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## District Court Welcomes Teachers Participating in Federal Courts Summer Institute

Chicago, Ill. - As part of the celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of federal courts in Illinois, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois hosted a one-day Federal Courts Summer Institute for teachers on July 26, 2019. The goal of the program was to encourage and equip teachers to include the federal courts in their lesson plans. Educators from high school and community college systems in the Midwest, including the Chicago Public Schools, participated in the session. Over the course of the Institute, teachers had the opportunity to engage with legal historians, federal judges, attorneys, and other educators to explore the history of the court by focusing on one of the court's highest profile cases, the Chicago Seven Conspiracy Trial. District Judge Manish S. Shah welcomed the teachers and provided an overview of the role of the federal judiciary within our constitutional system. The Summer Institute was co-sponsored by the Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association and the American Bar Association.

