

Spring 2018 LTL! Northern Idaho Event

November 6, 2018

EVENT SUMMARY

Event Title: Kootenai County Courthouse Event and Court Observation

Date & Time: November 6, 2018 8:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Location: U.S. Federal Courthouse, 6450 Mineral Dr., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Number of Students: Approx. 50 Students and 3 Chaperones attended.

Participating Schools: Lakeland HS, Rathdrum, Idaho

Participating Judges, Attorneys, and Staff: Hon. Richard Tallman (U.S. 9th Cir. Court of Appeals Judge); David Nye (U.S. District Judge); Hon. Cynthia Meyer (1st Dist. Judge), Kootenai County, Assistant U.S. Attorney Bryce Ellsworth, Hon. Stephen Kenyon (Clerk of the Court – U.S. Dist. of Idaho); Attorney Kinzo Mihara.

Summary of Events:

I arrived at the Kootenai Co. Courthouse at approximately 8:15am with pre-purchased sodas, plates, and trash bags and staged them in the jury assembly room. I then coordinated with the U.S. Marshalls' security staff about how they'd like to move the students and chaperones through the courthouse. I then coordinated with the federal courtroom deputies about where they'd like the children to sit and if they had any other instructions for the participants.

The Lakeland HS students and chaperones arrived at approximately 8:30 am and were all passed through security. They then moved to the jury selection/assembly room for instruction on proper courtroom etiquette. The students and chaperones first heard from Stephen Kenyon regarding his background and the role of the U.S. Courts and sat through a presentation of the federal court process. Next, Mr. Bryce Ellsworth spoke regarding his background as a federal prosecutor and his experiences as an assistant U.S. attorney. Finally, Mr. Kinzo Mihara spoke about his background and experiences as a private civil and criminal defense lawyer.

The students, their chaperones, Judge Meyer, Mr. Kenyon, and Attorney Mihara then observed sentencings for two federal drug offense cases. Both involved drugs on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation. One defendant was an Indian, the other was a non-Indian. Judge Nye sentenced both defendants.

After the hearing, the students heard from Judge Tallman, Nye, and Meyer. Each gave a talk about their personal and educational backgrounds, answering the students' questions as they ate their lunches. The lunches consisted of pizza, soda, and water provided by the ISB Diversity, Love the Law! Subcommittee.

The students and chaperones departed at approximately 1:00pm.

Participant Profiles: Most participants (no distinction between students and chaperones), filled out LTL! Background Information forms, and Event Evaluations. Some did not, as the instructions were

Demographic Background Information.

See forms previously provided herewith.

Student/Teacher Feedback: See forms previously provided.

Event Evaluations.

The event evaluations were, as usual, <u>overwhelmingly</u> positive.

Costs Associated with Event:

The Love the Law! Subcommittee authorized \$300.00 for this event. The event came in a wee bit over budget and was approximately \$317.53. Receipts were also submitted and Love the Law! funds were used to pay for the following expenses (Attorney Mihara covered the expenses out of pocket, up-front and has been authorized reimbursement from the ISB – I have received the reimbursement check):

Expense	Amount
Sodas, plates, paper towels, etc.	\$37.82
Pappa John's Pizzas	\$231.84
Misc. (Tip and Mileage)	\$67.82
Total	\$317.53

The Idaho State Bar and Diversity Section allowed for the students and chaperones to attend the event and luncheon for free. Excess food and beverages were, as usual, donated to the law enforcement security officers and Clerk's offices in appreciation for their support.