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Court Welcomes High Schoolers Participating in Illinois Youth Summit

Chicago, Ill. - On April 27, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois hosted students from eleven area high schools participating in the Illinois Youth Summit. U.S. District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer personally welcomed the students and their teachers to the District Court.

In the morning, students met in small groups to discuss their impressions and opinions on public policy proposals. In a later session, students listened to attorneys and civic leaders discuss the public policies in a moderated panel. In the afternoon, students presented arguments on the proposed policy in a moderated town hall forum and then had the opportunity to vote for or against the policy.

The Illinois Youth Summit is an annual program for Illinois high school students designed to enhance their understanding of a public policy question related to a recent constitutional issue.

The Illinois Youth Summit is a program of the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago. The Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (CRFC) aims to strengthen American democracy by providing elementary and secondary students with hands-on learning about the Constitution to prepare them for informed civic engagement. Chief Judge Rubén Castillo serves on the CRFC Board of Directors.

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