

Open Doors to the Federal Courts



2004

This is an official invitation for **you** and **four (4)** of your select Senior class students to participate in:

Open Doors to Federal Courts: "The Role of Courts in Balancing Liberties and Safety"

Wednesday, November 10, 2004

9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Hale Boggs Federal Building

500 Poydras Street, New Orleans 70130

Lunch will be provided!

This national program which supports National Social Studies Standards introduces students to the structure, function and operations of the federal courts. Activities for the day will include a moot court presentation, by the students who will address the issue of balancing liberty and safety. To facilitate the learning process, the Young Lawyers Division of the Federal Bar Association will assign a lawyer *laisson* who will assist teachers in participating schools with the curriculum, questions or mock presentations. In addition, the Court may award scholarships to two students and commemorative gavels as part of an essay contest.

To be eligible to participate and ensure a meaningful experience for all at this civic education event, invited teachers are encouraged to confirm their willingness to comply with preparatory guidelines and commit to attending a **Teacher's Orientation** on **October 27, 2004**, from **4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** at the Court. Teachers unable to attend in person may participate via telephone. Resource materials, website references and a mock trial script will be posted on the Court's website www.laed.uscourts.gov and the LCE website at www.lsba.org/lce. The lesson plan should be taught in preparation for the event.

Space is limited so please register early. Participation is on a first come, first served basis. **Please complete the enclosed registration form and mail it** to the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130 or fax to (504)569-8766, **by October 6, 2004**. For further information, please contact the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education at (800)421-5722, ext. 124, or e-mail maria@lsba.org

We hope that your students will take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn directly from the federal justice professionals the role and legal issues facing the Courts when balancing liberties and safety for all.

Sincerely,

Karen Wells Roby
United States Magistrate Judge
Host Judge, Open Doors to the Federal Courts

cc: Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education