

# Bringing the Voting Process to Life

## Public Outreach Committee Hosts Mock Election

Students at Shortridge Magnet High School for Law and Public Policy got a first-hand taste of the democratic process on Thursday, Oct. 31 as the IndyBar Public Outreach Committee hosted a mock election among eighth graders for a class representative to the school's Student Council. The voting process, however, began days before the election, as students learned about voting during educational programs presented by committee members, declared their candidacy and campaigned up until the opening of the polls.



Above: Public Outreach Committee Members Beth White, Marion County Clerk's Office; Pat Marshall, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana; and Joan Champagne, White & Champagne, smile before tabulating the votes in the mock election. The election boasted a 76 percent voter turnout.



Left: Eighth graders at Shortridge Magnet High School for Law and Policy line up at "precincts" for voting during the mock election held on Oct. 31, 2013.



A student, assisted by committee member and Marion County Clerk Beth White, has her identification card checked and signs the election poll book prior to the casting her ballot in the mock election.