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**Naturalization Ceremonies as Living Civics Lessons.** **Level:** All

ages. Naturalization ceremonies can be community-building events that bring courts closer to their communities when they are at [iconic sites](#), at major league and minor league [baseball games](#), and at professional football games. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Sandra Klein, Los Angeles, is among the first judges to preside over these moving ceremonies that have an impact on those present and those who follow the media coverage of them. For how-to information, contact [Rebecca Fanning](#), national educational outreach manager for the federal courts.

**Candid Conversations: The Constitution and The Courts.** **Level:** High school and up.. This facilitated conversation with a judge and attorney volunteers opens the floor to whatever is on the mind of the participants -- high school, community college, university, and law school students, as well as lifelong learners and members of community groups. U.S. Magistrate Judge Zia Faruqi, D.C., piloted the program. It requires only 30 minutes of preparation for judges and attorney volunteers. Candid Conversations is the [national initiative for Constitution Day](#). For how-to information, contact [Rebecca Fanning](#), national educational outreach manager for the federal courts.

**Civil Discourse and Difficult Decisions.** **Level:** High school and college. A courtroom simulation involves all students as jurors who learn and practice civility and decision-making skills while deciding youth-relevant cases based on landmark Supreme Court decisions. Presided over by a federal judge and coached by attorney volunteers, this program can be conducted in-person (3 hours) or virtually (90 minutes). The program was piloted by U.S. District Judges Beth Bloom, Miami, and Robin Rosenberg, West Palm Beach. It requires only 30 minutes of preparation by the judge and attorney volunteers. For how-to information, contact [Rebecca Fanning](#), national educational outreach manager for the federal courts.

**Four-Minute Fundamentals – Videos.** **Level:** High school and up. In *Court Shorts* Federal judges translate vital abstract concepts and break down their impact on real people in this series of brief videos. Topics include the rule of law, judicial independence, separation of powers, jury service, and civility. These and other videos can be used on their own as part of presentations or as openers for programs. For discussion starters and how-to information, contact [Rebecca Fanning](#), national educational outreach manager for the federal courts.

**Financial Firsts Can Be Financial Pitfalls:** **Level:** High school and college. Relatable vignettes designed for discussion expose young people to financial decisions that can have lasting, negative consequences – first credit card, first car, first job, first student loan, etc. It is an easy, relevant program for bankruptcy judges to deliver in courtrooms, classrooms, and virtually. For how-to information contact [Rebecca Fanning](#), national educational outreach manager for the federal courts.