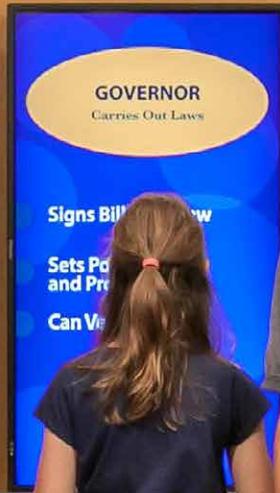


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THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

Judicial Branch Education Resources

FOR TEACHERS



EYE IN THE SKY

Based on tips from informants, the Butler County Sheriff's Office suspected Sudina Johnson of buying and selling large amounts of cocaine. A deputy sheriff placed a tracking device on Johnson's van without obtaining a warrant.

Law enforcement tracked the van by Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) in Chicago, where Johnson met with an accomplice. The two men drove separately back to Butler County, where officers stopped and searched both vehicles, found about 15 pounds of cocaine, and arrested Johnson.

YOU DECIDE:
Is law enforcement required to obtain a warrant from a judge to track a vehicle with GPS? Does satellite tracking violate privacy laws?

State of Ohio v. Sudina Johnson

The local trial court determined that the seized cocaine was obtained legally by police for use as evidence. Johnson was convicted and given a 15-year prison sentence, which was upheld by the Twelfth District Court of Appeals.

Aftermath: The Law Evolves

Johnson appealed further — to the Supreme Court of Ohio. But while Ohio's highest court was considering the case, the United States Supreme Court ruled, in a case from another state, that officers must have a warrant before placing a GPS tracking device on a suspect's motor vehicle.

The Supreme Court of Ohio returned Johnson's case to the trial court with instructions to apply the new U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

The Butler County court upheld Johnson's sentence, saying officers acted in good faith at the time they placed the GPS device on Johnson's van — because they did so before the U.S. Supreme Court ruling. The Ohio Twelfth District Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Ohio agreed.

Johnson's conviction remained in place. However, because of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling, officers in nearly all cases are now required to obtain a warrant before placing a GPS device on a vehicle.

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CIVIC EDUCATION

The Supreme Court of Ohio Civic Education Program is dedicated to informing citizens about the judiciary, with the aim of building trust through knowledge and understanding. Launched in 1987 with Off-Site Court, the initiative has expanded, employing varied approaches to connect with students of all ages and backgrounds.

These materials provide an overview to all of the Court's civic education programs, including an exciting new collaboration with the National Center for State Courts: a series of graphic novels, the *Justice Case Files*, which introduce students to their government (and provide educators with lesson plans that show how the novels align with Ohio's curriculum standards). These materials also provide information on how you can tour the Court's home in the beautiful Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center; observe oral arguments in pending cases before the Court; explore the award-winning and interactive Visitor Education Center; learn more about Ohio government, including the judiciary, through the Court's print publications and online resources; and meet our partners in civic education, the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education, and the Law and Leadership Institute of Ohio.



VISIT

The Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center

SCHEDULE A TOUR

Guided tours of the building are available for groups between 8-120 people and are scheduled Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call **614.387.9223** or email **court tours@sc.ohio.gov** to schedule a tour.

School tours typically last 90 minutes.

The Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center is home to the Supreme Court of Ohio and affiliated offices. Originally opened in 1933, this incredible building was painstakingly restored to its original glory by teams of designers, stone masons, electricians, and artisans, and reopened in 2004.

Our doors are open to all. Come see the beautiful architecture, monumental lobbies, grand hallways, and august hearing rooms — all richly detailed with historic art that tells the inspiring story of the people who built Ohio.

Tour Program Information

The Visitor Education program focuses on the role of the judiciary in Ohio and beyond. Students will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of activities that are both interactive and engaging.

During the guided tour, students visit the Supreme Court of Ohio Courtroom where the justices hold oral arguments, are led through the Visitor Education Center (a museum-quality exhibit on the building's ground floor, see **p. 4** for details), and elementary and middle school students participate in a mock trial where each student has a role to play.

As time and group size allows, your visit will also include some basic information on the art, architecture, and history of the building.

Observing Oral Arguments During a Tour



The Supreme Court of Ohio is not in session every day. Generally, court is in session on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, every other week, beginning promptly at 9 a.m. The Court's oral argument calendar can be found at sc.ohio.gov/Clerk/calendar.

Groups are permitted to observe oral arguments and may wish to review case previews ahead of time. Case previews can be found at courtnesohio.gov/cases/previews. Previews are updated several days prior to court session.

 Be sure to mention if you are interested in observing oral arguments when scheduling your tour.

School Transportation Grants Available



The Supreme Court of Ohio and the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center Foundation provide school transportation grants to help defray the cost of a visit to the Supreme Court and its Visitor Education Center.

The online application window is typically open during early fall. All Ohio schools receiving state funds are welcome to apply for a grant ranging from \$220 to \$440 based on the distance from the school to the Moyer Judicial Center.

Grants are awarded based on the percentage of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program as reported by the Ohio Department of Education and schools are reimbursed after the field trip.

For more information, call 614.387.9223 or email courtours@sc.ohio.gov.



EXPLORE

The Visitor Education Center

EDUCATOR'S BRIEFCASE

Prepare for Your Visit

Civic Education Program staff collaborated with a cross-section of teachers to create suggested pre-and post-tour activities based on the content of the Visitor Education Center and how it relates to your goals in the classroom.

Visit sc.ohio.gov/MJC/VEC/briefcase.asp for more information.

The Supreme Court Education Center is a dynamic teaching tool, offering students — 4th grade and above — an inside look at Ohio courts.

The stories of Ohio courts and the men and women who shaped them unfold in the Visitor Education Center. Interactive exhibits, bold graphics, and video clips convey the role of courts, illustrating important cases and issues. Visitors are introduced to an array of characters and narratives — from Hugo Zacchini, the human cannonball, to Florence Allen, the judicial trailblazer, to Jazz, the pudgy cocker spaniel lost in a storm, whose fate was sealed by a DNA sample retrieved from a grooming brush.

The Center provides teachers with the tools to meet Benchmarks and Grade Level Indicators from the Ohio Department of Education's Social Studies Standards. In addition to Government and Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities, the exhibits also meet Benchmarks in Geography, People in Society, and Economics.



TAKE PART IN A TRIAL

Three courtroom settings give visitors the opportunity to be the decision makers as they participate in trial proceedings.



BALANCE YOUR GOVERNMENT

An interactive scale invites visitors to balance the three branches of government.



TV MYTH VS. REALITY

Videos deflate the myths presented on television and movies about courts.

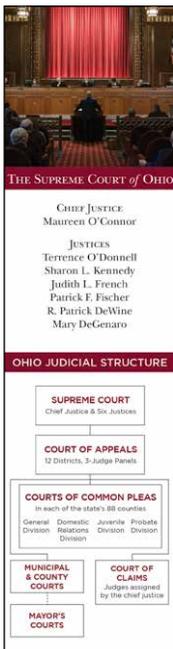


FORENSIC EVIDENCE

Test your skills as an eyewitness, fingerprint analyst, and DNA profiler in the "Identity on Trial" exhibit.



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Ohio Supreme Court **BOOKMARKS**

Bookmarks feature the Supreme Court of Ohio justices and a chart of the Ohio judicial system. To order copies, email CivicEd@sc.ohio.gov.



The Supreme Court of Ohio and the Ohio Judicial System

Learn about the structure and function of Ohio courts. To order copies, email CivicEd@sc.ohio.gov.



READ & LEARN

The Court is pleased to provide you with information about the Court, the justices who serve Ohio's citizens, and the Ohio judicial system. Many materials are available online, but the Court also produces an array of print publications — **ALL AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE** — to the public. Learn more about how the judiciary serves you by visiting us online or picking up one of our publications.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Court News Ohio
Legal Glossary
courtnewsOhio.gov/glossary

An alphabetical listing of legal terms.

iCivics Ohio
www.icivics.org/teachers/oh

A web-based interactive citizenship curriculum that focuses on Ohio social studies classrooms. The site includes high-quality civic education resources that align to Ohio's state standards.

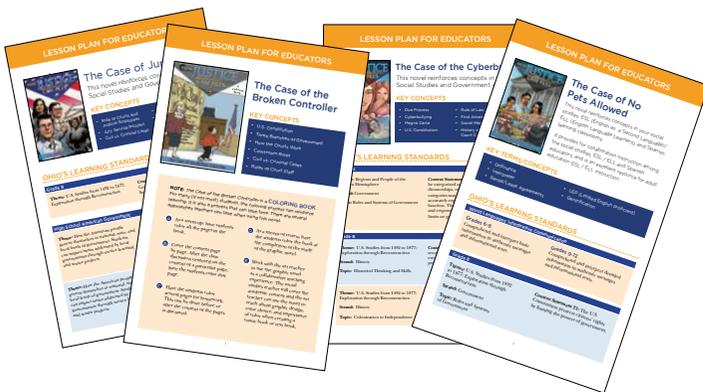
JUSTICE CASE FILES GRAPHIC NOVELS



The National Center for State Courts launched a public awareness campaign several years ago to educate the public about how the courts work. The central effort of this campaign was to develop a series of graphic novels, called *Justice Case Files*, which engage the reader while giving insight into how judges make decisions, how the courts protect the public, and why courts are so important to a democratic society. The story lines and content were developed by judges, court administrators, and other legal professionals.

COMPREHENSIVE LESSON PLANS

The Supreme Court of Ohio worked with Ohio educators to develop comprehensive lesson plans that detail which Ohio learning standards the novels meet for different grade levels.



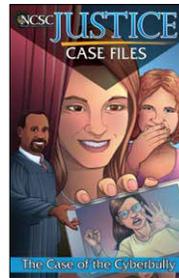
- ➔ To access **DIGITAL** copies of the novels or lesson plans, go to sc.ohio.gov/VisitorInfo/CivicEd/educationResources.
- ➔ To order **PRINT** copies, email CivicEd@sc.ohio.gov.



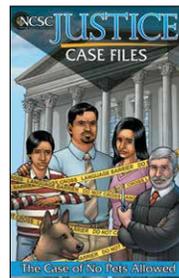
The Case of Jury Duty tells the story of Matthew Foley, an 18-year-old who has been summoned for jury duty on a case that involves underage drinking and driving. Readers learn how meaningful jury service is, how the jury system is a source of accountability for courts, and how our society benefits from the right to a jury of one's peers.



The Case of the Broken Controller is a narrative coloring book that tells the story of Tyler, who wants justice because he says his friend broke his videogame controller.



The Case of the Cyberbully tells the story of Amber, who is bullied at school and online by classmate Madison. The bullying escalates to the point where the case winds up in juvenile court.



The Case of No Pets Allowed tells the story of the Ruiz family, who has received an eviction notice from their landlord because they own a dog. The parents speak minimal English and rely on their teenage son, who is bilingual, for English translation. The book follows the family through the court process of fighting the eviction but not understanding the process because of language barriers.

PICTURED: A student asks a question of speaker Wil Haygood during a special High School edition of the Forum on the Law.



DISCOVER

Additional Supreme Court Programs

Our civic education efforts include those that engage adults as well as youth. Learn more about the Forum on the Law, which hosts experts discussing topics of current and historic interest with the public; the Off-Site Court Program, which literally takes the Court to a school in a community near you; and our partners at the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education and the Law and Leadership Institute of Ohio, which provide an array of educational opportunities for Ohio's students and volunteer opportunities for community members.



The Forum on the Law lecture series was established in 2009 by the late Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer. Events feature regional or national speakers who address contemporary or historic legal topics. Past programs have included topics such as the rule of law, constitutional law, race and religion in America, the legalization of marijuana, and civil rights. Chief Justice Moyer viewed the lectures as another means to engage the public, with the aim of enhancing appreciation for our legal system.

Classes of high school students also have participated in recent lecture events, listening to speakers and legal topics of interest to their age group.



Watch videos of past Forum on the Law events at sc.ohio.gov/VisitorInfo/forum.



To be notified of upcoming programs, contact the Civic Education Section at CivicEd@sc.ohio.gov.

Off-Site Court Program



In 1987, Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer wanted to honor the year of the bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution and initiated the Off-Site Court education program, which has taken the judiciary live and in person to local communities across Ohio for 30 years.

Off-Site Court is designed to educate high school students and other Ohioans throughout the state about Ohio's judicial system.

Twice each year, once in the spring and once in the fall, the Supreme Court of Ohio relocates from the capital city and holds sessions in another community, selecting a different county each time.

When the Supreme Court holds court off-site, public, private and home-schooled high school students from throughout the host county are invited to participate. The students and their teachers are provided with curriculum material to study before the session, including summaries of the specific cases to be argued. Local attorneys team with educators at each participating school to explain Ohio's judicial system and review case materials.

On the morning of the court session, selected students attend a question-and-answer session with the justices of the Court. Then, students from each participating school attend one of the three oral arguments. After their assigned case is argued, each group of students meets with the case attorneys for a debriefing.

To date, the Off-Site Court program has enabled nearly 40,000 Ohioans, more than 30,500 of them students, to personally observe the proceedings of the Supreme Court and interact with justices, attorneys, and court staff.

PICTURED ABOVE: Students participate in a Q&A session with attorneys during the Off-Site Court Program.

OTHER RESOURCE ORGANIZATIONS:



Ohio Center for Law-Related Education
www.oclre.org

The Ohio Center for Law-Related Education (OCLRE) provides Ohio's students and teachers with exciting academic programs and resources designed to engage students in learning about government, law, and the importance of active citizenship. OCLRE's programming includes We the People, Ohio Mock Trial, Youth for Justice, Moot Court, and Project Citizen.



Law and Leadership Institute, LLC
www.lawandleadership.org

The Law and Leadership Institute, LLC is a statewide initiative in collaboration with the legal community that inspires and prepares high school students, primarily from urban public school districts, for post-secondary and professional success through a comprehensive four-year academic program in law, leadership, analytical thinking, problem solving, writing skills and professionalism.

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