

Judicial Speakers Bureau

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the federal courthouse, and how it affects you and your family?

The Judges of the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Missouri will visit with adult civic, service and professional organizations interested in learning more about the **federal judicial branch** - sometimes called the least understood branch of government.

The Judicial Speakers Bureau offers free, engaging presentations designed to educate and inform adults in the community about the federal courts.

Presentations:

A Federal Judge from the Eastern District of Missouri will attend your meeting, and lead an informative presentation. Time will be allowed for Q & A.

Options:

Presentations can be adjusted to fit 30, 45, or 60 minute schedules. There is a basic format, which can also be tailored to a specific topic at your request

Schedule:

Call the Office of Public Education and Community Outreach for more information and available dates.

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This program will answer these questions and many more:

- ? How is the judicial branch different from the other two branches of government?
- ? How are the federal courts different from the state courts? Why do we have both?
- ? What are the kinds of court cases, and which are heard in federal court?
- ? Have any famous or important cases been tried at the federal courthouse in St. Louis?
- ? How do federal judges get their jobs?

Survey Says...

2005 – American Bar Association Harris Poll

- ✍ Just over half (55%) of Americans can correctly identify the three branches of government.
- ✍ Less than half (48%) of Americans can correctly identify the meaning of “separation of powers.”
- ✍ 29% incorrectly answered that the Judiciary advises the President and Congress about the legality of future actions.

2012 – FindLaw.com National Survey

- ✍ Only 34% of Americans can name any member of the nation’s highest court.
- ✍ Chief Justice John Roberts could only be named by 1 in 5 Americans.
- ✍ Only 1% of Americans can correctly name all Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court.

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