

Press Release

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

**Laura A. Briggs, Clerk
46 E. Ohio Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

The Federal Court Family Celebrates Black History Month with The Black Panther Party: The Myths...The Legends...The Truth

Friday, February 13, 2015, 2:00 pm

The Black Panther Party's collective history is complicated. Many people's perceptions of the Black Panthers are based on photos of young, armed men raising their fists in a salute, but by digging a little deeper, one discovers images of Black Panther food pantries, ambulances, and schools. It can be hard to understand what to make of these contradictions.

At 2:00 pm on Friday, February 13, 2015, Professor Jakobi William, Associate Professor of History at Indiana University, will explore this challenging subject and discuss how and why the Black Panther Party began; its community services; differences among chapters; significant events and legal history; and the party's unofficial decommissioning.

The program will be held in the William E. Steckler Ceremonial Courtroom at the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 46 East Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204.

Sponsored by the Southern District of Indiana's Black History Month Committee, the program is free and open to the public. The event will last a little over one hour and, for attorneys, approval of one hour of Continuing Legal Education credit is pending. **Pre-registration is NOT required.**

Still photography will be permitted during the program. If you would like to send a photographer and/or reporter to cover the program, or if you have other questions, please contact Doria Lynch at 317-229-3729.

The Black History Month Committee is comprised of staff from the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, United States District Court, Bankruptcy Court, Probation Office, Marshals Service, and Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana.