



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION
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Court's Educational Programming Materials Now Available on Court's Website

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois is pleased to announce a new feature on its website—a link dedicated to supplying "Visitors to the Court" with educational materials tailored to areas particularly of interest to them. On this page, teachers and students who wish to visit the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse can find information about field trips, publications describing the role of the federal courts within the national judiciary, cafeteria information, and architectural information.

Additionally, to help students better understand the role of the federal courts in national government and in their own lives, the Court's Educational Programming Advisory Committee has compiled various resources to be incorporated into classroom activities and curricula, either before or after a visit to the Court. The Reading Guide to *Federal Courts and What They Do*, Historic Trials, Famous Appeals, and Webquest worksheets were each created to provide students with opportunities to further expand upon the knowledge they acquire when visiting the Courthouse.

The Court expresses its sincere appreciation to the members of the Educational Programming Advisory Committee for their dedication to the Court in contributing their valuable services to the Court and the community:

Erika Cook, Chair	Hinsdale Central High School
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The efforts of these individuals were essential in making the Court's new webpage a success. Individuals who are interested in arranging a visit to the Courthouse are encouraged to contact Larry Collins, Administrative Assistant to Chief Judge James F. Holderman, at (312) 435-5603—or visit the Court's website at www.ilnd.uscourts.gov—for more information.