



## Ada County Law & Motion Day

November 5, 2013





## EVENT SUMMARY

**EVENT TITLE:** Ada County Law & Motion Day

**DATE & TIME:** Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., MST

**LOCATION:** Ada County Courthouse, Boise, Idaho

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS:** 67

**PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:** Borah High School, Marian Pritchett School, Mountain View High School, Kuna High School, Caldwell High School, Vallivue High School, Ridgeline High School, Centennial High School, Timberline High School, Middleton High School, and Boise State University College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)

### SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

For its Fall 2013 event, Love the Law! hosted a “Law & Motion Day” program at the Ada County Courthouse. The goal was to provide students with an opportunity to observe courtroom proceedings and to educate them about the various career options available in the legal profession.

The event began with a welcome by Love the Law! committee Chairperson, Jana Gómez. The students then participated in an icebreaker called “Candy Confessions,” which allowed students from various schools to introduce themselves to one another. Next, Love the Law! committee member Lucy Juarez provided the students with an overview of the courtroom and familiarized them with courtroom procedures.

The students then gathered upstairs in the courtroom of the Honorable Ronald J. Wilper to observe several sentencings. Following the courtroom observation, students heard presentations from five Ada County employees, as well as from Judge Wilper. The presenters described their job duties, shared stories regarding the personal struggles, and addressed the importance of diverse employees in their respective fields. The presenters included Deputy Prosecutor Fafa Alidjani, Public Defender Steven Botimer, Sheriff’s Deputy Mia Muñoz, Clerk of the Court employee Mike Tompkins, Interpreter Coordinator Sandra Barrios, and District Judge Ronald Wilper.

After the presentations, students were provided lunch and participated in a trivia game called “Who Wants to Be a Law & Motion Day Millionaire.” Love the Law! committee members Kim O’Brien and Brian Bava coordinated the trivia game. The trivia game included questions from the day’s presentations and allowed students and chaperones to compete for prizes donated by Concordia University School of Law.

**STUDENT PROFILES:** (Note: Not all students completed)

- Latino/Hispanic: 12
- Caucasian: 11
- Mixed Race: 8
- Asian: 4
- African American: 3
- Native American: 1
- Filipino: 1
- Prefer not to answer: 2
- College Freshman: 1
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 36
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: 4
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: 3

**EVENT COSTS & FUNDING:**

Love the Law! funds were used to pay for the following expenses:

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Amount</b>
500 Color Copies (sign-in sheets, mission statement, sponsor inserts)	\$85.00
Materials for Icebreaker (cups and candy)	\$23.68
Subway	\$193.68
Drinks, Chips, Plates	\$87.33
Trivia Game Prizes	\$44.67
Parking	\$104.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$538.36</b>

Additionally, Parsons, Behle & Latimer provided folders in which to put handouts and 125 color copies of the “Choose Law” booklet. Money donated by the Idaho State Bar Litigation Section was previously used to purchase Love the Law! miniature notebooks, which were given to the students as gifts. Concordia University School of Law donated candy and notebooks as prizes for the trivia game. Subway donated a plate of cookies. There was no cost to use the Public Hearing Room at the Ada County Courthouse. The presenters also donated their time and experience.

**STUDENT FEEDBACK:** Please see attached documents.



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Please tell us what you liked **best** about this event:

- Everything.
- Game; In the Court.
- I liked everything.
- I like event things
- Going into the courtroom and seeing firsthand the law in action.
- I loved going to the courtroom and getting to see actual court proceedings. I liked seeing the people who spoke about what they did. I also loved being able to ask questions in the courtroom.
- I loved learning about all the different jobs! Mostly everything!
- About -- they are introduce their self – how they do and they also encourage us who come today. I like everything.
- Learning about what actually happens in the courtroom. I also liked hearing the actual stories. The trivia game was fun too!
- The on-hand experience which was provided to us being in the courtroom and listen in on hearings.
- I liked the speakers and all of the things I learned about the law and law school today.
- I enjoyed listening to the presenters the most.
- I liked it because it my first time to getting in the court and I learn many thing which it will be important in my life. How the lawyer talk about prison.
- I really enjoyed the most to see and know the district judge.
- Watching the trials.
- Well done! Being in the courthouse in the middle of the action – the speakers; trivia was great! So was ice breaker.
- I liked the organization and the form how explain the ideas.
- I liked being in the courtroom.
- I liked sitting in on court and hearing about all the cases.
- Going to the court cases.
- Everything. The speakers.
- I loved absolutely everything about this event!
- Sitting in on the sentencing.
- I loved how we were able to see the sentencing.
- The trivia game was really fun and learning about the different roles in the courtroom.

- Getting to watch court.
- Everything.
- The involvement.
- The speakers!
- Learning a lot of stuff and actually seeing a Judge do his job. And the cop.
- The knowledgeable speakers.
- I liked being able to watch the sentencing.
- Everything! It was amazing.
- It was so fun, interactive, and informative!
- Going to court cases.
- The sentencing.
- When they were talking to us about their cases.
- The speakers and their info given, the opportunity to sit in on sentencing.
- I enjoyed sitting in the courtroom listening to sentencing.
- The food.
- Judge Wilper's quotes; great to have actual courtroom time for students.
- Learning about the different ways the law is used. Options on jobs.
- Getting to watch actual sentencing was nice. All the speakers were interesting.
- I personally liked the court cases and presentation best.
- I enjoyed sitting in the courtroom and seeing the system unfold in front of me was a great feeling.
- The presentation by the Judge.

Please tell us what you liked **least** about this event and/or how this even could be improved:

- Seen the Judge Judged/ It's OK.
- I like everything/Maybe play game with music.
- The wait in the beginning/Nothing, it was great.
- I didn't like how little time the guest speakers had. I would encourage you to lengthen the time that you do the event one to two hours.
- Nothing! More time in court/more questions.
- Playing the game answer(?). I like least about this cause I not in the game. Next time I will do best then this time.
- That I didn't win the millionaire trivia game – It's fine though 😊. Have it even more often – people need to understand the law – thank you.
- The fact that I didn't win "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" trophy. It's okay, though 😊. Keeping up the great work and more often.
- I like everything about today. I would like to have more interesting trials.
- It was all equally liked – the whole event was fantastic. It's great, but maybe a little more going on in the sentencing portion.
- I like it because I learn how I can evade bad things. Very nice cause it teach many thing.
- I liked least the lunch to me it wasn't really good. By doing the same and invite many people.
- Nothing. More interesting trials!

- I liked. Participate allot.
- Longer
- I liked it all. I really liked this event.
- How long it took for the event to start/would like more time for questions.
- There wasn't anything I didn't like about this event. It was amazing!
- Trivia. I would have liked to spend more time learning about processes.
- I loved everything. It was amazing. Nothing needs to improve.
- Nothing. It was awesome. Lunch sooner.
- How short it was. Give more time for questions.
- Being in the Court. It really good.
- Confusing at times.
- Longer time with presenters.
- Nothing. More food.
- Too many speakers. If I wanted to go to a career fair, I would have signed up for that instead.
- The speakers at the end. More hearings!
- Nothing.
- The speakers were a little quiet.
- Nothing. It was fun. Longer break to eat.
- I loved everything about it. Maybe a bit faster and more speakers!
- Having lunch sitting in the back of the room while the presentations were going on. I got increasingly hungry as I smelled it.
- Nothing. More group activities.
- Sitting without standing up between speakers. Short panel/debate; eat earlier; extend email contacts
- The elevator. More cases.
- I wish it was more individualized. Make it more personal; groups could maybe go to stations one at a time.
- Passing time. There's nothing really you could do to improve.
- The interpreter was my least liked subject. I think that maybe more jokes but otherwise I see nothing to improve.

#### Ideas for other Love the Law! Events:

- More courtroom experience.
- Have more time to see the entire law process in full effect from beginning to end.
- Maybe act like being lawyers? Practice doing what they do.
- None – just have more.
- Keep it the same.
- How to get into law school; how much attorneys get paid, etc.
- They should be the same as these.
- Is good you have the principal idea.
- More time in courtroom.
- Maybe provide the watching and observing of a trial?

- I think there should be a longer sentencing of different kind of cases.
- A chance to sit in on more legal proceedings and such.
- More cases.

Other comments:

- Thanks for everything
- Thank you so much all. I'm so happy about that.
- Thanks
- I really enjoyed it. But lengthen the time for it.
- Awesome!
- You guy all great to us and give us a many thing.
- Thank you for the opportunity. I enjoyed it.
- WOW! Amazing experience!
- Keep up the great work!
- It was beautiful than I expected it. I would love to come again.
- The information was perfect.
- Love it.
- I want to thank all of you for this opportunity! It was amazing!
- Thank you guys so much for giving us this opportunity to learn.
- Great event! I can't wait for another one.
- Thank you so much for having us!

## **Comments from Centennial High School:**

Love the Law! was an extremely well done event. It clearly taught about several things and was engaging. I really enjoyed attending and I would look forward to attending again if possible and would definitely encourage anyone thinking about going to stop thinking about it and go!

Sarah Parker

I really enjoyed going to Love the Law! I learned so many new things about the court. It was so interesting seeing a live court hearing. I also loved being able to hear speeches from people who came from nothing and were able to accomplish amazing things in their lives. It was very inspiring.

Linsay Bolinder

Love the Law! was a really good experience. It was incredible to see a court hearing for sentencing up close and personal. I used to not understand how everything worked in the court and now I do. I also enjoyed the guest speakers because I could relate to them and they inspired me to be a better person.

Paige Jensen

On the day I went to Love the Law! for our government field trip, my first impression was the involvement with real actual lawyers and their careers. It was so much fun. I felt like it was worth going because it was an educational experience.

Kassie Ramirez

I really enjoyed Love the Law! I liked how we got an overview of everything in the courthouse. My favorite part of the trip was the sentencing. I thought it was cool to be able to watch it. I also enjoyed the trivia at the end because I learned a lot from it and it was a fun way to review. Thank you for the opportunity.

Anna VanOrder

I liked the Love the Law! day because it raised the awareness of how many different types of jobs you can get into relating to the law. I enjoyed going and sitting in room 507 during the sentencing of the inmates.

Hayden Tuma

I really enjoyed the Love the Law! day. I found it to be very informative and very interesting. I like how they focus on diversity in law professions because I think that is very important. Going to this Love the Law! day actually made me much more interested in going into the law as a profession.

Samantha Bush

Love the Law! day was great. We got to meet defenders, prosecutors, a judge, and also a sheriff. Hearing their stories and learning about what they do for a living was very interesting. That was my first time watching someone get sentenced in court, so that was also interesting. Overall, I enjoyed my time at Love the Law! and meeting new people. I would definitely like to attend another Love the Law! day. I would choose to attend even if it was for a citizen action point in government class.

Latasha Griggs

I thought Love the Law! was so much fun to get to watch the sentencing, learn about all the people of the court, and exactly what they do. Their stories were very touching. One story in particular that the officer told was very moving and the personal story has impacted me. I recently volunteered at the Ada County Courthouse. It was youth court and I got to be on the jury and I also got chosen to speak when we reached a verdict. Love the Law! influenced me in a positive way. It was such a great experience. Thank you for providing such an amazing program.

Alexy Mounsavath

A great big thank you from Centennial High School for allowing our students to participate in Love the Law! The students all had positive feedback about the program and enjoyed having the opportunity to attend. As a government teacher and diversity club advisor here at Centennial, I was very impressed with the program and look forward to the opportunity to attend future Love the Law! events. –Genni Manning, Centennial High School

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Dear Ms Gomez:

The *Love The Law!* conference was wonderful! My students were sharing with other students today and their enthusiasm was contagious. As an educator, I know that programs of this high caliber are few and far between. Opportunities such as the *Love The Law!* should receive the public recognition so well deserved.

Since I will be retiring this year, I gave your contact information to our Career Counselor, Laurie Wood. Hopefully, students from Vallivue High School will have the same opportunity to participate in this incredible opportunity in future years. Again, thank you for providing such a great learning opportunity for my students.

Sincerely,

*Patricia A. Looney*  
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