



Chicago Chapter

Hello Teachers in the Northern District of Illinois,

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (FBA) are seeking the help and input of Northern District of Illinois teachers and their students in a courthouse beautification initiative called *Justice Inspired*.

All kindergarten through grade 12 teachers are invited to engage their students in submitting quotes on behalf of their classes/classrooms that will be engraved and installed on walls inside of the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse. Teachers may submit one quote per class or classroom. The Court and FBA are seeking quotes that inspire justice, peace, equality, fairness, inclusion, redemption, freedom, community, and other ideals and/or reflect upon the significance of debate, the law, courts, and the constitution to democracy and to our nation. Quote sources may include but are not limited to historical and contemporary figures, literary works, musical compositions, etc.

Teachers are encouraged to use the project to engage students in the following:

- when studying the works of a particular artist, musician, or writer
- when learning the biography of historic or contemporary figure
- when examining history
- when discussing contemporary issues and current events

Classes that submit a winning quote will be awarded, c/o the teacher, a \$450 Amazon gift card and a replica of their recommended quote.

Submissions will be accepted Tuesday, January 16 through COB on Friday, February 16, 2024.

Submissions should be emailed using the submission form. Click [HERE](#) to download the entry form.

Email Submissions Forms to: Education@ilnd.uscourts.gov

Please note:

Schools must be in the Northern District of Illinois. The Northern District of Illinois includes the following counties: Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, La Salle, Will, Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, Winnebago.

Teachers may submit one entry per classroom/class period. Quotes should be no more than 25 words, not including the source of the quote. If duplicate entries of a single quote are submitted by multiple teachers and that quote is selected as a winning quote, the quote with the best reason as to why it was chosen will be deemed the winner.

A committee comprised of Judges from the Northern District of Illinois, members of the FBA and members of the Northern District of Illinois Historical Association will select from among the submitted classroom entries. Winners will be notified the week of March 4, 2024.

For questions, please contact Public Services Administrator, Lauren Thiel at Lauren_Thiel@ilnd.uscourts.gov

Please forward and share this announcement with other teachers in your school.

Thank you!