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Dear Instructor/Administrator:

Invitation

This letter is your official invitation to participate in a civic education event for high school juniors and seniors and their teachers offered by this court as follows:

Location	Date
North Platte	Monday, November 3
Lincoln	Thursday, November 6
Omaha	Friday, November 7

Overview

The annual **Open Doors to Federal Courts** program, which supports national social studies standards, is part of a long-term commitment by federal courts to share in the civic education of high school juniors and seniors who are making the passage to adult citizenship.

**Working for Justice:
Careers in the Courts**

The 2003 program, *Working for Justice: Careers in the Courts*, introduces students to the structure, function, and operations of the federal courts by means of a career day. The objective of the program is to bring together students, teachers, judges, court staff, and lawyers to enhance their knowledge of the courts and to expose students to the many and varied career opportunities available to them.

During the program, your students will participate at the courthouse in a scripted mock trial and sentencing. In addition, judges, court staff, and lawyers will be involved in the program and will allow students to experience aspects of their jobs.

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**Registration
Information
and Deadline**

To be eligible for the event, registered educators agree to:

- participate in a Teachers' Orientation (date and time to be set with input from participating teachers),
- teach the lesson plan in the classroom prior to the event, and
- access all materials via the court's internet website or via e-mail transmission.

The registration deadline is Friday, October 10, 2003. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Court's
website**

The following materials are available on our internet site at www.ned.uscourts.gov for your review:

- Program Description
- Agenda
- Mock Trial Scenario
- Mock Trial Script
- Sentencing Script

If you have any trouble accessing the documents, please contact Deborah Wesely at 402.661.7370 or by e-mail at Deborah_Wesely@ned.uscourts.gov.

We hope your students will have the opportunity to join their peers in experiencing, first hand, the careers available to those interested in working for justice.

Sincerely,

Lyle E. Strom
Senior Judge

Enclosure

2003 Open Doors to Federal Courts

Working for Justice: Careers in the Courts

Registration Deadline: October 10, 2003

Participating Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone Number: _____ Teacher E-mail: _____

I teach the following high school law related classes for juniors and seniors: _____

I am willing to serve on the Teachers' Orientation Planning Committee: Yes _____ No _____

Can you commit to participating in the Teachers' Orientation prior to the program? Yes _____ No _____

This is a prerequisite for participation in the program. (Date and time to be set with input from participating teachers.)

Given space limitations, how many students would you like to bring? _____

(We will let you know how many we can accommodate at a later date.)

My students and I would like to attend the program at the following courthouse:

_____ U.S. Post Office and Federal Building (Monday, November 3, 2003)
300 E. 3rd Street
North Platte, NE 69101

_____ Robert V. Denney Federal Building (Thursday, November 6, 2003)
and United States Courthouse
100 Centennial Mall North
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

_____ Roman L. Hruska U. S. Courthouse (Friday, November 7, 2003)
111 South 18th Plaza
Omaha, NE 68102

Your courthouse contacts are Denise Lucks, Chief Deputy Clerk, at 402-661-7360, E-mail Denise_Lucks@ned.uscourts.gov or Deb Wesely, Administrative Assistant, at 402-661-7370, E-mail Deborah_Wesely@ned.uscourts.gov.

To register, FAX this form to Deb Wesely at 402-661-7387 by October 10, 2003.