



# The Court Historian

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## Judicial History Program Inaugurated by the Federal Judicial Center

In response to a 1987 suggestion by the Federal Judicial Center Board, the Hundredth Congress amended the Center's statute to authorize it to "conduct, coordinate, and encourage programs relating to the history of the judicial branch of the United States government" (28 U.S.C. § 623(a)(7)). Operating from the Division of Special Educational Services at the Federal Judicial Center, the new history program will serve the national federal judiciary, working in conjunction with the history programs already under way in federal districts and circuits and with the distinguished history programs at the Supreme Court: the Curator's Office, the Supreme Court Documentary History Project, and the Supreme Court Historical Society. The new federal judicial history program joins some additional 40 federal agency history programs already in place.

The Federal Judicial Center Board's request was prompted initially by a proposal of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Judicial Branch, chaired by Judge Frank Coffin. In consideration of that proposal, the Center's Board then asked Judges Jose Cabranes and A. David Mazzone to conduct an inquiry among public historians and faculty to see if such a program would be desirable. Their positive response moved the Center Board to seek congressional authorization for a systematic history program for the judicial branch.

At its March 1989 meeting, the Board directed the Center to inaugurate the history program, using existing resources and staff. The Center designated the Division of Special Educational Services to administer the program. The Division, which is responsible for publications and media productions, has already actively participated in history programs, assisting the

Judicial Conference Bicentennial Committee in its efforts to celebrate the bicentennial of the federal courts.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, as chairman of the Center Board, has appointed an Advisory Committee to assist the history program in its undertakings. The members of the Advisory Committee are Chief Judge William C. O'Kelley, Northern District of Georgia; Judge Pierre N. Leval, Southern District of New York; Dr. Richard A. Baker, Historian, United States Senate; Professor Peter Fish, Law and Political Science, Duke University; Professor Kermit Hall, History and Law, University of Florida; Professor J. Woodford Howard, Jr., Political Science, The Johns Hopkins University; Michael E. Kunz, Clerk of Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania; R. Michael McReynolds, National Archives; Chet Orloff, Director of the Ninth Circuit Historical Society; and Professor Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau, History, University of Louisville.

At its first meeting, September 13, 1989, in Washington, D.C., the Advisory Committee recommended that the Center history program consider support for the district and circuit court history programs to be one of its priorities. The Advisory Committee urged that the Center prepare materials to assist in the inauguration of history programs in the courts and offer particular help and encouragement with the development of local oral history projects. To facilitate scholarship, the Committee proposed that the Center history program undertake a survey of manuscript collections in private repositories that relate to the history of the federal judiciary and work with local programs and with the National Archives to encourage the preservation of and access to historical judicial records. The Historical Program Advisory Committee will help the Bicentennial Committee of the Judicial Conference to select recipients of summer research grants.

### *A message from the Honorable John C. Godbold Director of the Federal Judicial Center*

I am pleased to announce the initiation of an historical program at the Federal Judicial Center for the federal court system. When I was chief judge of the Eleventh Circuit, I presided then over the creation of that circuit's Historical Society, and I remain convinced today of the value of history to explicate the mission of the American judiciary. The Center looks forward to working with district and circuit court history programs, public historians, archivists, and members of the academic community and of the bar to preserve the history of the courts and to make it accessible to scholars and to the public.

# FEDERAL COURT HISTORY PROGRAMS

*Based on a survey of circuit executives, district court executives, and clerks of district courts conducted in December 1988. Some circuits and districts have established historical societies to conduct history programs; others have assigned court staff to perform the historical functions.*

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791-0982; FTS 662-0982.

### New York, Southern

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(212) 791-9349  
FTS 662-9349

**Third Circuit:** John P. Hehman, Circuit  
Executive, U.S. Courthouse, 21st Floor,  
Sixth & Market Streets, Philadelphia,  
PA 19106; (215) 597-0718;  
FTS 597-0718.

### New Jersey

The Historical Society of the  
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## Sixth Circuit

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**Seventh Circuit:** Collins T. Fitzpatrick,  
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5803; FTS 387-5803.

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**Eighth Circuit:** The Historical Society  
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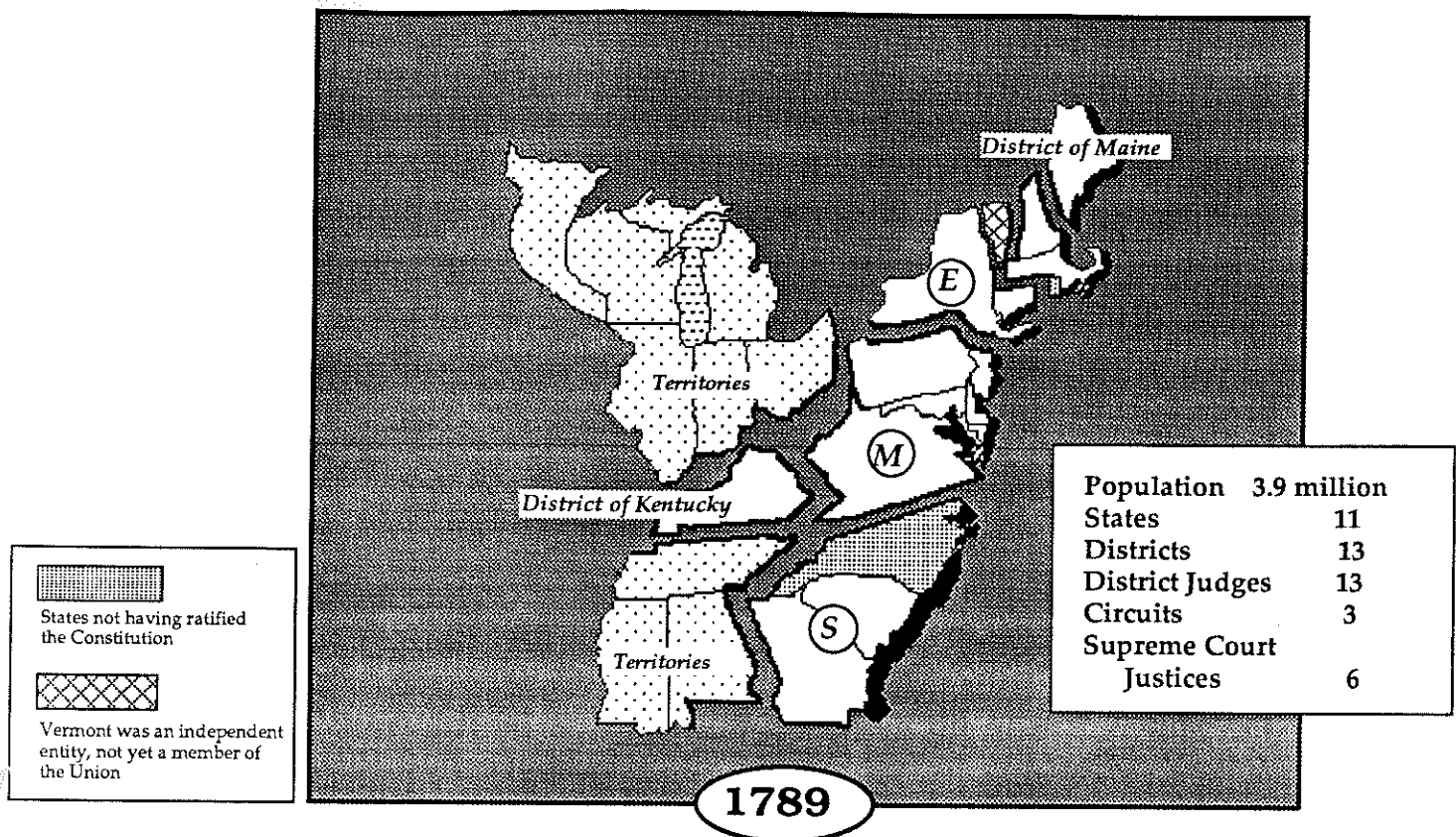
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## Judicial Districts and Circuits of the United States Courts, 1789



*One of a series of maps depicting the growth of the federal court system, from Creating the Federal Judicial System by Russell R. Wheeler and Cynthia Harrison, published in 1989 by the Federal Judicial Center.*

### Minnesota

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**Ninth Circuit:** Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society, Chet Orloff, Director, 620 S.W. Main St., Rm. 703, Portland, OR 97205; (503) 326-3458. Ninth Circuit Library--Archives Unit, Helen Hill, P.O. Box 547, San Francisco, CA 94101; (415) 556-6129; FTS 556-6129.

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The Federal Judicial Center Historical Program welcomes information on publications and activities from court history programs in the district and circuit courts. The program also invites individuals both inside and outside the federal court system to send notice if they would like to receive *The Court Historian*. Requests will be honored as resources permit. Write to Cynthia Harrison, Federal Judicial Center Historical Program, 1520 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005; telephone (202) 633-6216, FTS 633-6216.