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**Students Prepare for Carolinas-wide Constitution Competition**

We the People virtual event set for December 3

[YOUR CITY], S.C. (DATE RELEASED)— [SCHOOL NAME] will compete in the South Carolina Bar We the Peoplecompetition on December 3. The competition will be conducted virtually due to the ongoing pandemic and will include schools from both North and South Carolina for the first time in the competition’s history.

[INSERT QUOTE FROM COACH/STUDENT HERE ABOUT PREPARTION AND WHY THIS COMPETITION IS IMPORTANT]

The We the People program includes curriculum designed to enhance students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy. At the same time, students discover the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The competition is a simulated congressional hearing in which students "testify" before a panel of judges. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles and have opportunities to evaluate, take and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues.

The winner of the North and South Carolina competitions will advance to the national competition in April 24-27, 2021. The national competition will be held virtually.

“We the People is an important program that gifts students with a hands-on approach to learning and understanding the Constitution and their rights,” said Cynthia H. Cothran, the SC Bar’s Law Related Education director. “Despite the pandemic, the South Carolina Bar is grateful to offer students the opportunity to take part in the competition virtually, and especially excited for the opportunity to host schools from North Carolina in addition to our in-state participants."

The We the People Program is sponsored by the SC Bar’s Law Related Education (LRE) Division, which was developed in 1976 to improve the ability of teachers to instruct law related education. The program is supported by the Bar’s LRE Committee and made possible through a SC Bar Foundation Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts grant and the SC Bar.

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