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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

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2020 Summer Teacher Institute Announced!

INDIANAPOLIS (January 13, 2020) – Teachers, have you ever wondered what happens in federal court? Is it time to update your classroom activities and lesson plans? Do you need a fun summer workshop to fulfill your professional growth plan hours? The inaugural United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana’s Summer Teacher Institute is for you!

Registration is now open for this immersive workshop, which will take place on June 17-18, 2020, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 46 East Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46204.

The program is designed for middle school and high school social studies teachers and is appropriate for both government and history courses. Teachers will gain practical knowledge of the federal judiciary, participate in and create classroom activities and lesson plans, and receive a variety of resources to take home. The workshop will also explore the roles of court-related federal agencies and provide teachers with future field trip and in-class learning opportunities.

Hands-on learning will be a key component of the Teacher Institute, as participants will witness a Naturalization Ceremony and brainstorm new ways to teach citizenship to their students. Time will also be set aside for teachers to develop curriculum in small groups. Attendees will tour the historic Birch Bayh Building and U.S. Courthouse and learn about the history of the federal courts in Indiana, along with important cases in the court’s history. Time will also be set aside for teachers to meet with a judge.

This event is FREE, but space is limited to 25 participants and registration is required. Lunch and materials will be provided at no cost to participants. The registration deadline is Friday, May 22, 2020, but early registration is recommended. To register, download a registration form at <https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/teacher-institute>. A [printable PDF flyer](#) is also available.

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