

**Judicial Institute Applications are Now Open  
Teachers Grades 5-12  
June 30, July 1 and July 2**



**U.S. District Court, Western Washington, Seattle**

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

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

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Now in its eighteenth 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.

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:

*This is a true gem of a system and is truly incredible. Teaching is hard, and especially recently in the public eye, we have gone from being trusted members to being targeted and..... mistrusted. This felt like an educational vacation, with food, time, lodgings, and the sheer amount of time busy judges gave us to ask questions, see how things work, and simply be available.*

*We hear so much about how the judicial system is broken, unfair, and what is wrong. This opportunity showed me in so many ways how much this branch cares, and that we are in good hands. I have not felt more curious or intellectually challenged in a long time, and I have never felt more encouraged to ask questions and be curious in even longer.*

*The Judicial Institute is a once in a lifetime opportunity. You are able to network with other teachers in your region but also meet and interact with a variety of different members that take part in the judicial system. This has truly been the most inspiring and worthwhile professional development I have ever taken part of.*

## 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 June 30 and ends on July 2 at 3 p.m. A group dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

**Location:** U.S. District Court, 700 Stewart St., 19<sup>th</sup> floor, Seattle, WA 98101.

**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 June 30-July 2, group dinner provided on July 1, parking is provided, and hotel rooms at the **Hyatt Regency Seattle** (kitty-corner from courthouse – 808 Howell Street) in Seattle are provided for the nights of June 29, 30 and July 1, 2025. ***Change from past years: single occupancy rooms are available for all participants at no cost.***

**Applications** are available on [Google forms](https://forms.gle/uCmWCTrXo3EwRHtv5). (https://forms.gle/uCmWCTrXo3EwRHtv5)

**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.