DEKALB COUNTY

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DeKalb County - Willing to speak in DeKalb and Kane Counties

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
The law school experience (high school and college)
Working your way through college (high school)

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DeKalb County – Willing to speak in neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendments as it relates to schools and students
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worse that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial

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DeKalb County - Willing to speak statewide

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Traffic laws and courts (high school)

DUPAGE COUNTY

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DuPage County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Alternative Dispute Resolution - problem solving and reaching consensus
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System - steps in a trial
Working your way through college (high school)
Other: Real estate and mortgage foreclosure

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DuPage County - Willing to speak in DuPage and Cook Counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous Illinois lawyers (grade school)
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibilities (high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Estate planning, powers of attorney, etc.
Fairy tales and the law (grade school)
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
The importance of rules and authority (grade school)

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DuPage County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

Fairy Tales and the law (grade school)

Employment issues (high school)

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DuPage County - willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)

Alternative Dispute Resolution - problem solving and reaching consensus

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)

Careers in the law (middle and high school)

Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)

Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)

How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)

Marriage and family law (high school)

First Amendment as it relates to schools and students

Mock Trials - I'd be interested in helping a team prepare for the ISBA Mock Trial Program

So, now that you're 18 (high school)

So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)

The Adversarial System - steps in a trial

The Court System and its Role in Government

The Importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)

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DuPage County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)

Careers in the Law (middle and high school)

Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)

Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)

The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

The Law School Experience

Working your way through College (high school)

JACKSON COUNTY

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Jackson County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)

Careers in the law (middle and high school)

Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)

Current events: law-related issues in the news

Employment issues (high school)

Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)

The court system and its role in government

The law school experience

JEFFERSON COUNTY

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Jefferson County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Alternative dispute resolution – reaching consensus and problem solving
Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Consumer issues/Contracts and responsibility (high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Diversity – the law is on your side (middle and high school)
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process
The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience (high school and college)
Working your way through college (high school)
Juvenile Justice Reform (for most any county)

JOHNSON COUNTY

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Johnson County – Willing to speak in Johnson or **Pope** Counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Fairy Tales and the law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
First Amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth Amendment as it relates to schools and students
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
So, now that you're 18 (high school)

KANE COUNTY

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Kane County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

The importance of rules and authority (grade school)
Fairy Tales and the law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)
Consumer Issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Fourth Amendment as it relates to schools and students
First Amendment as it relates to schools and students
Current events: law-related issues in the news

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Kane County – Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties (Kane/DuPage/Kendall/Will)

Topics:

- Careers in the law (high school)
- Traffic laws and courts (high school)
- Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
- Employment issues (high school)
- Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
- Current events: law-related issues in the news

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Kane County - Willing to speak in the following cities: Dundee, Elgin, Carpentersville, Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, Gilberts, South Elgin

Topics:

- Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)

KANKAKEE COUNTY

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Kankakee County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

- Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
- Fairy Tales and the law: using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
- How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
- Marriage and family law (high school)
- Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
- The law school experience (high school and college)

KENDALL COUNTY

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Kendall County – Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

- Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
- Careers in the law (high school)
- Planning a classroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
- So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
- The adversarial system/steps in the trial process
- Traffic laws and courts (high school)
- Advantages of working in public sector/government settings

LAKE COUNTY

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Lake County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

- Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution reaching consensus and problem solving
- Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
- Careers in the law (middle and high school)
- Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
- Current events: law-related issues in the news

Drugs, guns and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Fairy Tales and the law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
First Amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
Marriage and family law (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The adversarial system/steps in the trial process
The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The law school experience (high school and college)
Traffic laws and courts (high school)

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Lake County – willing to speak in city, neighborhood and county (Western Lake & Eastern McHenry)

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous Lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitutional/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Current events: law related issues in the news
Diversity issues (grade school, middle and high school)
Environmental issues – how to “green” your school
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy talks to teach about the law (grade school)
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience

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Lake County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news

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Lake County – Willing to speak in neighboring counties (50-60 mi range) and in own county

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience (high school and college)
Other – Disaster response and recovery, various sports-related topics (for example: recent lockouts (high school) or using rules of sports to understand why we need laws (grade and middle school) or any other topics

Charlene Quint, Gurnee, IL

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Lake County – Willing to speak in Will County only

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)

Careers in the law (middle and high school)

Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)

Marriage and Family Law (middle and high school)

The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial

The Court System and its Role in Government

The law School Experience

Other: Healthy relationships v abusive relationships; Order of Protection; Domestic Abuse and what to do if there is abuse at home

LASALLE COUNTY

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LaSalle County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Alternative Dispute Resolution reaching consensus and problem solving

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)

Careers in the law (high school)

Current events: law-related issues in the news

How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)

So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)

The adversarial system/steps in the trial process

The law school experience (high school and college)

Traffic laws and courts (high school)

Insurance Law/Injury Law

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LaSalle County – Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Alternative Dispute Resolution – reaching consensus and problem solving

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)

Careers in the Law (high school)

Current events: Law-related issues in the news

Employment issues (high school)

Fourth Amendment as it relates to schools and students

How real are Lawyers on TV and film? (high school)

So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)

The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process

The Court system and its role in government (middle and high school)

The importance of rules and authority (grade school)

The Law School experience (high school and college)

Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)

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LaSalle County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)

Careers in the law (high school)

Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/Contracts and responsibility (high school)
Drugs, guns and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
How real are lawyers on TV and in film? (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process
The Court System and its Rule in Government (middle and high school)
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

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Livingston County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (junior high and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Diversity – the law is on your side (middle and high school)
Drugs, Guns and Safety issues in schools (junior high and high school)
Famous trials
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process
The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience (high school and college)
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)
Juvenile Courts
DCFS Functions
Civil Rights and policy issues
Brown v. Board of Education

MADISON COUNTY

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Madison County – Willing to speak in own county. May be able to travel statewide on limited basis

Topics:

Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
First Amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth Amendment as it relates to schools and students
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The law school experience (high school and college)
Traffic laws and courts (high schools)
Others: Taking the bar exam (Mr. Rekowski is a former member of the Board of Admissions to the Bar)

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Madison County – Willing to speak statewide

Topics:

Alternative Dispute Resolution – reaching consensus and problem solving
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Establishing good credit—and keeping it (high school)
Fairy tales and the law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law) (grade school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
The law school experience (high school and college)

MCHENRY COUNTY

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McHenry County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Alternative Dispute Resolution reaching consensus and problem solving
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Drugs, guns and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Fairy Tales and the law (using mock trail fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
First Amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
Marriage and family law (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The adversarial system/steps in the trial process
The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The law school experience (high school and college)
Traffic laws and courts (high school)

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McHenry County - Willing to speak statewide

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Drugs, Guns and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)

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McHenry County – Willing to speak statewide

Topics:

Alternative Dispute Resolution – reaching consensus and problem solving

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McHenry County – Willing to speak statewide

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Diversity Issues (elementary, middle and high school)
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
Fourth amendment as it relates to schools and students
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worse that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)

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McHenry & DeKalb County – Willing to speak in neighborhood & city

Topics:

Constitutional/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

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McHenry County – Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Consumer issues/Contracts and responsibility (high school)
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System/steps in the trial process
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience (high school and college)
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)
Working your way through college (high school)
Using the law to help others

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McHenry County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

The Importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
Fairy Tales and the law (grade school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Traffic Laws and Courts (high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Drugs, guns and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Fourth Amendment as it relates to schools and students
First Amendment as it relates to schools and students

MCLEAN COUNTY

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McLean County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

PEORIA COUNTY

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Peoria County – Willing to speak in Tazewell and Peoria Counties

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
The law school experience (high school and college)
Working your way through college (high school)

PERRY COUNTY

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Perry County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (junior high and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (junior high and high school)
Consumer issues/Contracts and responsibility (high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
Famous trials
How real are lawyers on TV and Film? (high school)
The Court System and its role in government (middle and high school)
The Law School Experience (high school and college)
Working your way through college (high school)

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

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Rock Island - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Careers in the law (high school)
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news

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Rock Island County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Careers in the Law (high school)
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights Issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news

SANGAMON COUNTY

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Sangamon County - Willing to speak in own county and neighboring counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous Illinois lawyers (grade school)
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Current events – law-related issues in the news
Employment issues (high school)
First amendment as it relates to schools and students

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Sangamon County – Willing to speak in own city

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Employment issues (high school)
Mock Trials – I'd be available to meet with a mock trial team to advise/fine-tune presentations

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Sangamon County – Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Drugs, guns and safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)

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Sangamon County – Willing to speak Statewide

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Alternative Dispute Resolution – problem solving and reaching consensus
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Career in the law (middle and high school)

Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Diversity issues (grade, middle and high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Environmental issues – how to “green” your school
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans attend
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience
Traffic Law and Courts (high school)
Working your way through college (high school)
Other: College Mock Trial

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Sangamon County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

The importance of rules and authority (grade school)
Fairy tales and the law: using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
First Amendment as it relates to schools and students
Current events: law-related issues in the news

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Sangamon County - Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Alternative Dispute Resolution – problem solving and reaching consensus
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Drugs, Guns and Safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
So what if I’m arrested? What’s the worst that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

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Sangamon County – Willing to speak in own city

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)

TAZEWELL COUNTY

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Tazewell County – Willing to speak in my city

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
Planning a classroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
The Law School Experience

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Tazewell County – Willing to speak in my county & neighboring counties

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
The Adversarial System – Steps in a trial
The Court System and its Role in Government
The importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)
Why I should make a will and power of attorney when I turn 18 (high school)

WILL COUNTY

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(signed up February 1, 2021)

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Will County – Willing to speak in Will, DuPage, Kane & Kendall

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle & high school)
Careers in the Law (middle & high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (middle & high school)
Consumer issues/contract and responsibility (high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
How real are lawyers in TV and film? (high school)
Marriage and family law (high school)
Planning a class courtroom visit – able to assist with plans and attend
The Law School Experience

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Will County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Constitution/Bill of Rights issues (junior and high school)
The Importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

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Will County - Willing to speak in own county or neighboring counties

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Constitution/Bill of Rights Issues (middle and high school)
Consumer issues/contracts and responsibility (high school)
Importance of Rules and Authority (grade school)

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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Winnebago County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
First amendment as it relates to schools and students
The law school experience (high school and college)

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Winnebago County – Winnebago or statewide by Zoom only

Topics:

Abraham Lincoln and other famous lawyers in Illinois (grade school)
Becoming a Lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (middle and high school)
Current events: law-related issues in the news
Diversity Issues (grade, middle and high school)
Drugs, Guns and Safety issues in schools (middle and high school)
Employment issues (high school)
Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)
Fairy Tales and the Law (using mock trial fairy tales to teach about the law (grade school)
How real are lawyers on TV and film? (high school)
So what if I'm arrested? What's the worse that can happen? (middle and high school)
The Court System and its Role in Government?
The Law School Experience

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Winnebago County - Willing to speak in own county

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)
Careers in the law (high school)
Diversity – the law is on your side (middle and high school)
The adversarial system/steps in the trial process

The importance of rules and authority (grade school)
The law school experience (high school and college)
Other: appellate and specialty courts

WOODFORD COUNTY

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Woodford County – Willing to speak in own and neighboring counties)

Topics:

Becoming a lawyer (middle and high school)

Careers in the law (high school)

Consumer issues/Contracts and responsibility (high school)

Establishing good credit...and keeping it (high school)

The adversarial system/steps in the trial process

The court system and its role in government (middle and high school)

The law school experience (high school and college)

Working your way through college (high school)

Others: additional topics welcome.

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