

## FACT SHEET

- WHAT:** **AsktheJudge.info** is a cutting edge, interactive educational tool that provides teens, parents and educators current information about laws and court decisions that affect teens and tweens. AsktheJudge focuses on the complete spectrum of teen life by explaining the laws that govern family, schools, health, and more. It is the only site of its kind to provide legal questions and answers for teens and parents with the unique ability to interact with Judge Jacobs and other teens.
- WHO:** Judge Tom Jacobs is a former juvenile and family court judge and published author. Recent works include *Teen Cyberbullying Investigated*, endorsed by Dr. Phil McGraw, and *Teens Take It to Court, They Broke the Law--You Be the Judge*, and *What are My Rights?*
- WHEN:** Recently launched, **AsktheJudge.info** offers teens real-time legal answers and information in a secure, reputable forum.
- WHERE:** Focused on teens and tweens and the laws across the United States, **AsktheJudge.info** is headquartered in Flagstaff, Arizona.
- WHY:** An up-to-date, interactive legal forum for teen law doesn't exist on the Web. **AsktheJudge.info** fills the void when it comes to an accurate, educational resource for middle and high school students and the community at large.
- CONTACT:** For more information about the Website, please visit <http://www.askthejudge.info> or email [contact@askthejudge.info](mailto:contact@askthejudge.info) or (928) 707-3902.

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **Judge Tom Jacobs, J.D.**

Judge Tom Jacobs is a seasoned legal professional and author with more than 36 years of juvenile, family and criminal court experience. He is the creator and founder of **AsktheJudge.info**.

Throughout his tenure in the juvenile justice system, Jacobs has sought to provide a current and accurate source of information for and about teens and the law with the publication of his books and other published works. Now with the real-time capabilities of the Web, Jacobs imparts an up-to-date, interactive legal forum for teen law with the launch of AsktheJudge.info.

Jacobs' goal with AsktheJudge.info is to provide information about the laws that affect tweens and teens. The site covers current events, new state and federal legislation, as well as state, federal and U.S. Supreme Court decisions that affect juveniles, parents and school systems. It is the only Website of its kind that addresses legal questions and answers for teens and parents of middle and high school students in a reputable forum moderated by a juvenile justice expert.

Judge Jacobs' teen law books have earned national acclaim, including the following accolades:

- Endorsed by Dr. Phil McGraw of the Dr. Phil Show
- “Books for the Teen Age,” New York Public Library (1999 and 2007)
- American Library Association “Quick Pick” (1999)
- Popular Paperback for Young Adults (2000)

In addition to his teen law books, Judge Jacobs is the author of several legal books for practicing lawyers and judges nationwide including: *Children and the Law: Rights and Obligations*, *Arizona Juvenile Law and Practice*, and *Community Property Law* (all Thomson West Publishing).

Before devoting his efforts to Askthejudge.info, Jacobs was an Arizona Assistant Attorney General from 1972 to 1985 where he practiced criminal and child welfare law. He was appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court in 1985 where he served as a judge pro tem and commissioner in the juvenile and family courts until his retirement in 2008. He also taught juvenile and family law at the Arizona State University School of Social Work for ten years.

Judge Jacobs lives in Flagstaff, Arizona and enjoys hiking, traveling, reading and writing.

## TESTIMONIALS

### AsktheJudge.info

“A great resource that will help parents and teens stay abreast of laws that deal with teens and students.” –**Jennifer Wagner**, Connect with Your Teens Blog

“AsktheJudge.info is an amazing website for teens who want to know the various rules and regulations that apply to them according to the law.” –**Kasey DeGasperis**, **Teen DiariesOnline** intern

“Information on the law for teens is not always readily available, so this is a great resource. Be sure to check it out ... everybody should know their rights.” –**TeenSpace Blog**, Prince George’s County Memorial Library

“Judge Tom Jacobs dispels myths, explains legal procedure, and details juvenile rights in the hopes of eas[ing] the minds of America’s youth.” –**Lauren Williams**, **Youth Pulse** (youth marketing company)

“For teens and their parents, finding answers to questions about laws and court decisions that affect them could be a daunting task. Not anymore.” –**Larry Hendricks**, *Arizona Daily Sun*

“What's really cool about the Web site is that it covers stories about teen rights in the news right now.” –**Anna Bruce**, Youth Services Librarian Tigard Public Library

“I find your Website very informative. Thanks again and more power to the youth.” –**Daisy**, **University of Florida student**

“[Y]our info was very helpful and helped relax me enough to tell [my mom]. thanks!” –**Corey**, **age 17**

### **Teen Cyberbullying Investigated: Where Do Your Rights End and Consequences Begin?** (Free Spirit Publishing, 2010)

“Read it. It will close the gap between you and what your kids know that you don’t know.”—**Dr. Phil McGraw of the national *Dr. Phil* show**

“A phenomenal educational tool on cyberbullying. . . . I’d recommend it be mandatory reading for middle school and high school students across our nation.”—**The Cracked Spine Blog**

“[Reading *Teen Cyberbullying Investigated*] was a real eye-opener as to the things people do, the consequences and battles involved, and the rights that individuals have. This book is a wealth of information and I highly recommend it.” —**Terra Heck**, Heck of a Bunch Blogger



“Among books recently published on this topic, this one distinguishes itself by covering more than 50 actual court cases involving teenagers.”—*School Library Journal*

“Deals with the hot, contemporary topic of online teen harassment, by both teens and by adults.”—*Booklist*

“A great tool to provoke dialogue and help bridge the ‘digital divide’ between teens and adults.”  
—**Dr. Jenny Walker**, president, Cyberbullying Consulting, Ltd.

“Explains the ramifications of teen cyberbullying in a very readable format.” —**Stuart Nachbar**,  
Educated Quest blog

“Should be required reading for school administrators, teachers, parents, and young people when exploring the vast and still uncharted territory of the Internet.”—**Ian Zack**, **Executive Editor**,  
*The New York Times Upfront*

“Every teen who has a cell phone or goes online should read this book. It’s as suspenseful as *Harry Potter* and as scary as *Twilight*, but these stories are real.”—**Mary Beth Tinker**, former plaintiff in the famous student free speech case *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District* (U.S. Supreme Court, 1969)

“Thoroughly researched and fascinating. A must-read for young people and their parents and caregivers, not just in the United States, but worldwide.”—**Richard Piggin**, Head of Operations,  
Beatbullying, London, England

“This book is at the forefront of cyberbullying literature. It has the capacity to inform school policy as parents, teachers, and principals race to find solutions for bullies and support for victims.”—**Kimberley O’Brien**, Principal Child Psychologist, Quirky Kid Clinic, Australia