



United States District Court  
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division  
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**Court Hosts Bicentennial Lecture by Professor Alison LaCroix, “Rivers of Commerce: The Illinois Federal Courts as the Umpires of Antebellum Union”**

On April 9, 2019, in honor of the 200th anniversary of federal courts in Illinois, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association hosted “Rivers of Commerce: The Illinois Federal Courts as the Umpires of Antebellum Union,” a talk by Professor Alison LaCroix about the initial role of the Illinois federal courts in the debates over the scope of federal power in the early nineteenth century.

Professor LaCroix is the Robert Newton Reid Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School. She is also an Associate Member of the University of Chicago Department of History. District Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer, who will be sworn-in as chief judge on July 1, 2019, welcomed participants to the lecture, which took place at the Court History Museum.

