

United States District Court Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604

Court welcomes Gage Park High students participating in William J. Hibbler Schoolhouse to Courthouse Program

On April 18, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois welcomed high school students from Gage Park High School located in the Gage Park neighborhood on Chicago's southwest side as part of the Seventh Annual William J. Hibbler Schoolhouse to Courthouse Program.

The high school freshman and sophomores presented mock arguments before U.S. Magistrate Judge M. David Weisman. Then Chief U.S. District Judge Rubén Castillo, U.S. District Judge Gary Feinerman, U.S. District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, U.S. District Judge Manish S. Shah, and U.S. Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez each addressed the students in the James Benton Parsons Ceremonial Courtroom. The judges offered reflections on their own backgrounds, shared information on court history and the justice system. The judges also joined students at a luncheon keynoted by retired U.S. Magistrate Judge Arlander Keys.

The William J. Hibbler Schoolhouse to Courthouse Program is sponsored by the Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter, and aims to reach out to children who would otherwise not have the opportunity to learn firsthand about lawyers, the law, and the courts.

