

**Washington Summit on Judicial Selection and Judicial Independence,
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Summary of Public Legal Education Workshop

TYPES OF PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION NEEDED:

Macro-Education: education as to the role of courts vis-à-vis the other two branches of government, the processes for the selection of judges and the types of individual qualities that are desirable for judicial officers

Micro-Education: education as to the background and experience of particular judges and judicial candidates

MEANS OF PROVIDING PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION:

Live:

- Doorbelling and events scheduled by candidates (live)
- Public forums for candidates (live)
- Civics classes in high schools (live)
- Involvement of high school students at courts, law libraries, mock trial competitions, youth courts, etc.

Mail:

- Voter pamphlets published by Washington Secretary of State (mail)
- Candidates' mailings (mail)

Internet:

- Candidates' websites
- Possible Government (Secretary of State's?) website for candidates

Media:

- Voter pamphlets published by newspapers
- Media coverage of judicial elections
- TVW "Video voter pamphlets"
- Candidates' advertisements in media
- Cameras in courtrooms