

# Hernando and Levy achieve 100% Justice Teaching representation

Hernando and Levy counties recently achieved 100 percent [Justice Teaching](#) public school representation.

George Angeliadis and Jack Pepper accepted assignments to Powell and Parrott middle schools, the last two schools in Hernando County that were without Justice Teaching volunteers. Cynthia Munkittrick also accepted an assignment to Chiefland High School, the last school in Levy County that was without a Justice Teaching volunteer.

Munkittrick said she “jumped at the chance” to volunteer with Justice Teaching as she believes that education is the key to changing behavior, but also wondered if a small town attorney could contribute in a meaningful way.

“The training I received was simply phenomenal and the wealth of training information and lesson plans on the [Justice Teaching] site makes volunteering easy,” Munkittrick said. “I’m getting back so much more in personal satisfaction than I am giving. This opportunity is allowing me to open young minds in a way that makes learning about our justice system exciting. But more than that, I’m earning their respect, and by doing that am, in my own small way, trying to dispel any reality associated with all those horrific lawyer jokes.”

Angeliadis is a former assistant state attorney and a partner with the Hogan Law Firm, and has been a member of the Hernando County Teen Court Program for many years. Pepper is the deputy general counsel for the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Teachers at Mill Creek Elementary School in St. Augustine also sang the praises of Megan Wall, the Justice Teaching volunteer who works at St. Johns County Legal Aid.

“Her lessons inspire students to think about their constitutional rights while integrating the pillars of character counts education,” said Mrs. Ramay, who teaches fifth grade. “Ms. Wall’s high expectations motivate children to put forth their best efforts and engage in active learning activities. Students are given a variety of ways to express their understanding of the legal system and why laws are important. It is amazing to see our young citizens apply their knowledge of the law in everyday situations.”

Mill Creek Principal Mary Ford said the school is fortunate to have the Justice Teaching program at the school and said Wall “is extraordinary with her gift, sharing her joy of learning with our students and faculty alike.”

Kathy Bonczyk of Boca Raton recently delivered the Justice Training program to five classes of juniors and seniors at Park Vista High School in Lake Worth.

“The students very much appreciated their pocket Constitutions and seemed to get a lot out of the material,” said Bonczyk, who practices with Rubinton & Laufer. “We worked on an ice-breaker, analyzed the five freedoms contained within the First Amendment, and broke into small groups and discussed whether they would be willing to give up any of their constitutional rights in return for more safety/security.”

Bonczyk said students from each small group then went before the entire class and presented their perspectives on this issue.

"I was very impressed with their presentations," Bonczyk said. "The students expressed various points of view, each group presented both sides of the issue, and the class respectfully debated the topics. There was a lot of class participation and interaction, which made the time go by so quickly."

Justice Fred Lewis also extended his thanks to Fifth Circuit Judge Patricia Thomas of Inverness, Hernando County Judge Donald Scaglione of Brooksville, and Eighth Circuit Judge Victor Hulslander of Gainesville for their recruitment efforts "and all the judges and attorneys around Florida who have donated their free time to enriching the lives of children through Justice Teaching."

Volunteers are always needed to partner with local schools. Trainings are held throughout the year. For more information, [www.justiceteaching.org](http://www.justiceteaching.org).