

Federal Judicial Center

*“to further the development and adoption of
improved judicial administration through
education & research”*



Federal Judicial Center

Established by statute, 1967
Judicial branch agency
Mandate: education & research
Board

Chief Justice, 7 judges, AO Director

Director

Appointed by Board

Staff: 118 (2019)

Budget: \$29,819,000 (2019)



Adult Education: the Foundation

Competencies

Knowledge, skills, values

Evidence-based learning objectives related to professional responsibilities

Task oriented

Relevant, practical goals

Engaged, active, self-directed learner

Program “ownership”

Experiential learning

Facilitation not instruction

Program Topics

Identified in consultation with Advisory Committees

Judicial Ethics

Substantive Law

Procedure and Evidence

Criminal Sentencing

Opinion Writing

Case Management

Court Administration and Leadership

Courtroom Skills

Using Information Technology

Science & Technology

Evolving Needs



Sentencing reform



Neuroscience



eDiscovery

Workshops & Seminars

Orientation

2 one-week sessions

Continuing Education

General and specialized

2-3 days, in different cities

Often in partnership with universities

Environmental law, employment law, intellectual property, mediation skills, science and technology, national security issues, etc.

Faculty: judges and experts

Not mandatory



FJC Publications

Some developed with an Advisory Committee

All reviewed by judges before publication

Benchbook for District Court Judges

Judicial Writing Manual

Recurring Problems in Criminal Trials

Case Management & ADR

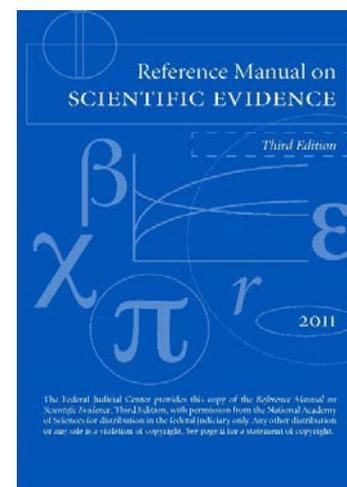
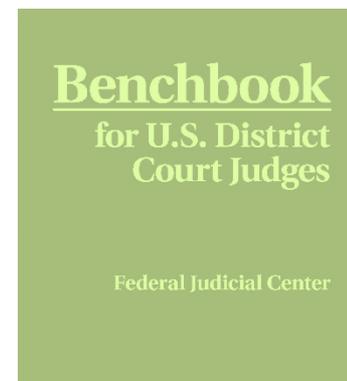
Deskbook for Chief Judges

Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence

Manual for Complex Litigation

Monographs on Legal Issues

Guides on Case Management and Procedural Issues



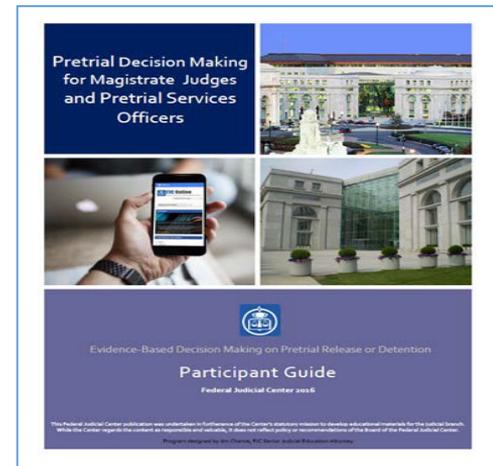
Programs for Court Staff

Court Administrators

- Court administration
- Leadership and supervision
- Communication skills
- Implementing judiciary policy
- Change management
- Code of conduct
- Jury trial administration

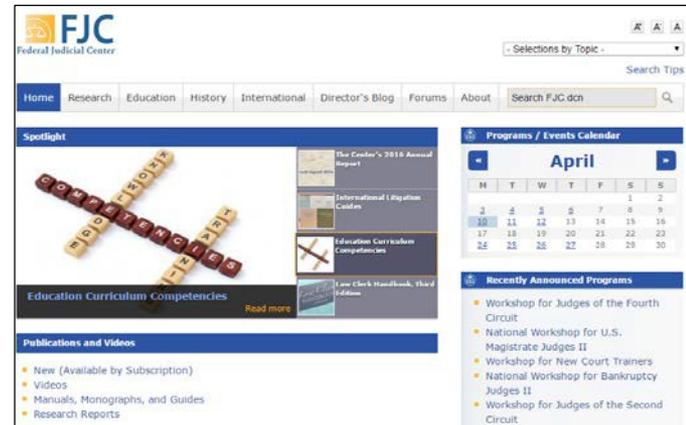
Probation & Pretrial Services

Workshops, conferences, in-court programs, eLearning



Distance Education

FJC intranet site
Streaming video & audio
Web & video conferencing
eLearning
FJC production studio



Research at the FJC

Mandate: to develop and undertake analytical, empirical research in the fields of court operations and judicial administration, often at the request of judicial branch policymakers or Congress

Projects include:

Case management

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Case weights

Courtroom technology

Impact of rules reform

Courtroom usage

Offender re-entry programs

The screenshot displays the Federal Judicial Center's website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Reports and Studies', 'Research Projects', 'Research Supporting the Federal Rules', 'Federal Court Cases: FJC Integrated Database (IDB) 1970 to Present', and 'Research: Special Topics'. The main content area features a diagram titled 'Technology Assisted Review for Discovery Requests'. The diagram shows a flow from 'ESI Collection' to 'Document', then to 'Computer Comparison', which results in a 'Seed Set' (divided into 'Responsive' and 'Not Responsive') and a 'Document Responsiveness Score' (represented by a percentage sign). Below the diagram, there are sections for 'Reports and Studies' and 'Current Research Projects'. The 'Reports and Studies' section lists several reports, including 'Report on Federal-State Court Cooperation: A Survey of Federal Chief District Judges', 'Patent Pilot Program: Five-Year Report', 'Video Recording Courtroom Proceedings in United States District Courts: Report on a Pilot Project', 'Review of Scientific Literature on the Reliability of Present Sense Impressions and Excited Utterances', and 'Survey of Harm to Cooperators: Final Report'. The 'Current Research Projects' section lists projects such as 'Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Federal District Courts', 'Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs Cost and Effectiveness', 'Bankruptcy Court Practices Regarding Applications for Administrative Costs', 'Best Practices for Trade Secret Seizures Under The Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016', and 'Case Management of Chapter 9 Municipal Bankruptcy Litigation'.

Federal Judicial History

Mandate: to conduct, coordinate, and encourage programs relating to the history of the judicial branch of the United States government

Studies history of the federal judiciary

Produces publications

Provides guidance about preservation of court documents and judges' papers

Compiles statistical and biographical information about judges

Teaching Judicial History Project:
background on famous federal trials and related public debates



International Judicial Relations

Mandate: to exchange information about judicial-branch education, court operations, and strategies for improving the administration of justice with judges and court personnel from other countries

Informational briefings

Educational programs

Visiting Foreign Judicial Fellows Program

International conferences

Technical assistance

Materials

International Judicial Relations Committee



Visitors to the FJC: 2019

In 2019, the Center hosted over 430 visitors from 67 different countries and jurisdictions:

Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chad, China, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Liberia, Lithuania, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe



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