

## Bam! Pop! D.C. judge uses comics to teach kids about jury duty

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By day, [Eric Washington](#) is the Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. By night ... OK, he's still a judge.

Washington can appreciate a good comic book hero, though. He's a fan of



Archie, and Matt, the reluctant juror.

That last one probably doesn't spark a lot of conversations at [Comic-Con](#), but it was up for discussion Monday when Washington and charter school teachers used a graphic novel to teach students about the importance of civic duty.

"I think this captures them, a little bit, in many ways the same way comic books

captured us," Washington says. "You don't have the same heroes and heroines story by story ... but ultimately I think that's what appeals to young people."

Using comics to teach kids is hardly a new concept. [Here's one](#) about the dangers of forest fires. And earlier this year, an edition of Archie (featuring the "the likeness of Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten") helped teach kids about driving under the influence.

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