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Madison County Associate Judge Ryan Jumper spoke on Monday, November 18, 2019, to 7th and 8th graders who are members of the Student Athlete Leadership Team at Liberty Middle School in Edwardsville. Using photos and newspaper headlines, Judge Jumper's presentation brought the students on a photo journey of his time as a student and athlete growing up in Edwardsville. "I compiled newspaper articles and quotes from my coaches at the time to impress upon those student athlete leaders how character and leadership reveal themselves when under the pressure of competition."

Chief Judge Bill Mudge commended the efforts of Judge Jumper, "The Third Judicial Circuit is comprised of fine judges who are positive role models for our kids. Judge Jumper is yet another example of that. I applaud his efforts as well as all judges who offer their time beyond their official duties and go the extra mile to positively impact the lives of our young citizens."

Judge Jumper is a graduate of Edwardsville High School, Illinois Wesleyan University, where he played football, and Southern Illinois University Law School. At SIU Law, he was an editor for the SIUC Law Journal and the Journal of Legal Medicine. He was appointed to the bench as an Associate Judge in the Third Judicial Circuit in March, 2018 and is assigned to the Family Division. Judge Jumper was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 2006 and practiced Civil and Municipal Litigation.

Speaking of his life, Judge Jumper drew a sports analogy: "If I'm gonna miss, I'm gonna make sure I'm missing long, whether it's basketball, golf or my career."