



THE HONORABLE ROBERT A. KATZMANN

JUSTICE FOR ALL

COURTS AND THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

The Civic Education Project of the Federal Courts of the Second Circuit

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Dear High School Teachers and Students:

The purpose of this letter is to invite high school students to participate in a one-week summer program at the federal courthouse in Central Islip during the week of July 15th. The program is called *The EDNY Justice Institute: Crime, the Constitution, and the Courts* and is being run by the federal court in partnership with the Touro Law Center and the Eastern District of New York Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. It is part of *The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann Justice For All: Courts and the Community Initiative*, which is the civic education project of the federal courts for the Second Circuit. The program is open to students who will be completing the 9th through 11th grades in June 2024.

The program will consist of several components that will allow the students to learn all about the legal system, including careers within that system, and to develop basic advocacy skills in a fun and interesting format. The students will hear presentations from federal judges, FBI agents, Deputy U.S. Marshals, a U.S. Secret Service agent, federal prosecutors, criminal defense lawyers and others about their respective roles within the court system. The students will also observe real court proceedings in the federal courthouse and will discuss what they observe with a federal judge. Finally, the students will be taught basic advocacy skills in several sessions by experienced lawyers and, with the assistance of law students, will participate at the end of the week in a mock trial competition against other high school students. The program will be perfect for students who may be interested in participating in mock trial at their high school, or who are simply interested in learning more about the practice of law or the justice system. You may view a brief video about the program [here](#). Additionally, a few photos from past Justice Institute camps held at the federal courthouse in Central Islip are included at the end of this letter.

The program will run from Monday, July 15, 2024, through Friday, July 19, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate in the program. However, there is no funding for transportation or lunch. Therefore, parents or guardians will be responsible for providing their child with transportation and lunch each day. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the application form [HERE](#) by April 26, 2024.