

SAVE THE DATE!

On March 8, 2012 the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania will host an informative open house for you and your students.

- **What, exactly, is federal court?**
- **What kinds of things take place in a federal courthouse?**
- **Have you ever wanted to visit the United States Courthouse on Grant Street, but have never taken the opportunity to do so?**

The answers to these questions are now available to you and your students with an upcoming special event that will give you exclusive access to the federal court in downtown Pittsburgh.

The United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania cordially invites you and your students to an informative open house on March 8, 2012. This special event offers school groups exclusive and up-close access to the federal judiciary, one of the three branches of government established under our Constitution.

On that day, you will be able to participate in panel discussions with an assortment of United States District Judges, Magistrate Judges, and officers and professionals from several federal law enforcement agencies. We will also have a panel to answer pre-submitted questions by the student participants about how the Constitution and federal laws apply to their everyday lives. Topics also being discussed will include the role of federal courts and federal law enforcement agencies in our society and careers in federal public service in the legal field.

Tours will also be conducted throughout the day, allowing visitors the opportunity to enjoy the historical courthouse. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the United States Courthouse originally opened to the public in 1934. Designed in the Stripped Classical style of architecture, it was one of the last classically inspired buildings to be constructed in Pittsburgh before Modern architecture became popular.

Additional information will be provided as the date draws closer. In the meantime, please save the date and consider joining us on March 8, 2012.

We look forward to seeing you.

If you have any questions, please email us at pawd_commoutreach@pawd.uscourts.gov