Discussion Questions: “Among the Best”

1. Attorney’s have to follow certain standards of conduct and ethics as members of the bar. What other professions do you think have to follow ethical standards in a similar way? Why are these formal standards of behavior in place?

2. Can you think of any profession or job that does not have to follow ethical standards?

3. What ethics will you have to or want to follow in your career?

4. If a friend asked you to do something unethical what would you do? What if the person was a close family member? What if the person was your employer or teacher? How does who the person is change your ethical decision making, if at all?

5. Have you ever had to make an ethical decision that cost you anything [a relationship, trust, money, time, etc.]? Explain the context and results.

6. Would you make the same decision as the lawyer in the video? Why or why not?

7. What does it mean to have a “moral compass?”

8. Do you believe “ethics equals success?” Why or why not?

9. If a defense lawyer knows his/her client is guilty—should they still defend them?

10. In what ways do laws help shape the ethical values of a community?