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District Court hosts Northern Illinois University law students in Courtroom as Classroom Program

The District Court for the Northern District of Illinois hosted more than twenty first year law students from Northern Illinois University College of Law at an annual “Courtroom as Classroom” program aimed at introducing future attorneys to federal court practice and procedures.

Chief Judge Rubén Castillo welcomed the group, explained trial procedures in federal court, and highlighted courtroom technology now available in courtrooms in the Northern District of Illinois.

“Whether you end up practicing in state court or here in federal court, I hope that you come to see this court as one that is transparent and accessible to the people,” said Chief Judge Castillo.

“This program provides a wonderful opportunity to expose our students to the federal court system,” said Greg Anderson, Director of Career Opportunities and Professional Development, Northern Illinois University College of Law.

Program speakers highlighted the role of the federal courts in the judicial system, shared details about civil and criminal practice in federal court, and offered information about their own educational and professional backgrounds.

Speakers included the following individuals:

U.S. District Court Chief Judge Rubén Castillo, Northern District of Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals Judge William J. Bauer, Seventh Circuit
U.S. Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge A. Benjamin Goldgar, Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court Clerk of Court Thomas G. Bruton, Northern District of Illinois
Federal Defender Program Staff Attorney Beth Jantz, Northern District of Illinois
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