The Eastern District of California

The Eastern District of California was created in 1966 as part of a general reorganization of federal district courts of California. The district is one of four districts in California which fall within the Ninth Circuit.

The Eastern District of California encompasses 34 counties that are located from Kern County in the south to Siskiyou County in the north and lies between the Eastern slopes of the coastal range and the California/Nevada border. Headquarters for both the District Court and the Bankruptcy Court are located in Sacramento. Divisional offices are located in Fresno and also in Modesto (Bankruptcy Court only). The District Court also has divisional offices in Redding, Bakersfield and Yosemite. The President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate, selects the judges of the federal courts for lifetime appointments.

There are presently six authorized district judgeships, three senior district judgeships, and twelve magistrate judgeships distributed throughout the District.



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Each year the United States District Court, Eastern District of California, participates in a national program entitled *Open Doors to* Federal Courts. It is designed to help high school students learn more about the role of the federal courts in our system of justice. This annual program supports California's approach to the HSS Framework and C3 Framework and is part of a long-term commitment by the federal courts to share in the civic education of high school students who are making the passage to adult citizenship. Open Doors is coordinated by the Robert T. Matsui Federal Courthouse in Sacramento, the Robert E. Coyle Federal Courthouse in Fresno, the United States Courthouse in Redding, and the United States Courthouse in Bakersfield each year.



Robert T. Matsui Federal Courthouse



Robert E. Coyle Federal Courthouse



Bakersfield Federal Courthouse



Redding Federal Courthouse



The objective of Open Doors is to bring together high school students , teachers, judges, court staff, lawyers, probation and pretrial services representatives — and others in the justice system — to enhance the students' knowledge of the legal process and the courts.



Students experience a mock trial with actual attorneys and a federal judge presiding over the proceedings. In some cases, students have the opportunity to play various parts in the mock trial. Various personnel in the justice system share their roles and responsibilities with the students giving the students the opportunity to learn more about the different roles that make up the judicial system and its processes.



Schools will receive an invitation to participate. Because there is limited seating available, the schools chosen to participate are in the order in which their registration form is received. Each of the three courts have individual registration processes. Please check with your local court for specific information.

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