



United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division
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Court History Museum Hosts Inaugural Lecture Featuring Attorney Frank Cicero, Jr.

On May 17, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Court History Museum hosted its inaugural lecture featuring attorney Frank Cicero, Jr. Mr. Cicero spoke on his new book, “Creating the Land of Lincoln: The History and Constitutions of Illinois, 1778-1870. How three constitutions built the modern Prairie State.” Frank Cicero in particular focuses on the key role of our first federal judge, Nathaniel Pope, in moving the boundaries of Illinois to capture the area that became Chicago.

Through artifacts, art, documents, and interactive video presentations, the museum highlights the court’s history as it approaches its 200th anniversary in 2019. The new museum, located on the 21st floor of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, has space to host lectures, with a number of upcoming lectures planned to celebrate the court’s 200th anniversary. Each year the court welcomes thousands of visitors including Chicago area high schoolers, law students and lawyers, and international delegations of attorneys and judges. The museum opened May 1, 2017, and is open to the public.

