



Save Our Juries Program Fact Sheet

"In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law."

Seventh Amendment to the United State Constitution

OVERVIEW

- ❖ Save Our Juries is a public awareness campaign created to uphold the jury system and the right provided by the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees a jury trial for civil cases in the federal courts.
- ❖ The American Board of Trial Advocates ([ABOTA](#)) established Save Our Juries in 2014 to counter influences limiting citizens' access to our nation's civil jury trial process.
- ❖ The goals of Save Our Juries include:
 - Helping people understand the history and value of the Seventh Amendment
 - Encouraging Americans to be active in efforts to preserve this Constitutional Right
 - Improving the civil jury trial system by advocating for Faster Jury Trial programs and Juror Appreciation initiatives

RESOURCES

- ❖ Save Our Juries offers a selection of resources to inform and engage the public, among them:
 - Save Our Juries [website](#) (SaveOurJuries.org) featuring videos, definitions, news reports, testimonials and other resources
 - Save Our Juries [blog](#) (SaveOurJuries.WordPress.com)
 - "Understanding the 7th Amendment" [infographic](#), which depicts landmark cases decided by civil jury trial
 - Interactive [map](#) (SaveOurJuries-map.org) referencing state laws that support Civil Jury Trials
 - Web-based "Take Action" engagement tool
 - Consumer-advocacy tool [Think Before You Sign](#) addressing contract terms of service

- ❖ Save Our Juries maintains an active social media presence that encourages the public and advocates to ask questions and share information
 - Facebook https://www.facebook.com/saveourjuries?ref_type=bookmark
 - Twitter <https://twitter.com/saveourjuries>
 - Google+ <https://plus.google.com/u/0/+SaveourjuriesOrg>
 - LinkedIn https://www.linkedin.com/company/save-our-juries?trk=top_nav_home

CIVICS EDUCATION

- ❖ Save Our Juries supports enhancing America's civics education. Results for the 2014 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) were alarming. Also known as the Nation's Report Card, the NAEP gave us a glimpse into the dire state of civics education today. Only 23% of students tested performed at or above proficient levels in civics concepts.
- ❖ Topic-related resources are incorporated into teacher development programs that are created and/or sponsored by the Foundation of the American Board of Trial Advocates and comply with national education requirements
 - [Teachers Law School®](#) – designed for middle school and high school educators who have an interest in prioritizing civics education in the classroom –equips teachers with tools that help their students better understand and appreciate the value of the American civil and criminal legal systems as well as the role these systems play in students' lives and society.
 - The Scholastic [Justice by the People®](#) program, which offers free, downloadable lesson plans and classroom resources about the Constitution, Bill of Rights and United States Government, brings the jury system to life with hands-on multimedia learning experiences.
 - The [James Otis Lecture Series®](#) was created to educate and inspire and inform students about significant Constitutional ideals. This is a field trip for high school students that will allow them to hear from legal professionals, historians and other experts on relevant topics anchored in our Constitution.

About Save Our Juries

[Save Our Juries](#) is a proactive public awareness campaign created to educate the public about the vital importance of the Seventh Amendment. A robust website and active social media presence, including [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Google+](#), will help educate followers about the issues impacting the civil jury process, and regular initiatives will encourage calls-to-action. Save Our Juries was established in 2014 by the [American Board of Trial Advocates \(ABOTA\)](#). Founded in 1958, ABOTA is a national association of experienced trial lawyers equally balanced between plaintiff and defense. For more information visit www.SaveOurJuries.org.

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