CONSTITUTION LAW DAY

Each year the VBA distributes, at no charge, copies of the United States Constitution to classrooms and community centers around the state. VBA Members also volunteer to visit schools and civic groups to speak about the importance of the Constitution and to discuss the Bill of Rights with the students. If you are interested in volunteering or having a volunteer lawyer come to your school and speak, please email Education Director Jennifer Emens-Butler at jeb@vtbar.org.

The Constitution booklets include The Declaration of Independence and other materials helpful for the study of the Constitution. Materials and discussion outlines are available.

The VBA also hosts an annual panel presentation by Vermont Supreme Court Justices and Vermont Superior Court Judges speaking about different aspects of the Constitution. The videotaped presentations are one hour in length, and are available as an additional resource to you.

Click HERE to enjoy the 2018 Constitution Day panel presentation about the Separation of Powers doctrine. It features the following panelists (in order of appearance):

Professor Peter Teachout, VLS Professor of Law
Hon. Harold Eaton, Vermont Supreme Court Justice
Hon. William Cohen, Vermont Superior Court Judge
Hon. Beth Robinson, Vermont Supreme Court Justice
Hon. Nancy Waples, Vermont Superior Court Judge
Moderated by Gary Franklin, Vermont Bar Association Board President

Click HERE to enjoy the 2017 presentation about the Constitution with a focus on the 14th Amendment. It features the following panelists:

Hon. Harold Eaton, Vermont Supreme Court Justice
Hon. Karen Carroll, Vermont Supreme Court Justice
Hon. Mary Miles Teachout, Vermont Superior Court Judge
Hon. Robert Mello, Vermont Superior Court Judge
Hon. Timothy Tomasi, Vermont Superior Court Judge
Moderated by Michael Kennedy, Vermont Bar Association Board President

Click HERE to enjoy the 2016 presentation, which provides a basic overview of the U.S. Constitution. It features the following panelists:

Hon. Paul Reiber, Vermont Supreme Court Chief Justice
Hon. John Dooley, Vermont Supreme Court Justice
Hon. Beth Robinson, Vermont Supreme Court Justice
Hon. Robert Mello, Vermont Superior Court Judge
Hon. Nancy Waples, Vermont Superior Court Judge
Moderated by Michael Kennedy, Vermont Bar Association President