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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Eastern District of Tennessee



RULE OF LAW PROGRAM

October 17 – 24, 2015
Serbian Delegation

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Saturday, October 17

TBD Delegates arrive in Knoxville, TN

TBD Casual dinner with host families

Sunday, October 18

7:00 a.m. Breakfast with host families

9:30 a.m. Attend services with host families or individual activities with hosts (Optional)

1:00 p.m. River Cruise and dinner for delegates and host families (Exact time TBD)

Monday, October 19

7:00 a.m. Breakfast with host families

8:30 a.m. Delegates arrive at Howard H. Baker, Jr. United States Courthouse

Coffee and pastries in Judges' Conference Room

9:00 a.m. Opening session – Judges' Conference Room; Welcome and presentation by Serbian Delegation

10:00 a.m. Observe proceedings at Knox County General Sessions Court Civil Division (Hon. Andrew Jackson VI) and Knox County General Sessions Court Criminal Division (Hon. Geoffrey P. Emery); Q & A session with judges; presentation by Bob Swan, Knox County Session Court Mediation Director

12:00 p.m. Lunch with Mayor Tim Burchett and local state judges

1:30 p.m. Tour Knox County Jail – Downtown

2:30 p.m. Tour Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility – 5001 Maloneyville Road

6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church - 2931 Kingston Pike

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 a.m. Breakfast with host families

8:30 a.m. Delegates arrive at Howard H. Baker, Jr. United States Courthouse

Coffee and pastries in Judges' Conference Room

- 9:00 a.m. Observe jury trial – Courtroom 3C **OR** mediation session conducted by Judge Pamela L. Reeves and Magistrate Judge C. Clifford Shirley, Jr.
- 10:00 a.m. Observe Sentencing and Change of Plea Hearing – Courtroom 4 conducted by Chief Judge Thomas A. Varlan
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch at LMU Duncan School of Law
- 1:30 p.m. LMU Duncan School of Law – tour and presentation by Dean Gary R. Wade, retired Tennessee Supreme Court Justice and former Court of Criminal Appeals Judge
- 3:30 p.m. Q & A Session with local lawyers - Woolf, McClane, Bright, Allen & Carpenter, PLLC or others
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner with host families (Exact times TBD)

Wednesday, October 21

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast with host families
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee and pastries at UT Law School with faculty round table discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Tour of UT Law School
- 10:30 a.m. Observe UT Law School Jury System Class (Professor Cornett)
- 12:00 p.m. Box Lunch and Tour – UT Football Stadium
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Tennessee
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by Federal Defender Services
- 4:00 p.m. Tour Howard H. Baker, Jr. United States Courthouse
- 5:00 p.m. Reception – 4th Floor Howard H. Baker, Jr. United States Courthouse
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner with Judges at Club LeConte

Thursday, October 22

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast with host families
- 8:30 a.m. Delegates arrive at Howard H. Baker, Jr. United States Courthouse
- Coffee and pastries in Judges' Conference Room
- 9:30 a.m. Observe Motion Hearing – Courtroom 3B conducted by Magistrate Judge C. Clifford Shirley, Jr. or mediation session conducted by Judge Pamela L. Reeves
- 10:00 a.m. Observe Sentencing Hearings – Courtroom 3C conducted by Judge Pamela L. Reeves

- 10:30 a.m. Tour East Tennessee History Center
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – East Tennessee History Center
- TBD Shopping or other activity
- TBD Dinner with host families/small dinner

Friday, October 23

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast with host families
- 8:30 a.m. Delegates arrive at Howard H. Baker, Jr. United States Courthouse
- Coffee and pastries in Judges' Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Visit Office of Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr.
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by United States Probation Office – Judges' Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by U.S. Marshals Service – Judges' Conference Room followed by tour of USMS
- 11:00 a.m. Q & A with district judges and magistrate judges
- 12:00 p.m. Farewell luncheon with Judges - 4th Floor Howard H. Baker, Jr. United States Courthouse

Saturday, October 24

- TBD Departure