

New Jersey State Bar Foundation

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The New Jersey State Bar Foundation offers a wide variety of **FREE** law-related, and civics-based publications, programs, and education for the public, New Jersey teachers, and their students.

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CIVICS RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS for elementary, middle and high school students (*see reverse for a complete list*).

THE INFORMED CITIZEN, NJSBF's civics blog, contains timely posts on topics such as democratic norms, the rule of law, the separation of powers, and much more. Visit informedcitizen.njsbf.org.

THE LEGAL EAGLE, a legal newspaper for elementary, middle and high school students (and adults). Visit lowdown.njsbf.org.

RESPECT, a diversity and inclusion newsletter for middle and high school students (and adults). Visit rundown.njsbf.org.

CONVERSATION STARTERS are articles curated from *Respect*, *The Legal Eagle*, or from our civics blog, the *Informed Citizen*. Read or download for special months, weeks, or days, and select topics including government, social media, and artificial intelligence. Visit conversationstarters.njsbf.org.

SPEAKERS BUREAU attorneys are available to speak on more than 30 law-related topics, including constitutional law and The Bill of Rights. Request a free speaker at speakers.njsbf.org.

Our Law Fair and Law Adventure Competitions help to fulfill the New Jersey middle school civics requirement (see below).

MOCK TRIAL PROGRAMS

For K-12. Visit mocktrial.njsbf.org.

VINCENT J. APRUZZESE HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION for grades 9-12

COURTROOM ARTIST CONTEST for high school students

COURTROOM NEWS REPORTER CONTEST for high school students

LAW ADVENTURE COMPETITION and programs for grades 7 and 8

LAW FAIR COMPETITION and programs for grades 3-6

MOCK TRIAL WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS for elementary, middle, and high school teachers

EDUCATOR TRAININGS

In-person at the New Jersey Law Center, virtual, and in school/in district options. Visit trainings.njsbf.org.

BEYOND BIAS a series of three workshops that address issues of bias, race, and ethnicity to create brave spaces.

BREAKING BIAS: LESSONS FROM THE AMISTAD focuses on teaching African American history through an anti-bias lens.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION introduces methods to prevent and address conflict in the school community.

FOUNDATIONS OF TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST for educators who want to know effective pedagogy to teach about the Holocaust.

PEER MEDIATION for educators who believe students have agency to solve their own conflicts.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN SCHOOLS gives educators strategies to implement restorative justice practices into classrooms and schools.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT offers SEL skills and habits for educators to incorporate into their learning environments.

THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL CLIMATE TEAM focuses on how to be proactive in creating a positive school climate.

TRAUMA SAVVY SCHOOL CULTURE helps educators create trauma sensitive classrooms in order to prevent violence.

UNDERSTANDING HIB CHARACTERISTICS helps educators prevent, identify, and address HIB incidents by preventing bias.

VARIOUS SEL WEBINARS including self-awareness, resilience, and motivation.

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation is a New Jersey professional development provider.

FREE NJSBF PUBLICATIONS

Order or download by visiting publications.njsbf.org.

Some publications are available in alternate formats, including Spanish, Braille, and audio.

CIVICS-BASED PUBLICATIONS

BEYOND THE BILL OF RIGHTS is a 24-page newsletter that explains the 17 amendments added to the U.S. Constitution after The Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791. Geared to middle and high school students.

BILL OF RIGHTS BULLETIN is a newsletter packed with articles on The Bill of Rights, as well as puzzles, constitutional trivia and much more. Geared to elementary and middle school students. **ONLINE ONLY**

THE BILL OF RIGHTS UP CLOSE is a 28-page newsletter that takes a deep dive into The Bill of Rights. Geared to middle and high school students.

CHALLENGING RACISM FROM PAST TO PRESENT is a special 32-page issue of *Respect*, that is devoted to institutional racism. Geared to middle and high school students.

CONSTITUTIONALLY NEW JERSEY is a 12-page newsletter devoted to the New Jersey Constitution. Geared to elementary, middle and high school students. **ONLINE ONLY**

CONSTITUTIONALLY SPEAKING is a series of primers covering a specific civics-related topic. The first edition of the publication is a 12-page primer devoted to the U.S. Supreme Court. Geared to middle and high school students.

HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS OF NEW JERSEY AND THE UNITED STATES contains the Declaration of Independence, The Articles of Confederation, as well as the U.S. and New Jersey Constitutions. **ONLINE ONLY**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PLAGIARISM Covers all aspects of plagiarism and copyright infringement in a question and answer format. Geared to middle and high school students.

MINI-COURT TEACHER'S GUIDE (grades K-5) provides two mock trial lesson plans and related classroom activities and resources. Designed to introduce age-appropriate legal concepts to children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

MOCK TRIAL EXERCISE BOOKLETS feature winning Law Fair (grades 3-6) and Law Adventure (grades 7-8) original mock trial cases from previous competitions. **ONLINE ONLY**

HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL WORKBOOK contains the procedures, rules and mock trial case for the annual Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition. **ONLINE ONLY**

PUBLICATIONS FOR ADULTS

AVOIDING NOTARIO FRAUD IN NEW JERSEY explains what notario fraud is and the laws that provide protection from it.

BASIC GUIDE TO PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY provides an overview of the bankruptcy process in New Jersey. It explains the different chapters of bankruptcy, key steps involved in filing for bankruptcy and the role of a bankruptcy attorney.

CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO NEW JERSEY LAW gives an overview of 24 areas of law, including wills, divorce, auto insurance and much more.

DISABILITY LAW: A LEGAL PRIMER helps individuals with disabilities and their advocates understand their legal rights.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: THE LAW AND YOU examines the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act and the legal process for obtaining temporary and permanent restraining orders. It also includes a domestic violence checklist to assist victims in documenting their abuse.

EDUCATIONAL GUIDE FOR TRIAL JURORS explains the important role of jurors within our judicial system and how lawsuits are tried. The guide was produced with assistance from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

HOW TO BECOME A LAWYER outlines the general requirements for becoming a lawyer in New Jersey. **ONLINE ONLY**

LAW POINTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS outlines several topics of interest for the aging population, including Medicare, Social Security and guardianship.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION: A LEGAL GUIDE FOR NEW JERSEY HOMEOWNERS helps homeowners navigate the laws surrounding home repair contracts and renovations. **ONLINE ONLY**

STARTING AND SUCCEEDING WITH A NEW BUSINESS examines everything an entrepreneur needs to know when starting a new business. **ONLINE ONLY**

YOUR GUIDE TO MUNICIPAL COURT highlights your basic rights when appearing in municipal court.

