



# Federal Court Learning Center Fact Sheet

Historical Society of the United States District  
Court for the Southern District of Indiana

## At a Glance:

### Project:

A learning center about the federal court system

### Location:

Birch Bayh Federal Building &  
United States Courthouse  
46 E. Ohio St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

### Sponsoring Organization:

Historical Society of the U.S.  
District Court for the Southern  
District of Indiana

### Target Audience:

Primary - middle & high school  
Secondary - the public, both  
adults and children

### Contractor:

Taylor Studios, Rantoul, IL

### Anticipated Opening:

Fall 2022

## Project Goals:

- Provide an interactive exhibit space for students and teachers to learn about the role of the federal courts in our democracy
- Supply an educational center in the Birch Bayh Courthouse to complement and expand upon the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana's current menu of student opportunities, which include building tours and on-site activities like mock trials, sentencing simulations, and mock jury selection
- Address the needs of middle school educators who will begin teaching a state-mandated civics education class in fall 2023
- Educate the public about what the federal courts do and the role of citizens in the legal process
- Tell the history of the Birch Bayh Courthouse & federal courts in Indiana

## Exhibit Content:

In order to support the goals outlined above, the exhibits will feature interactive games, wall and floor graphics, art, and physical objects. The content will focus on four key areas:

**Building History:** Art and Architecture, Key Historical Moments, Historic Images

**Court History:** Historical Timeline, Wall of Judges

**Court Significance:** What Happens in Federal Court?, Differences Between State and Federal Court, Federal Cases of Significance

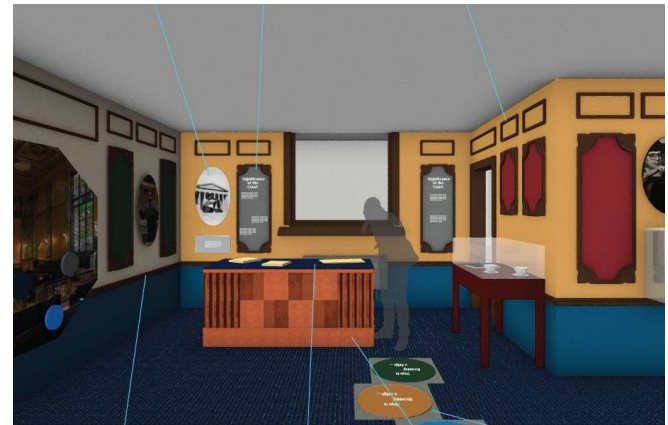
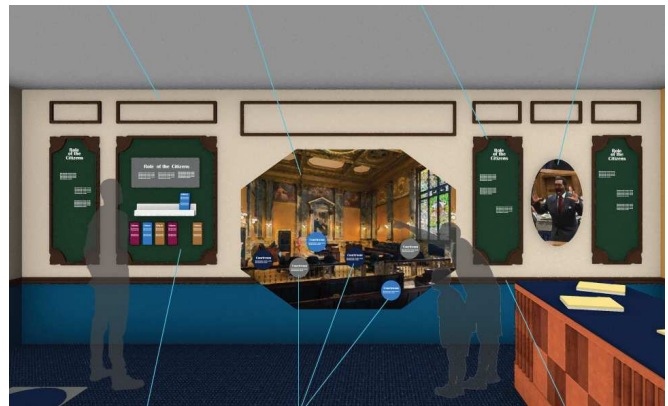
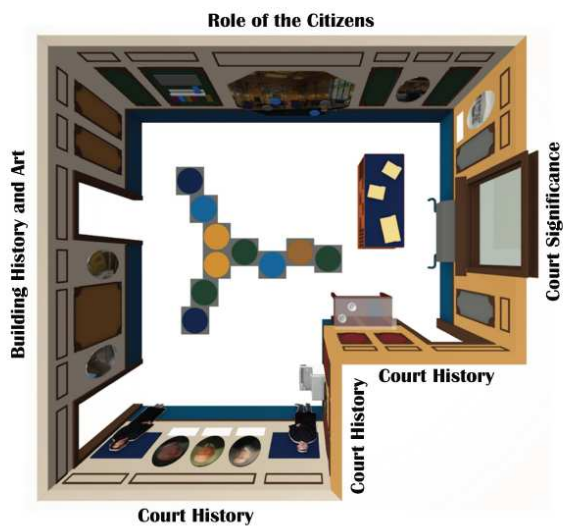
**Role of Citizens:** Juries, Citizens in the Courtroom, Citizens Interact with the Law



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## Proposed Learning Center Conceptual Design



For more information about the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, please visit our website: <https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/court-historical-society>

For more information about field trip opportunities and tours of the Birch Bayh Building & U.S. Courthouse, please visit: <https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/tours-and-field-trips>

For updates on the Federal Court Learning Center, please visit the Court Historical Society's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SDINCourtHistory>