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.

Washington State Supreme Court Justice Mary Fairhurst and Magistrate Judge Mary Alice Theiler will contrast how state courts differ from federal courts. This year the program features Mary Beth Tinker, plaintiff in Tinker v. Des Moines School District, 1969, in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that public school students do not shed their free speech rights at the school house door.

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 prior years had this to say:

The courtroom experiences and presentations by the judges and other speakers were by far the most valuable part of the Institute. The academic resources and content will definitely be assets in my classroom, but the experience of being in court and hearing from the people who work in the judicial system gave me a level of understanding that all my years of academic study had failed to do. It also showed me just how valuable those same experiences are for my students, which will have a significant impact on how I teach the judicial system going forward.

Hard to say because it was all really GREAT! Loved hearing from all of the presenters. Search warrant talk was great. Really, loved all. Seeing and hearing from those at each process and level was great. Loved having M.B. Tinker as a guest!! Wow - cool to have someone we have read about who told us about her actual experiences and how she is using her passion for kids at this time.
Judicial Institute for Teachers Grades 5-12
July 7, 8, 9, 2020
Sponsored by the U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington and the
Seattle University School of Law

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 7 and ends on July 9 at 3 p.m. A group dinner is schedule for Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

Judicial Institute Location: U.S. District Court, 700 Stewart St., 19th floor, Seattle, WA 98101.

Clock hours: 23 clock hours pending.

Cost: No registration fee, breakfasts and lunches provided on July 7-9, group dinner provided on July 8, parking is provided, and double occupancy hotel rooms provided for the nights of July 6, 7 and 8. If single occupancy is required, teachers are required to pay the additional cost for the half of the room plus tax and fees.

Registration: Rolling registration until 40 slots are filled.

Selection: Based on time of application and geographic diversity.

More information: Margaret Fisher, Seattle University School of Law, fisherm2@seattleu.edu or 206-501-7963.

Please apply early and send your completed application as soon as possible to:

Margaret E. Fisher
Distinguished Practitioner in Residence
Seattle University School of Law
P. O. Box 222000
Seattle, WA 98122 or send by email to: fisherm2@seattleu.edu

*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.
APPLICATION to the Judicial Institute for Teachers Grades 5-12 2020

Name: ___________________________________________________________________

Name of School: _________________________________________________________

School Dist./Employer: ________________ County School Located: ______________

School Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City: ________________, WA Zip: ______

Phone Numbers: Work ________________ Home ________________ Cell ________________

Work Email Address: _____________________________________________________________
Preferred during school year: ___ Yes ___ No; During summer 2020: ___ Yes ___ No

Personal Email Address: _____________________________________________________________
Preferred during school year: ___ Yes ___ No; During summer 2020: ___ Yes ___ No

Washington Teaching License #: ______________________________________________

Home Mailing Address: ________________________ City: _____________, WA Zip: ________

Provide a brief statement of intent – no more than 300 words – as to how you will use the Judicial Institute experience in your teaching assignment and share your experience with teaching colleagues.

By submitting this application, I certify that (please initial):

☐ I will commit to attending all sessions on all three days of the Judicial Institute. NOTE: Absent an emergency, teachers will not be excused from full participation in all sessions.

And

☐ I have notified my principal of my application to this Institute. Name of Principal or Administrator: ________________________________________________________________

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