

**Judicial Institute for Teachers, Grades 5-12
in Tacoma's U.S. District Court
July 9, 10 and 11, 2024**



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**Featuring Mary Beth Tinker of
*Tinker v. Des Moines School District***

**Learn More about the U.S.
Constitution, Federal Judiciary,
Civil Rights, and Federal Criminal
Law**

Now in its seventeenth session, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington in collaboration with the Seattle University School of Law is offering teachers grade 5-12 a unique opportunity to learn about the U.S. Constitution, federal judiciary, and issues of civil rights, federal-state courts, and federal criminal law. The institute is highly interactive.

Teachers will attend actual proceedings, as well as be questioned in a simulated jury selection process. Teachers will argue a student free speech case to a ninth Circuit Court judge.

Judges who hear the cases you read about in the news will be faculty along with long-term law-related education expert Margaret Fisher to help translate this content into lessons immediately usable in the classroom.

Teachers from last year's had this to say:

Not only would I recommend this to other teachers, I think it is something that most adults in our country could benefit from. This was one of the best if not the best professional development that I have ever been to.

It's hard to express how incredible this experience has been. Every individual we've interacted with during this institute has made us feel valued as educators. At every level, it's been clear that the people working in this courthouse care about the work they are doing, and the people that they serve.

It is without hesitation that I recommend The Judicial Institute for any teacher. I dare you to walk away after these three days and not feel like you are a better teacher for our students.

Keep up the incredible work you are doing to provide this rich opportunity and window into a crucial part of our justice system.

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Logistics

Eligible applicants: Forty teachers grades 5-12 teaching in any of 19 western counties of Washington* who did not participate in a prior Judicial Institute.

Dates and times: Program starts at 8 a.m. on July 9 and ends on July 11 at 3 p.m. A group dinner with federal judges is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

Location: U.S. District Court, 1717 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402-3200.

Clock hours: 23 clock hours available from Seattle University School of Law at no cost to teachers.

Cost: No registration fee, breakfasts and lunches provided on July 9-11, group dinner provided on July 10, parking is provided, and double occupancy hotel rooms at a local hotel in Tacoma are provided for the nights of July 8, 9, and 10. If single occupancy is required, teachers are required to pay the additional cost for half of the room plus taxes and fees (subject to availability).

Applications are available on [Google forms](https://forms.gle/JsY4LLpX7TtJG6uVA). (<https://forms.gle/JsY4LLpX7TtJG6uVA>)

Selection: Based on time of application and geographic diversity.

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*Counties in the Western District of Washington are Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom.