

Jax lawyers respond on a moment's notice to assist the court's Justice Teaching program

It was just a day before former Bar President Hank Coxe was to present a Justice Teaching class at Hyde Park Elementary School in Jacksonville when the school's principal called to confirm the arrangements.

While Coxe was prepared for his single assignment, the school had prepared for 10 lawyers to show up the next day to teach in each of the 10 third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade classes.

That's when Coxe got busy.

"You would be happy to know that — within three hours — 10 Jacksonville lawyers agreed to do it on a half day's notice with all the Justice Teaching initiative materials," Coxe wrote to Justice Fred Lewis, who launched the Justice Teaching program.

Coxe told Justice Lewis he may have "used up a lot of chits" in the expedited recruitment drive to make sure the school was covered, but reported all the volunteers "had a great time." Coxe also noted Judge Karen Cole was "a great resource for the effort."



Those in the legal community who stepped up on short notice included Didi Wells, Dan Bean, Jake Schickel, Courtney Grimm, Amanda Ferrelle, Bryan Gowdy, Judge Roberto Arias, Joe Camerlengo, and Kevin Cook.

Justice Teaching volunteers are always needed to partner with local schools. Training is held throughout the year. For more information go to www.justiceteaching.org.