The Constitution, Courts, and Candid Conversations

Examples of the Types of Questions Students Ask

Students' Questions Have Tended to Fall Into the Following General Categories

Personal - Your Journey: Categories of Questions

- Challenges and Obstacles
- Help You Got Along the Way and Advice for Students Today
- Dealing with Discrimination Then and Now
- Factors Impacting Your Success in High School, College, Law School, Now
- How Your Life Prepared You to Be a Judge/Attorney
- How You Manage to Have a Personal Life and a Career in the Law

Courts – Your Experiences and Perspectives: Questions

- Personal Opinions v. Responsibilities as a Judge
- If you could change a law what would it be?
- What do you do when your conscience disagrees with the law?
- How do you decide to recuse yourself (not hear a case)?
- Why don't judges comment on active cases?

Role of Public Opinion in Making Decisions: Questions

- Do protests influence your decisions?
- Do you consider opinion polls when you decide a case?

Dealing with Biases: Race, LGBTQ+ Issues, Socioeconomic Status, etc.: Questions

- How do you know what your biases are?
- What can you do to keep bias out of a trial?

Give Examples of Difficult Cases/Decisions