

## Press Release

### **Court Historical Society Announces Fall 2020 CLE Programs**

INDIANAPOLIS (August 7, 2020) – From the Southern District of Indiana's efforts to administer justice during a pandemic, to reflections on Hoosier women's role in the quest for female suffrage, to a violent election fraud case that rocked Terre Haute 115 years ago, the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Court History and Continuing Legal Education Symposium promises to be one of the most interesting yet!

Due to the continued effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Symposium will take place in a virtual format this fall. Three separate one-hour virtual sessions will be held in September, October, and November. The CLE programs have been organized by the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana and are sponsored by the Court. The line-up is as follows:

**September 11, 2020 – 11am to 12pm ET**

**History in the Making: Administering Justice During a Pandemic**

**Registration Deadline – Friday, September 4, 2020**

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Indiana in March 2020, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana was faced with the challenge of continuing to administer justice in a safe but effective manner. Amidst a backdrop of stay-at-home orders and rising infection rates, the District Court developed new processes to conduct proceedings remotely. Using videoconference technology and telephonic conferencing, the District Court successfully balanced the need for the continuation of critical proceedings with public safety. In this hour-long CLE, Chief Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson, District Judge James R. Sweeney II, District Judge James Patrick Hanlon, Magistrate Judge Debra McVicker Lynch, and Magistrate Judge Mark J. Dinsmore will reflect on their experiences during the pandemic. They will ruminate on the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of working and conducting court from home, will discuss the pros and cons of videoconference proceedings and telephonic settlement conferences, and offer tips and tricks for attorneys as they continue to navigate these types of proceedings in federal court.

**October 9, 2020 – 3pm to 4pm ET**

**Reflections on the Struggle for Woman Suffrage in Indiana**

**Registration Deadline – October 2, 2020**

Dr. Anita Morgan, Senior Lecturer in History at IUPUI and author of the book, *We Must Be Fearless: The Woman Suffrage Movement in Indiana* (Indiana Historical Society Press, 2020) will

present an hour-long program on the history of woman suffrage in Indiana in commemoration of the 2020 Centennial Anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment. Dr. Morgan's presentation will explore the various ways that Hoosier women attempted to work within the law to achieve the right to vote. Her presentation will give special focus to *Gougar v. Timberlake* (1897), a suit filed by Helen Gougar against the Tippecanoe County election board for refusing to allow her to vote. Gougar, one of the first female lawyers in Tippecanoe County, appeared in court on her own behalf. The case was ultimately decided by the Indiana Supreme Court. Dr. Morgan will also discuss the 1907 campaign to enact county option suffrage laws in Indiana. The presentation will shed light on the diversity of efforts employed by women to achieve the right to vote during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries.

**November 20, 2020 - 4pm to 5pm ET**

**An Election Fraud Case for the Ages: *U.S. v. Aczel***

**Registration Deadline: November 13, 2020**

In 1915, Terre Haute's mayor, chief of police, and several other prominent officials were indicted in federal court on charges that they used their positions to intimidate and unlawfully detain citizens of Terre Haute to prevent them from voting in the 1914 election. At stake were a seat in the Senate and House of Representatives for Indiana's fifth congressional district. The intriguing, and sometimes violent, story of the conspirators' efforts to disenfranchise legal voters and thus influence the outcome of a federal election will take center stage as journalist Sasha Issenberg explores the fascinating story behind *U.S. v. Aczel*.

One hour of CLE credit is pending approval for each session. **Registration is required for each event, and space is limited. Links to join each event will be shared with those who have registered. Please refer to the RSVP deadlines above for each session. Send RSVPs to [insd\\_cle@insd.uscourts.gov](mailto:insd_cle@insd.uscourts.gov).**

Members of the Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana receive complimentary registration. For non-members wishing to attend, the registration fee is \$50 and includes access to all three CLEs and a one-year membership to the Court's Historical Society. Teachers may attend any of the programs at no cost. The fee may be paid by check or money order and should be mailed to C. Daniel Motsinger, Krieg DeVault LLP, One Indiana Square Suite 2800, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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