

ACE (Adult Civic Education)

ACE offers attorneys and judges activities they can use when they are invited to speak to adult civic and community groups. Increasing public awareness of how the government and courts work is a critical mission for The Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education. An informed public is the best defense of the rule of law and a fair and impartial judiciary. ACE programs, including hand-outs PowerPoint slides are available online and are grouped in three categories:



- Constitution and the Bill of Rights
- Courts and the Judicial Branch
- Special Topics

CLE Credit

Pending approval, attorneys are eligible to earn CLE credit for taking ACE training seminars and for making ACE presentations to the community. Sign up with the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education to learn about presentation opportunities. To order free Constitution pamphlets for your presentation in Louisiana, call the LCLCE office 504-619-0134.

ACE Topics

Constitution and the Bill of Rights

Activities in this category examine methods of amending Louisiana's Constitution and the limited role the courts have in that process; the method by which a judge would weigh a law whose constitutionality is being challenged; the rights included in the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution; and an exploration of the courts and the Constitution through a case study.

- What's Not in the Bill of Rights?
- Is it Unconstitutional? The Case of the Scarlet Tag
- Case Study: Is It Reasonable?
- Florida v. Jardines



Courts and the Judicial Branch

ACE activities in this category include explorations of the way labels are used to explain judicial decisions; how judges approach making their rulings and the factors they must consider; how judges are elected in Louisiana and how Louisiana's merit selection/retention process works; and the role of juries.

- How to Judge Judicial Candidates
- Judge for Yourself
- Sorting Out the Courts
- Six Ordinary People: The Role of Juries
- What the Law Means



Special Topics

ACE activities in this category include testing participants' basic knowledge about the structure and function of the government as well as an examination of voting practices historically and currently in the United States.

- Could You Pass the Test?
- Who Has the Right?

More About the ACE Program

We're glad you want to make an ACE presentation! These ACE tools will help you get started. Included are:

- Why ACE Matters [insert link]
- Civic groups interested in having ACE presentations [insert link]
- Civic group request form for presentations [insert link]
- ACE presenter enrollment form to make presentations [insert link]
- A listing of ACE activities
- Tips for making a good ACE presentation [insert link]
- Civic group presentation evaluation form [insert link]
- CLE credit [insert link]



Request a Speaker or Become a Speaker

To request a speaker for your group, please download the ACE civic group request form [insert link] and submit it to the LCLCE, 601 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130 by fax 504-528-9154 or by email, peggy.cotogno@lsba.org.

Legal professionals can become an ACE speaker and earn CLE by attending ACE training seminars. When training is completed, sign up to make ACE presentation with the LCLCE. ACE sign up form. [insert link]

Constitution Pamphlet

ACE speakers may request up to 50 copies of the Constitution Pamphlet, which also contains the Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence. Send requests to peggy.cotogno@lsba.org or call (504) 619-0134.

For more information, contact peggy.cotogno@lsba.org.

The Louisiana ACE program is modeled after the Florida Law Related Education Association (FLEA) and the Florida Bar Association's Benchmarks program. Special thanks to Annette Boyd Pitts, FLEA Executive Director.

