

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

Eighth (8th) Circuit

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

<https://www.ca8.uscourts.gov/public-education>

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE & DESCRIPTION:

1. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Judicial learning center

<https://JudicialLearningCenter.org/>

2. [Courtroom Programs]

Courthouse Tours

The Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse in St. Louis offers a unique field trip program, free of charge, for audiences of all ages. The tours are age-appropriate and can be aligned with Missouri Grade Level & Course Level Expectations, at your request. Programs are also available for scouts and other special-interest groups.

3. [Teacher Institutes]

Free Summer Teacher Institutes

Workshops offered in summer of 2019 include:

AP U.S. Government and Politics Teacher Institute, St. Louis, MO

- Incorporates resources directed specifically at AP exam target goals for the judicial branch as well as civil rights and liberties
- Includes lessons to meet AP objectives on the judiciary as well as practical methods for incorporating the mandatory landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases

Summer Teacher Institute, St. Louis, MO and Cape Girardeau, MO

- Teaching about First Amendment Freedoms through the lens of the judicial branch

Homeschool Educator Institute, St. Louis, MO

- Teaching about the judicial branch

4. [Court-Community Events]

For Scouts – Merit Badge

The U.S. Courts offer free badge events for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts each summer.

5. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Judicial Speakers Bureau

The Judicial Speakers Bureau offers free presentations, designed for adults in the community who might be interested in learning more about the courts, which appear so often in the daily news yet remain a mystery to many. A Federal Judge from the Eastern District of Missouri will attend a club or organization's meeting, and lead an informative presentation, including Q & A.

6. [Educational Outreach at the Circuit Level]

Education and Outreach Newsletter

Sign up at: <https://www.moed.uscourts.gov/education-and-outreach-news>

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DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

Alabama-Southern

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

N/A

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE & DESCRIPTION:

1. [Courtroom Programs]

Courthouse Tours:

Alabama Southern is currently giving courthouse tours when a school contacts the Clerk's Office via either phone or email from the court's website. The tours have been conducted in our district since the early 1990's, and they have varied in age from kindergarten to high school from local public, private and parochial schools in the Mobile & Baldwin County area. We also have seen college groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Jr. ROTC, local federal agency externs and adult groups from as far away as Japan. Depending on the availability, we incorporate USPO, USMS, FBI, USBC, USBA, USA, FPD and other federal agencies to speak, and in the past we have taken groups to other federal offices to hold a combined agency tour.

2. [Student Contests]

Mock Trial:

Annual Mock Trial for Classical Conversations Homeschool Group from Baldwin County.

3. [Court-Community Events]

Naturalization Ceremonies:

Celebration for people becoming U.S. citizens, officiated by a District Judge, and usually held twice a year in Mobile, Alabama.

4. [Courtroom Programs]

Naturalization Tours:

Example: Baldwin Co. High School took a Naturalization Tour in 2018 that included a tour of the U.S. Probation Office, the U.S. Marshal's Office and a Naturalization Ceremony.

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DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

California-Central

CONTACT:

N/A

LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

<https://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/newsworthy/community-outreach/community-outreach>

<https://court.cacd.uscourts.gov/CACD/Services.nsf/Community+Outreach?OpenView>

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE & DESCRIPTION:

1. [Courtroom Programs]

Meet the Federal Court

Provided on request, this program provides an overview of the federal court system and is hosted by a federal judge. Presenters include representatives from the United States Attorney's Office, the Office of the Federal Public Defender, Interpreter Services, the United States Probation Office, and the United States Marshals Service. Hosted at the Courthouse.

2. [Court-Community Events]

Naturalization Ceremonies

At regularly scheduled ceremonies, new citizens take the oath of citizenship. A federal judge presides and delivers inspiring remarks to the new citizens and their families, along with information about the responsibilities that come with U.S. citizenship: the importance of jury duty, being active citizens, registering to vote, etc. The Court is contacted by middle and high school teachers with a request to attend a ceremony.

3. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureau]

Professional Development

Provided by court staff upon request by local law firms, this program focuses on the "do's and don'ts" of practicing in federal court. This training is approved for MCLE education credit in the area of civil procedure.

4. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureau]

Taking the Step to Federal Court

This program, presented once a year and organized by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, is designed to introduce new attorneys and attorneys with limited federal court experience to the practical aspects of civil litigation in federal court. Both district and magistrate judges participate.

5. [Teachers Institute]

Teachers' Institute

Once a year, teachers from local high schools are invited to visit the court for a day-long program. This interactive program is hosted by a federal judge and includes presentations by attorney panelists, discussion sessions, and teacher debates. By the end of the day, the teachers are equipped with solid lesson plans about the federal court system to take back to the classroom.

6. [Courtroom Programs]

Courtroom Observation

Throughout the school year, upon request by high school teachers and college professors, the Court will arrange for students to observe court proceedings in person. The length of these visits varies depending on the proceeding.

7. [Student Contests]

Courtroom to Classroom

To supplement classroom learning, the Court provides an opportunity for students to conduct a mock trial in an actual courtroom setting, based on a real Supreme Court case. A judge and teams of attorneys interact with the students to present content, help prepare for the mock trial, and answer questions.

8. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Foreign Delegation Visits

Throughout the year, upon request by the International Visitors Council of Los Angeles, the Court hosts delegations from outside the United States. Each delegation will identify a specific area of interest, such as "Trafficking in Persons," the #1 topic in 2016. That year the Court hosted visitors from Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sudan, Thailand, Tunisia, and the United Kingdom.

9. [Courtroom Programs]

Job Shadow Day

Once a year, the Court hosts local high students for its Groundhog Job Shadow Day, which enables students to shadow a workplace mentor as he or she goes through a normal day on the job. This provides students with an up-close look at how skills learned in school are put into action in the workplace.

10. [Diversity of ethnicity based]

Just the Beginning

Working closely with Loyola Law School and volunteers from various agencies, the Court hosts a program intended to increase diversity in the legal profession and judiciary by inspiring students to pursue such careers. The program targets underserved and minority high schools, and presents biennial conferences that bring together leaders of local communities.

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DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

California-Eastern

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

<http://www.caed.uscourts.gov/caednew/index.cfm/education/>

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE & DESCRIPTION:

1. [Court-Community Events]

Open Doors to Federal Courts

Each year the United States District Court, Eastern District of California, participates in a national program entitled Open Doors to Federal Courts . It is designed to help high school students learn more about the role of the federal courts in our system of justice. This annual program supports California’s approach to the HSS Framework and C3 Framework and is part of a long-term commitment by the federal courts to share in the civic education of high school students who are making the passage to adult citizenship. Open Doors is coordinated by the Robert T. Matsui Federal Courthouse in Sacramento, the Robert E. Coyle Federal Courthouse in Fresno, the Redding Federal Courthouse, and the Bakersfield Federal Courthouse each year.

2. [Court-Community Events]

Yosemite Law Day

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Yosemite Division, and the Federal Bar Association, San Joaquin Valley Chapter, under the auspices of the National Park Service, sponsor a Law Day Commemoration in

Yosemite Valley. Each year they bus in several hundred eighth grade students from neighboring schools to celebrate the day. Students, lawyers, federal and state judges, Park Service, and other dignitaries and Park visitors assemble under the shade of a giant oak tree in a meadow looking out on thundering Yosemite Falls, the tallest waterfall in America. Mounted U.S. Rangers present the colors. All pledge allegiance to the flag and sing the national anthem. Students submit essays on different themes announced each year. Essay contest winners are announced and awarded prizes.

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DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

California-Northern

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

N/A

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE DESCRIPTION

NDCA has a community outreach committee and it handles many requests that are made of the court.

1. [Educational Outreach at the Circuit Level]

9th Circuit Civics contest and Law Day activities.

2. [Courtroom Programs]

Moot Court: Judges preside over moot courts for high school, college and law schools.

3. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Community at Large: Senior and active judges are heavily involved with legal education programs, academic councils and working with affinity bar associations.

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

California-Southern

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

<https://www.casd.uscourts.gov/judicial-learning/outreach-programs.aspx>

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE & DESCRIPTION:

1. [Classroom Education]

Judges in the Classroom/The Judicial System in Action/Classroom Visits

Since 1993, classrooms of students often take a fieldtrip to the courthouse to participate in mock trials or to hear presentations on the federal judicial system, federal jurisdiction and the law. Alternatively, various judges have traveled to local elementary, middle and high schools to give these presentations. The judges who participate in this program strive to help and encourage students to embrace the concepts of justice and responsibility, to clarify for them the roles of the individual within a free society, to familiarize the students with career opportunities within the legal system, and to convey the message that students who work hard in school will achieve success. The judicial participants believe that if we can provide a positive influence, even in a small way, that leads to the success of students in our schools, we will have the satisfaction of knowing that our entire community will reap benefits in the future and our efforts will have been worthwhile.

2. [Financial Literacy]

Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE):

The San Diego Bankruptcy Court sponsors the Credit Abuse Resistance Education ("CARE") Program to teach financial literacy to young adults using an interactive presentation with videos to teach about budgeting, savings, student loans, credit

cards and other financial issues arising in every day life. Besides participating in the Open Doors to the Court program, CARE Program volunteers travel to high schools and other youth groups around San Diego.

3. [Court-Community Events]

Open Doors to the Court

Open Doors to the Federal Courts is a national program which welcomes thousands of students into local federal courthouses around the country. The objective is to bring high school students, teachers, judges, court staff, and lawyers together to enhance public knowledge and understanding of the federal court system. The program is intended for high school seniors who have studied civics or United States government. These students and their teachers are invited into the courthouse to participate in a program offered each spring.

4. [Student Contests]

Mock Trials – Ex. “Children At Risk: *State v. Andy Adams & Beth Baker*”

The court provides age-appropriate mock trials in which students take on all the roles and serve as the jury. A judge and/or attorneys will be present throughout the trial to assist the students and provide additional information about the judicial system

5. [Courtroom Programs]

Courthouse Tours

Include an overview of the history of the buildings, architecture, and artwork.

6. [Teachers Institutes]

Judicial Institute for High School Teachers

An annual 3 day workshop where teachers get an opportunity to discuss constitutional issues with federal judges, observe courtroom proceedings, and gain a better understanding of the role of the judiciary in our country’s government.

7. [Teachers Institutes]

iCivics Institute for Junior High and Middle School Teachers

A 3 day workshop which is based on the iCivics program initiated by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. This program includes courtroom visits, sessions with judges and legal professionals, and interaction with fellow educators.

8. [Courtroom Programs]

Constitution In Action

A judge or group of attorneys explain(s) how the Bill of Rights and other Constitutional Amendments are the basis for what happens in the federal courts everyday.

9. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Civic Education Websites and Other Useful Websites:

<https://www.casd.uscourts.gov/judicial-learning/community-outreach/useful-resources.aspx>

11. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Educational Materials

<https://www.casd.uscourts.gov/judicial-learning/community-outreach/educational-materials.aspx>

Infographics as Handouts and Videos as Discussion Starters Downloadable infographics offer simplified visuals that break down abstract concepts and difficult-to-describe court structure and functions.

12. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Displays & Exhibits

<https://www.casd.uscourts.gov/judicial-learning/displays-and-exhibits.aspx>

Then And Now - A History of the Southern District of California Since 1966

The Southern District of California as currently configured, celebrates 50 years as a federal judicial district in 2016. To commemorate the date, an exhibit documenting the 50 years of the district through historical cases, buildings, court news, the judges and employees was created and is on display in the James M.

Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse, as well as here in this online version of the exhibit.

Schwartz Broadway Exhibit Winners

This annual event involves school children participating in the San Diego County Bar Association Law Week celebration highlighting the theme "The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States." Children in kindergarten through sixth grade were eligible to participate in the Poster Contest, while students in grades 6 through 12 entered a Video Contest. Awards presented at the annual Law Week luncheon. The original posters are exhibited in the exhibit windows on the north side of the Edward J. Schwartz United States Courthouse.

13. [Court-Community Events]

Historical Walking Tour of the John Rhoades Federal Judicial Center

This self-guided tour through and around the federal judicial center illustrates over 100 years of history in the Southern District of California through the art and architecture of our three distinct courthouses.

14. [Courtroom Programs]

U.S. Marshals Presentation

Students will learn about the job of Deputy U.S. Marshals and may have an opportunity to see a holding cell and try on some law enforcement equipment. They may also have the opportunity to meet our explosives detecting canine and his handler and learn how these amazing dogs are trained and work.

15. [Courtroom Programs]

Observation of Court Proceedings

Students are invited to watch actual court proceedings, usually a sentencing calendar, which will allow them the opportunity to hear from a prosecutor, defense attorney, the defendant and the judge. They will see the real life consequences of breaking the law. After about 1 hour of court observation, the students will be taken to a conference room to debrief and ask questions about what they observed.

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DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

District of DC

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

N/A

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE DESCRIPTION

1. [Court-Community Events]

Pro Bono Events: Annual breakfast honoring law firms that have 50% of attorneys providing a minimum of 40 hours of pro bono service per year
Reception honoring federal government pro bono service
Pro bono roundtable with Washington Council of Lawyers

2. [Courtroom Programs]

Hosting/Sponsoring/Participating in Moot Court and Mock Trial Competitions:

UDC Trial Advocacy;
National Institute of Trial Advocacy;
ABA Moot Court Competition;
FBA Moot Court Competition;
Virginia Law School;
Georgetown Law Center;
American University Washington School of Law;
GW University Law School;
GMU Law School;
DC Bar Trial Advocacy;
Hispanic Bar Trial Competition;
Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project;
Universidad Pontificia Comillas.

3. [Courtroom Programs]

Hosting/Sponsoring/Participating in High School Programs:

Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (internships at the Court);

AO National Outreach;

DC Public Safety Academy;

FBA Court Camp;

Abramson Foundation;

National High School Moot Court Competition;

Historical Society Mock Court for DC High Schools;

Just the Beginning Foundation;

Tours; observing court & meetings with Judges w/students from various MS and HS.

4. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Hosting and Meeting with Foreign Delegations:

Constitutional Court of Kosovo;

Taiwan - Judges/staff;

Japan - Judges/staff;

Ghana – Judges;

Nigeria - Judges/staff;

Pakistan – Judges;

Georgia – Judges;

Sri Lanka – Justices;

Judicial liaisons from Embassies;

5. [Teachers Institutes]

FJC Teachers Institute: Educating teachers on the judiciary

6. [Courtroom Programs]

Metropolitan Police Departments Cadet Program: Court experience for first year Cadets/college students

7. [Student Contests]

Essay Contest: Sponsored by the Court's Committee on Community Engagement in conjunction with DCPS.

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DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

Florida-Southern

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

<https://www.flsd.uscourts.gov/community-and-educational-outreach-civics-education-and-volunteer-opportunities>

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE & DESCRIPTION:

1. [Court Camps]

Teen Discourse and Decisions (TD Squared)

TD Squared is a program that brings students into the federal courthouse, during which high school students engage with volunteer lawyers and the presiding judge. Students actively participate in discussions related to critical life skills, civil discourse and adult decisions with permanent legal consequences. The students

then participate as lawyers or jurors in a courtroom simulation using a United States Supreme Court case. Led by United States District Judges Robin Rosenberg and Beth Bloom, the program is presented in a 3-hour period and coordinated through the local Federal Bar Association's Civics Outreach Committee.

2. [Court Camps]

Care Academy

The Southern District of Florida hosted school children from CARE Elementary School for a tour of the U.S. District Courthouse and a day of learning about the legal system. At the Wilkie D. Ferguson U.S. Courthouse, students were able to participate in an interactive tour through the U.S. Marshal's Office, a Judge's private chambers and public courtrooms. Students were able to gain knowledge of the court process by participating in a mock trial with United States District Judge Donald Graham. The trip to the courthouse reiterated the school's mission of preparing confident, lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

Opportunities like this one enrich the educational experience for school age children and expose them to career choices that are available if they set goals and work toward a strong academic foundation. This special learning opportunity was made possible through coordinated efforts provided by United States District Judge Donald Graham and his chambers, Mrs. Devona Perez and the Caribbean Bar Association.

3. [Court-Community Events]

Naturalization Ceremonies

The Court Assisted Re-Entry program (CARE Court) was established to help reduce recidivism by assisting moderate and high-risk offenders to successfully reintegrate into their families and community. Successful reintegration usually includes obtaining stable housing and stable employment. Started in 2016, CARE Court provides additional judicial oversight and intensive supervision to offenders. To aid in reintegration, CARE Court helps connect participants with service providers that can aid with things such as job skills training, job placement, legal assistance, and housing.

CARE Court is operated by a team of court professionals, including a presiding District Court judge, members of the U.S. Attorney's Office, members of the Federal Public Defender's Office, and United States Probation Officers. CARE Court participants meet every other week with the CARE Court Team. At the meetings, the participants and the Team discuss the participant's progress toward

reaching the goals the participant set at prior meetings and new goals are set. Goals might include completing a GED, reinstating a driver's license, or obtaining a job. Issues that have impeded a participant's ability to reach his or her goals are also addressed and strategies for overcoming the impediment are discussed.

A participant graduates from CARE Court after having earned 75 points. Points are awarded for attending CARE Court and for reaching the goals set by the participant and CARE Court team. Upon graduation, a participant's term of supervised release is reduced by 12 months.

4. [Court-Community Events]

Law Day

Law Day is an annual celebration of the rule of law in a free society. Throughout May, the legal community reaches out in communities across the nation to simulate appreciation and critical thinking about the founding fundamentals that are so easily taken for granted.

Since 1958, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the first Law Day, Americans have taken the opportunity to recommit themselves to remaining a nation of laws. The observance became official in 1961, when Congress issued a joint resolution designating May 1 as Law Day.

Speeches, gatherings, and programs for adults and students set the stage for a month-long exploration of enduring legal principles. Many federal courts open their doors in May to bring the next generation of jurors into courtrooms to see and to participate in the process of justice for all.

5. [Court-Community Events]

Legal Up!

Legal Up! is a collaborative effort under the auspices of the Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership, led by United States District Judge Ursula Ungaro in which over 190 prominent local attorneys, judges, and law students provide civic and life skills education to at-risk youth and juveniles in Miami-Dade County.

6. [Courtroom Programs]

Court Observer Program

The students mocked a sentencing plea and then observed a real sentencing. They then had presentations by the US Marshals Service, Judge Paul C. Huck, and from the Law Clerks.

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DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

Illinois-Central

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

N/A

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE & DESCRIPTION:

1. [Court-Community Programs]

Naturalization Ceremonies

Officiations and celebrations of people becoming U.S. citizens. In 2019, the Court held sixteen ceremonies.

“Mega” Naturalization Ceremony (2018): The Central District of Illinois Chapter worked with the U.S. District of Illinois, Peoria Division, to host a Naturalization Ceremony on September 25, 2018, at Bradley University in Peoria.

Approximately 650 people took the Oath of Citizenship and became United States citizens. More than 2,700 people attended the Ceremony, including about 225 middle school students from the Peoria area and 250 Bradley University students and staff. Before the Ceremony, the 8th grade students from eight area schools met with Chief Judge James E. Shadid and others for a civics program. The students learned about the Preamble to the Constitution as well as the Bill of Rights and discussed what it means to them. After the Ceremony about 125 students from Peoria Public Schools were provided with sack lunches.

2. [Courtroom Programs]

Class Field Trips to the Courthouse

3. [Court-Community Events]

Student Reception

In 2017, the Court hosted a reception for 30 International Fellows of the National Defense University at the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois. The National Defense University is an institution of higher education funded by the U.S. Department of Defense, intended to facilitate high-level training, education, and the development of national security strategy. It is chartered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff with Major General Frederick M. Padilla, USMC, as president. It is located on the grounds of Fort Lesley McNair in Washington, D.C. The University's mission, in part, is to support joint Professional Military Education in a one-year intensive study program. For the event, they first assemble in the courtroom answering questions in discussion format, then retreat to a reception in the courthouse lobby. Approximately 125 people attended the event.

4. [Courtroom Programs]

Community Outreach Event – Mock Sentencing

On February 6, 2017, about 80 junior high students from Peoria School District 150 visited Chief Judge James Shadid's courtroom to participate in a mock sentencing hearing and learn about the legal consequences that can result from drug use. An Assistant U.S. Attorney and a Federal Public Defender presented their arguments about a fictional 18-year-old defendant convicted of a selling heroin. After the attorneys' arguments, Central District of Illinois Chief Judge James E. Shadid asked for questions and comments from the students and encouraged them to think about what the sentence should be. Following the mock sentencing hearing, Judge Shadid gave the students a tour of his chambers.

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DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

Indiana-Southern

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

N/A

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE DESCRIPTION

1. [Courtroom Programs]

Courthouse tours and field trips: mock trials, courtroom simulations, observe court, meet and speak with judges – Year round.

2. [Court-Community Events]

a. **Black History Month Event:** morning program for students, afternoon program for adults – every February.

b. **Hispanic Heritage Month Event:** morning program for students, afternoon program for adults- every October.

c. **Court History Annual Symposium:** three hour event with topics on the history of the Southern District of Indiana, significant cases, judges' roundtable and panel discussion - every October or November.

d. **Fourth of July, annually.**

e. **Constitution Day, annually.**

f. **We the People naturalization ceremonies- annually.**

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DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

Kentucky-Western

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

N/A

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE DESCRIPTION

Our court currently has no formal program in place, though individual judges occasionally participate in civics-related programs with school and college groups. We also routinely locate one or more naturalization ceremonies in schools. Additionally, in the recent past, our court has participated in a broader program on civics education coordinated with one or more of our largest public school districts.

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

Maryland

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

<https://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/educational-outreach>

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE & DESCRIPTION:

1. [Court-Community Events]

Courthouse Visits

Our Baltimore and Greenbelt courthouses are open to visitors from school groups to come and to observe court proceedings. While at the courthouse, school groups may be interested in visiting one of the historical exhibits on display in the courthouses or the rotating art exhibit in the Greenbelt courthouse. While not required, groups may coordinate visits by contacting the Clerk's Office.

2. [Court-Community Events]

Open Doors to the Federal Courts

We organize the day with our local chapter of the Federal Bar Association. We invite students from several inner-city high schools in Baltimore, and we recruit volunteer federal judges and experienced federal practitioners to present mock trials to jury panels comprised of the students. Our law clerks play the witnesses and defendants. The students hear all of the evidence and participate in jury deliberations. Over the course of the day, we also have

presentations from Maryland's United States Attorney and Chief Deputy Federal Public Defender. Finally, we have a series of speakers intended to introduce the students to potential careers that may be less familiar to them, such as court reporter, courtroom deputy, or federal law enforcement agent.

3. [Court-Community Events]

Naturalization Ceremonies

The naturalization process begins with a document called a Petition for Naturalization. Every potential citizen must complete a Petition before taking the Oath of Allegiance. The Petition contains the potential citizen's birth date, occupation, means of entry to the United States, and names of any spouse and children. The Petition also provides the Alien Registration number and the number assigned to their Certificate of Naturalization.

4. [Student Contests]

Essay-Writing Contest [Please Note: this is for the Fourth Circuit but is listed on the District of Maryland outreach website]

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit is pleased to announce an essay contest for high school students in the five states within the circuit. The contest offers students an opportunity to learn about the Constitution and Bill of Rights and a chance to win cash prizes.

5. [Court-Community Events]

Food Drives

6. [Court-Community Events]

Annual Charity Auction

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

Minnesota

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/u-s-district-court-district-of-minnesota/>

<http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/Community-Outreach.shtml>

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE DESCRIPTION

1. [Classroom Education]

Open Doors to the Federal Courts

Date: Annually

Co-sponsors: FBA

Overview: Annual initiative that connects high school students with the federal court system. Topics over the years have included:

2017 Implicit Bias

2016 “Second Founding”: Sesquicentennial of the Reconstruction Amendments to the Constitution

2015 Thurgood Marshall

2014 Dred and Harriet Scott

2013 Legacy of Courage and Freedom: Dred and Harriet Scott

2012 The First Amendment and Social Media: Student Rights, Wrongs, and Responsibilities

2011 Texting While Driving—Realty Check: Sometimes There Are No Do-Overs—Today’s Decisions Can Have Legal and Long-Term Consequences

2010 First Amendment and Social Media Program: Students Rights, Wrongs, and Responsibilities—Students and Administrators Face Off On Their School’s FaceLook Fan Page

2009 Texting While Driving - Reality check: Sometimes There Are No Do-Overs—Today’s Decisions Can Have Legal and Long-Term Consequences

2008 The Lowdown on Downloading: Whose Property is Intellectual Property on the Internet?

2007 Partners in Justice: An Independent Judiciary, A Fair-Minded Jury

2006 Jury Service: The Faces of Justice

2005 The Role of Courts in Balancing Liberties and Safety

2003 Working for Justice: Careers in the Courts

Location: Inner-City and Out-State Schools were invited to participate in the program at one of the courthouses which included a mock trial and a Career Showcase from 2003 - 2012. Since 2013, we have restructured the format of our Open Doors to Federal Courts program and taken it out to various schools around the Twin Cities metro area.

2. [Courtroom Programs]

Just the Beginning Foundation

Date: Annually

Overview: Program works to expose minority students to the Judiciary and create a pipeline to judicial careers. The Court and local law firms host these students each summer and introduces them to many different career paths in the legal community.

Location: Minneapolis & St Paul Federal Courthouse

2. [Diversity or Ethnicity Based]

Minority Judges Reception

Date: Annually

Co-sponsors: MN Association of Black Lawyers, FBA, and other affinity bars

Overview: Annual reception in the spring of the year honoring our minority judges in the Minnesota State and Federal Courts.

Location: Minneapolis Federal Courthouse

3. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Economic Espionage and National Security

Date: October 2017

Co-sponsors: FBA, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Overview: Panel discussion featuring experts in the area of espionage & national security.

Location: Minneapolis Federal Courthouse

4. [Student Contests]

American Denial

Date: January 31, 2017

Co-sponsors: FBA, League of Women Voters Bloomington, Normandale Community College

Overview: Showing of Emmy-nominated documentary *American Denial* with panel discussion on the Reconstruction Amendments and their impact 150 years later. Also involved student essay competition.

Location: Normandale Community College, Bloomington

5. [Student Contests]

Latino Legal Experience in MN: An Event with Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Date: October 18, 2016

Co-sponsors: FBA, Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association

Overview: Showing of the film *Someone Like Me Can Do This* along with remarks from Justice Sotomayor. Also included a scholarship contests for students from across the metro, mentorship opportunities with members of the Hispanic Bar Association, and on-going visits to area schools for 12 months after the event.

Location: MN History Center, St Paul

6. [Diversity or Ethnicity Based]

Why Treaties Matter

Date: November 3, 2015

Co-sponsors: FBA, MN American Indian Bar Association

Overview: Program including keynote address by the Hon. Diane J. Humetewa, the first American Indian to serve as a U.S. District Judge. Additionally, students from the American Indian Magnet School and Harding High School performed traditional Native American songs and dance.

Location: Minneapolis Federal Courthouse

7. [Diversity or Ethnicity Based]

The Asian Pacific Legal Experience: Opportunity, Economics, Racism and Hope

Date: May 20, 2015

Co-sponsors: FBA, MN Asian Pacific Bar Association

Overview: Program included recognition of Hmong and Vietnamese veterans and survivors of the Japanese incarceration during World War II, along with a speech by Karen Korematsu, daughter of national civil rights hero Fred T. Korematsu.

Location: Minneapolis Federal Courthouse

8. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Honoring U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall

Date: May 12, 2015

Co-sponsors: FBA, Bloomington Human Rights Commission

Overview: Showing of the documentary “Mr. Civil Rights” followed by a panel discussion with the film maker, Mick Caouette, Chief Judge Michael J. Davis, District Judge Donovan W. Frank, Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge Kevin Ross, and Dr. Josie Johnson, who has spent a lifetime as a leader in the civil rights movement.

Location: Bloomington Civic Plaza

9. [Diversity or Ethnicity Based]

In Her Honor — A Celebration of Minnesota Women in the Law

Date: September 2014

Co-sponsors: FBA

Overview: Months long exhibit of women in the law over the past 30 years, highlighted by a visit from Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and paying tribute to Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Diana E. Murphy.

Location: Numerous

10. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Freedom Riders Exhibit

Date: June 6, 2014

Co-sponsors: FBA

Overview: Displaying of Freedom Riders exhibit from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and PBS; exhibit tells the story of the 1961 Freedom Rides with a detailed narrative, photographs, and newspaper clippings. The program speeches by Daniel Bergin of Twin Cities Public Television, Honorary Chairperson Dr. Josie R. Johnson, and U.S. Representative Keith Ellison as well as acknowledgment of Freedom Riders Peter Ackerberg, Robert Baum, Dave Morton, and Claire O'Connor.

Location: Minneapolis Federal Courthouse

11. [Court-Community Events]

Dred and Harriet Scott Project

Date: May 16, 2014

Co-sponsors: Minneapolis Public Schools, Mixed Blood Theater, various bar associations

Overview: Program focused on the lives of Dred and Harriet Scott and their role in shaping the nation's history. The program was a collaborative effort by the Court, Minneapolis Public Schools, volunteer attorneys from various bar associations, and Mixed Blood Theatre. Before this event, lawyers from the affinity bar associations visited classrooms to share their experiences and advice with over 250 students.

Location: William Mitchell College of Law

12. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Lessons from the Third Reich: The Fragility of Law in the Grip of Power and Evil

Date: October and November 2013

Co-sponsors: U of M Law School, Jewish Community Relations Council

Overview: From October 21 to November 21, 2013, the thought-provoking documentary exhibit created by the German Bar Association in 2000 – “Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany under the Third Reich” – traveled the world and was presented at the Minneapolis Federal Courthouse, the Minnesota Judicial Center, the Duluth Federal Courthouse, the University of Minnesota Law School, the IDS Center, and the Minneapolis downtown Marriott hotel. Various programs, luncheons, speeches, and symposiums were given relating to the exhibit.

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

Missouri-Eastern

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

www.moed.uscourts.gov/education-and-outreach-news

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE DESCRIPTION

1. [Courtroom Programs]

Courthouse Tours

2. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Judicial Learning Center Exhibit

3. [Court-Community Events]

Student Events for Constitution Day, Law Day, Youth in Government, other

4. [Teachers Institutes]

Educator Institutes

5. [Courtroom Programs]

Programming for Law Students

6. [Court-Community Events]

Badge Events for Boy and Girl Scouts

7. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Seminars for Senior Citizens

8. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Judicial Speakers Bureau

9. [Courtroom Programs]

Mock Trial Hosting

10. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Traveling Exhibitions

11. [Court-Community Events]

Off-Site Naturalization Ceremonies (iconic locations, national parks, schools)

12. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Justice and Journalism

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

<https://www.ned.uscourts.gov/public/outreach-and-education>

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE & DESCRIPTION:

1. [Classroom Education]

Judges, both District and Magistrate, have lectured at bar association educational events as well as law schools and local universities.

2. [Court-Community Events]

Chief Judges have provided articles to the local legal newspapers for Law Day.

3. [Court-Community Events]

Our judges will participate in Law Day Mock Trial.

4. [Classroom Education]

Judges, both District and Magistrate, go into the local schools to talk about the courts.

5. [Court-Community Events]

Our judges are judges for the High School Mock Trial Competition. One of our judges is a Judge in the National Trial Competition.

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7. [Teachers Institutes]

Our judges and probation/pretrial officers, have hosted “UNO Teacher’s Law School.” This program familiarizes high school teachers to the courts with a series of lectures and moot court.

8. [Teachers Institutes]

Our judges also do a “Teach the Teachers”. This teaches government teachers the differences between Federal and State court.

9. [Courtroom Programs]

Our judges, clerk’s office and probation/pretrial officers participate in the “Walk through the Courts” program for young attorneys.

10. [Courtroom Programs]

Our clerk’s office participates in tours for elementary, junior and high school students as well as college students.

11. [Court Camps]

Probation/pretrial for the last several years has provided career immersions for high school students. Judges, AUSAs and public defenders help with this program. It is a program where students can learn about what probation and pretrial officers do. Mock hearings are conducted and the students participate as a prosecutor, defense lawyer or a pretrial/probation officer. At the end of the program all participants become someone who is just getting out of prison and they have to do everything a person who is getting out of prison would have to do. For example, get a job, pay rent, meet with probation, get drug tested, apply for assistance, pay child support, etc.

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

N/A

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE DESCRIPTION

1. [Courtroom Programs]

a. Westhill High School Visit - Forensic Class:

Judge visits at Westhill School and speaks to high school students followed with Q&A.

b. Maimonides Elementary School:

Grade School Students are welcomed by the Judge, and representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office and U.S. Marshals followed by a Q&A.

c. St. Pius' Middle School:

Forty-seven students from St. Pius Middle School (5th Grade) attended a five hour program. This included a Q&A with Judge and representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Public Defender's Office about criminal prosecution and a former member of the of the FBI Anti-Terrorism Task Force. A talk with the U.S. Marshal Service with a tour of their facility. The students were treated to a pizza lunch and a tour of the historic courthouse .

d. Westhill High School:

Class views 3 sentencings and a Q&A with Judge.

e. Tamarac Elementary School:

Our flagship program, Tamarac's 5th grade class (100 students) returned for the seventh year in a row. Their program included a lesson on the United States Government with Clerk of Court John Domurad, an abbreviated criminal trial demonstration/Q&A with Judge, a meeting with the U.S. Attorney and tour of the Marshal facility. After a pizza lunch and tour of the historic courthouse, the class received a presentation on Internet Safety from Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer Christine Connolly.

f. Mock Trial Competition - OCBA High School:

Judge presided over the semi-final 2018 Onondaga County Mock Trial competition with two local high schools going head-to-head in a fictitious school bullying case *The People v. Carson Conners*.

g. Student Outreach - C.W. Baker High School - Forensic Science Class:

Students are welcomed by the Judge, and representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, FPD and FBI Agents for Cyber Forensic and Non-Cyber Forensic for Post Blast Forensic Examination Analysis. Tour of the courthouse.

h. Open Doors Program - West Genesee High School - Criminal Justice Class:

Students are welcomed by several Judges, and representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, FPD, U.S. Probation Office, FBI followed by a Q&A. Students attended sentencing proceeding and U.S. Marshals' Office gives tour of holding cells.

i. Queensbury High School:

Judge conducted the "Civil Discourse and Difficult Decisions: Legal Skills as Life Skills" for 30 students from Queensbury High School. The program consisted of a presentation by the Judge and provided the opportunity for students to engage in oral argument.

j. Oswego City School District - New Vision Law & Government Program:

Twenty New Vision Oswego County high school seniors who are college bound participated in the Law and Government and Specialized Careers programs. These seniors have spent their entire year in these programs, receiving up to 12 college credits. They are welcomed by several Judges, and representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, FPD, FBI and Secret Service with an introduction to the federal world. U.S. Marshals' Office gives tour of holding cells. Judges conducted a short discussion period followed by closing remarks.

k. Albany Law:

Mock Trial Competition - Final Round

l. Syracuse University College of Law:

Moot Court Competition Finals; Appellate Team; Trial Practice Class; Moot Court Competition - Semi Final; Cybersecurity Class; Orientation - Discussion on Introduction to Litigation and Processes in Federal Criminal Court.

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

DISTRICT/CIRCUIT COURT:

Pennsylvania-Western

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

N/A

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE DESCRIPTION

Community Outreach in the Western District of Pennsylvania in 2018

In calendar year 2018, the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania continued its efforts to reach out to the community it serves to instruct, welcome and demonstrate the importance of the role of law in our society. As described in the following, and in the face of a significant number of judicial vacancies and their corresponding resources, the Court sought to accomplish its stated goal through events welcoming the public into our courthouse and by engaging students, from middle school and beyond, in partnership with other local federal law enforcement agencies.

1. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

ART DISPLAY

The first engagement of our Court with its community is one of the first sights that greet visitors upon entry into the Pittsburgh courthouse--our District's rotating art display program. In 2018, four art displays graced the south lobby of the Joseph F. Weis Jr. U.S. Courthouse, including a display of prints from the archive of

renowned Pittsburgh photographer Charles “Teenie” Harris. Mr. Harris photographed the events and daily life of African Americans for the Pittsburgh Courier, one of the nation’s most influential black newspapers from the 1930s to the 1970s.

One of the featured artists in 2018 was lawyer Sara O’Conner. The Allegheny County Bar Association Arts and the Law Division hosted a reception for others to meet the artist and view her work in the courthouse.

2. [Courtroom Programs]

OPEN DOORS

Annually, the Court hosts an “Open Doors” program for a group of nearly 200 students from 10 area schools. Students are divided into two groups that rotate between two concurrent sessions. During our last program in 2017, one group heard from a panel of local law enforcement officers who talked about their roles and responsibilities in the federal court system and offered career guidance. The other group participated in a mock sentencing proceeding, entitled “You be the Judge,” in which retired District Judge Terrence F. McVerry oversaw a mock sentencing proceeding, complete with testimony, arguments and a recommendation from a Probation Officer. Students determined the appropriate sentence to be imposed. In previous years students heard from judicial law clerks on constitutional cases involving students, engaged in open discussions with judges and magistrate judges regarding their careers, and conducted mock trials. In 2018, the Court did not host the “Open Doors” program due to the Court’s bicentennial programs. The “Open Doors” program will resume in 2019.

3. [Financial Literacy]

CREDIT AND THE BANKRUPTCY COURT

On Wednesday, October 3, 2018, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania held its 4th annual “Credit & the Bankruptcy Court: Avoiding the Pitfalls of Student Finances” program. For this event, the Bankruptcy Court hosted students from the region for a morning of interactive programming aimed at improving their knowledge about budgeting, student loans, credit card debt, and general financial principles. The program was segmented into three sessions: (1) a panel presentation given by U.S. Bankruptcy Judges and law clerks, (2) a trivia session hosted by the Chief Deputy Clerk and law clerks and (3) a mock trial concerning the dischargeability of a student loan debt in bankruptcy. The mock trial was presided over by the Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge and acted out by a Chapter 7 Trustee , and local attorneys. Based on the knowledge they

acquired throughout the program, students were invited to weigh in on the outcome of the mock trial.

4. [Courtroom Programs]

CIVIL DISCOURSE AND DIFFICULT DECISIONS

In 2018 a magistrate judges participated in the Administrative Office’s packaged program “Civil Discourse and Difficult Decisions.” An entire morning was devoted to learning and teaching decision making skills to students.

5. [Court-Community Events]

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

The Court hosted four programs for the bar and the public to celebrate its bicentennial. The first program, “Race Relations and Civil Rights Cases in the Western District,” was held in February. In June the second program, “A Celebration of Liberty and Justice for All. The Bicentennial of the United States District Court,” was presented. In October a panel discussion was conducted on the “Major League Baseball Drug Trials.” The final program, “The Reenactment of the Swearing In of the First Lawyers,” was held in December.

In conjunction with the bicentennial programs, a collection of court artifacts was publicly displayed, including photographs of the buildings which housed the U.S. District Court from 1818 to the present. The Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation loaned “Eagle Capital” a carved eagle that graced the ceremonial courtroom of the former building which housed the District Court from 1891 to 1934. The courthouse was destroyed in 1966.

6. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

LAWYERS ON LOCATION

Adult students, focused on careers in the law, also visited the courthouse last year. In May 2018 law students from Duquesne University attended “Lawyers on Location,” an event that gave students the opportunity to meet with judges, law clerks and experienced litigators and learn more about the work being done in our courthouse and to see the law in practice.

7. [Courtroom Programs]

COURTHOUSE TOURS

A final component of the Court's community outreach efforts is the hosting of tours of the courthouse, where groups can observe proceedings and visit individual aspects of the Court's functions. The Court is committed to accommodating tours for any interested group and will tailor tours to the group's interests. It is the hope that in the coming year, more groups, particularly more adult-oriented groups, will visit the courthouse to learn more about the federal court system and its role in our democracy. The Community Outreach committee for the Western District of Pennsylvania has begun exploring possible avenues to reach out to adults, such as being a component of civilian police academies run by local police departments

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

<https://www.rid.uscourts.gov/historical/historical-educational>
<https://www.rid.uscourts.gov/media-resources>
<https://www.rid.uscourts.gov/alternative-criminal-case-programs>

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE DESCRIPTION

1. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Attorney/Bar Outreach

a. Litigation Academy. In 2014, Chief Judge Smith created and has been hosting since, in partnership with the RI Chapter of the FBA, a biannual, high quality, low cost CLE program called 'Litigation Academy'. You can see the agendas and curriculum on our website. <https://www.rid.uscourts.gov/historical/historical-educational>.

b. District Conference. Approximately every 2 years, the Court hosts a District-wide conference. This year it will be held Oct 18, 2019 on the topic of 'Judicial Independence'. Information on past conferences can also be found at the site above.

2. [Court-Community Events]

Neighborhood/Community

- a. Law Enforcement. Chief Judge Smith gives presentations periodically at the state police academy.
- b. Defense Institute of Legal Studies, Newport, RI. A Judge participates annually as an instructor in a course about the federal system of justice to foreign military judges and attorneys.
- c. Providence public schools targeted civics education programs. Also in partnership with the RI chapter of the FBA, the court participates in approximately 5-7 court-hosted programs with various aged children.
- d. Internship Programs. All of the court units and chambers participate in many internship programs from various sources. Roger Williams University both the Law School and undergraduate programs provide interns, other local universities (Rhode Island College, Johnson and Wales University, University of Rhode Island, Brown University, Providence College and Massachusetts schools).

3. [Courtroom Programs]

Court Visits

We offer a court visit form that we send to groups that are requesting a judge presentation or tour. A staff member in the clerk's office receives these forms and arranges the program in consultation with the Clerk or judicial officer.

4. [Classroom Education]

Job Fairs

Both the Clerk's office and Probation office participate in setting up booths at various schools and universities.

5. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Media

Media Open House. media page is here: <https://www.rid.uscourts.gov/media-resources>

6. [Courtroom Programs]

Defendants and Persons Under Supervision in Alternative Court Programs:

a. Deferred Sentencing Program. This court program has many community partners to provide resources to the defendants in the program. More information here: <https://www.rid.uscourts.gov/alternative-criminal-case-programs>

b. HOPE Court. Available also at the above site, there are many pro-bono attorneys involved with the program to assist defendants in various areas of the law. There are also job training programs, substance abuse and wellness programs and many other community programs arranged through the probation office.

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

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Tennessee-Eastern

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

<https://www.tned.uscourts.gov/outreach-and-education>

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE & DESCRIPTION:

1. [Court-Community Events]

Constitution Day (Public Reading, Dramatization Program)

Constitution Day activities are held in the courtroom where students play the role of characters in a skit and other students respond to trivia questions. The judges who participate in these programs strive to encourage students to embrace the concepts of justice, to clarify the roles of the individual in a free society, and to convey the message that hard work in school will achieve success. The judges believe that if we can provide a positive influence, even in a small way, which leads to success of students in our schools, our communities will reap the benefits in the future.

2. [Classroom Education]

Bar Association Constitution Day Program at area schools

3. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Teacher Law School Program

4. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Media Law School Program

5. [Student Contest]

Mock Trial Proceedings - high schools and area law schools

6. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Justice for All Program

<https://justiceforalltn.com/>

The Tennessee Supreme Court hopes that everyone will get help from a lawyer for their legal questions. The best thing you can do if you have a legal problem is to talk with a lawyer. But the Court realizes that sometimes people cannot get help from a lawyer because they cannot afford one or they decide they want to represent themselves. Because of this, the Court created this website. Most of the information on this website is for people who can't afford a lawyer and need legal help in civil cases (cases that do not have to do with a crime).

7. [Courtroom Programs]

Courthouse Tours Initiative

The Community Outreach Programs Coordinator or Division Representative can arrange for a visit to the federal courthouse in your area. The visit can include a tour of the courthouse, observing a court hearing, a presentation by one of our judges, a presentation by federal law enforcement and court personnel sharing an overview about their jobs, and much more.

8. [Student Contests]

Civics Essay Contest

9. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Read Across America Program

TEA is expanding the popular Read Across America celebration and bringing a Tennessee twist to it.

The theme for Read Across Tennessee is “Dig Into Books,” featuring Ruffy the Reading Dog. The annual celebration falls on March 2, Dr. Seuss’ birthday. TEA drew a picture of a Tennessee dog as Seuss would have, complete with a state-shaped dog tag.

TEA has created coloring sheets, bookmarks and other classroom materials to make the celebration a special one. Read Across Tennessee materials include a poster found in the latest issue of TEACH (and available below to download), and other materials easily downloaded.

10. [Court-Community Events]

First Year Law Student Orientation

11. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Pro Bono Debt Relief Clinics

12. [Courtroom Programs]

Judicial Job Shadowing for High School Students

13. [Classroom Education]

Judges Serving as Law School Guest Instructors

14. [Court-Community Events]

Annual Law Day Programs

15. [Learning Centers, Exhibits and Websites]

Area High School Career Day Activities

16. [Court-Community Events]

Naturalization Ceremonies - involving students in the program/ceremony

<https://www.tned.uscourts.gov/naturalization>

The Eastern District of Tennessee hosts several naturalization ceremonies throughout the year. Naturalization is the process by which U.S. citizenship is conferred upon a foreign citizen or national after he or she fulfills the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act.

For more information regarding naturalization, please contact United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. There you will find forms and information related to naturalization.

17. [Court-Community Events]

Coats for the Cold

During the four-week coat drive participants gather several thousand coats donated through the generosity of the East Tennessee community.

Those wishing to receive a coat will bring a voucher to any KARM Stores location and present it to select a coat. This process provides people far more time to shop for coats in locations that are more convenient to them. Those in need of coats are encouraged to contact local social services agencies, schools and churches.

18. [Court-Community Events]

Professional Clothing Drive

19. [Court-Community Events]

School Supply Drive

20. [Court-Community Events]

Fall Food Drive

21. [Court-Community Events]

Halloween Outreach Event

22. [Courtroom Programs]

Court Security Officer Appreciation

23. [Courtroom Programs]

Court Appointed Counsel (CJA) Appreciation Luncheons

24. [Court-Community Events]

The judges of the Eastern District of Tennessee travel to give presentations to local scout troops working on their citizenship merit badge.

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

DISTRICT/ CIRCUIT COURT:

Texas-Eastern

CONTACT:

N/A

LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

N/A

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE & DESCRIPTION:

1. [Court-Community Events]

Dallas CASA Children's Council

Dallas CASA was one of three pilot programs established in 1979. The agency, then called FOCAS (Foster Child Advocate Services), was founded by the National Council of Jewish Women with funding from the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. Our first class of volunteers graduated in 1980.

Judges appoint Dallas CASA volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children, helping these children gain safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible. Dallas CASA exists so that abused and neglected children in protective care have the chance to become successful adults. With the help of caring advocates, the cycle of abuse and neglect will be broken.

Last year more than 1,300 volunteers served more than 3,100 children annually in Dallas County. Since the inception of CASA advocacy, Dallas volunteers have helped thousands of children find safe, permanent homes. Today, more than 76,000 advocates serve in nearly 1,000 state and local program offices nationwide.

2. [Court-Community Events]

Children's Medical Center of Dallas

3. [Court-Community Events]

Various Church-Related Community Positions

4. [Court-Community Events]

Law Day Art Contest in Beaumont

<http://www.txed.uscourts.gov/?q=law-day-art-contest>

The Law Day Art Contest is open to high school students in the Southeast Texas public and private schools within the boundaries of the US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division, encompassing the following counties: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton and Orange.

Judges, court personnel, attorneys, and other dignitaries will honor the prize winners, their parents, and teachers at a ceremony to be held at the U.S. Courthouse in Beaumont on Thursday, April 18, 2019. All winning and honorable mention entries will be framed and displayed for twelve months at the Courthouse.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower designated May 1st as Law Day, which is meant to celebrate and strengthen the American heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. The contest is intended to help students and the public understand how the law protects our American freedoms.

5. [Student Contests]

Mock Trial & Moot Court Proceedings – middle high school and college levels.

https://tylerpaper.com/news/local/eighth-graders-sentence-man-to-months-in-federal-prison-during/article_0dc90284-52fc-11e8-932d-434a5e98da5e.html

6. [Court-Community Events]

Constitution Day Speeches

7. [Courtroom Programs]

Courthouse Tours Initiative

8. [Court-Community Events]

Scout Related Activities

Hosts 5th grade Girl Scout troops in court to talk to them generally about positions in the law. Provides local Boy Scouts troop a tour of the courthouse and talks about the work of the courts and arranged for them to hear from our local Marshals about

their jobs as part of the tour. Hosts several Scouting organizations which regularly bring young men and women to the courthouse for tours.

9. [Courtroom Programs]

Hosts student groups visiting the federal courthouse.

10. [Classroom Education]

Speaks at law schools regarding the importance of federal clerkships and lectures at law schools regarding federal summary judgment practice and trial advocacy.

11. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Regular speaker/panelist to local and national groups on various topics including women's/minorities' initiatives, discovery, patent law, and best litigation practices.

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

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Texas-Southern

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LINKS TO PROGRAM/MATERIALS:

N/A

PROGRAM CATEGORY, TITLE DESCRIPTION

Judges in each of the seven divisions of the Southern District of Texas participate in and host community outreach programs as described below.

1. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Association Involvement

Judges throughout the district devote their time to working with local bar associations, Young Lawyer Associations, Federal Bar Association, American Board of Trial Advocates, American Law Institute, Inns of Court organizations, and other groups committed to public service and the practice of law.

2. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

Bench Bar Conferences

In connection with the annual Federal Bar Dinner, the district court hosts a Houston-Galveston Bench Bar Conference every other year in Houston. The bankruptcy court also hosts a SDTX Bench Bar Conference every other year and usually selects Corpus Christi as the location for the multiday event.

3. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

CJA Panel Training

Each of the five largest divisions host annual CJA training programs that include participation from the local judges, Federal Public Defenders, and Panel Attorneys.

4. [Courtroom Programs]

Courthouse Tours

Tours are conducted by request and typically involve classes of high school students but also include elementary and middle school students. The judges in the Galveston Division have sent a letter to every local elementary, middle, and high school inviting classes to visit the courthouse and/or offering to travel to the schools to meet with students to discuss the court system. These judges are frequent speakers at schools and stress the importance of the jury system and the three branches of government.

5. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus].

Intern and Law Clerk Orientations

Orientations are held twice a year for interns and once a year for new law clerks. The Houston Division hosts the programs and the other divisions participate by video conference. The orientations provide the participants the opportunity to meet and hear from judges, learn about the federal judiciary and the Southern District of Texas, and meet one another.

6. [Court Camps]

Law School Lunch-and-Learn Programs

The Houston-Galveston Judges have recently started participating in lunch-and-learn programs with the three local law schools. These programs provide law students and faculty the opportunity to meet with the judges in small groups both at the courthouse and on campus.

7. [Courtroom Programs]

Moot Courts and Mock Trials

The judges in the Houston Division routinely offer their courtrooms to the local law schools so that students can participate in organized moot court competitions in actual courtrooms. South Texas College of Law, Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and the University of Houston Law Center are in Houston. The Houston judges also make their courtrooms available for Urban Debate League competitions. In addition to moot court activities, judges around the district host mock trials, giving students of all ages an opportunity to participate.

8. [Diversity or Ethnicity Based]

National Initiatives

The bankruptcy court in the Southern District of Texas was selected as one of about 20 courts to host “Roadways to the Federal Bench,” a program established by the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System. The purpose of the program is to promote diversity on the bench and throughout the bankruptcy system. The program, scheduled for October 24, 2019, will include a live broadcast from Washington, D.C. and local roundtable discussions among judges, the bar, and law students.

9. [Adult Education/Speakers Bureaus]

POWER Act

This year will also be the first year the Southern District of Texas hosts a POWER Act presentation and reception designed to encourage attorneys to participate in pro bono legal representation with an emphasis on helping victims of domestic violence.

FJA COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESOURCE MANUAL

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1. [Court Camps]

Judicial Scholars Program.

In the spring of 1999, the judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia and the First Judicial Circuit of West Virginia invited the four principals from the high schools in Ohio County, West Virginia to a meeting to discuss the possibility of conducting an educational program on the courts for high school juniors and seniors. This Judicial Scholars Program would be jointly sponsored by the federal and state courts. The program now includes four counties, eight high schools, and four state courts.

It was also agreed that each school would select no more than twelve students to participate in the program. There were 36 students in the first program. The students selected for the program are students with a demonstrated interest in government, law, and law enforcement. The schools also agreed that, since the program was open to both juniors and seniors, the program, if successful, would be offered every other year. Each school may now select no more than eight students from their school. A total of 64 students from seven local area high schools participated in the 2017-2018 program.

The program was designed through a joint effort of the academic advisors and court personnel, including final approval of the program by the judges. It was determined that the Judicial Scholars Program would be held in Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia, and would consist of five sessions.

The program has changed somewhat throughout the years but the general focus remains the same. The first session consists of presentations by career law and law

enforcement professionals, the Bankruptcy Judge makes a presentation on the Credit Abuse Resistance Education (C.A.R.E.) Program, and there is a program on use of deadly force. The second session consists of a mock grand jury, and then an initial appearance and arraignment dealing with a federal criminal case to be the subject of the mock trial to be conducted as part of the final session, followed by a naturalization ceremony. The third session is a review of the state court system and is held in West Virginia Independence Hall (considered to be the birthplace of West Virginia). The fourth session is a visit to West Virginia University where the students tour and receive presentations about the Forensic Science Identification Program and the West Virginia University College of Law. The fifth, and final session is a mock jury trial relevant to the second session mock grand jury. The students are the jurors and a United States District Judge presides over the trial. The prosecutor is an Assistant United States Attorney and an Assistant Federal Public Defender represents the defendant. Last year's mock trial was a criminal matter regarding allegations of violating the Gun Control Act, specifically providing false information in the purchase of a firearm. Each of the sessions is approximately three hours and includes a snack, lunch, and a question and answer session. An awards ceremony and a group photograph complete the final session.

After the final session of each Judicial Scholars Program, the students are given an evaluation form to complete in order to provide court personnel and teachers with the students' reaction to the program and offer ideas for future Judicial Scholars Programs.

The 2019-2020 program will be the eleventh Judicial Scholars Program since the program started in 1999. At several of our recent programs, students who were members of the earlier programs, and who both went on to graduate from law school, spoke to our current students on becoming a lawyer and on law as a profession.