



Teacher Institute

Justice System in Berks County and Beyond

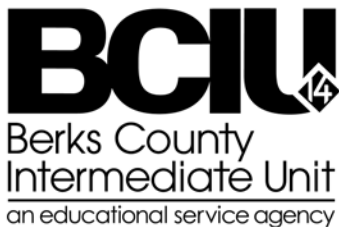
Staff Development Opportunity
for Berks County Middle
and Senior High School
Social Studies Teachers.

Berks County Courthouse

Courtroom 5A

June 25, 2009

9:00 am - 3:30 pm



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Teacher Institute: Justice System in Berks County and Beyond

"Teacher Institute: Justice System in Berks County and Beyond" is a professional development course for social studies teachers of Berks County Middle and Senior High Schools. Attendees will learn about the Pennsylvania and United States Constitutions, how cases proceed at the trial level, key cases in the history of the judicial review, and learn about it from both a United States and Pennsylvania Constitutional perspective. The division of powers between the federal and state governments will also be examined. Participants will engage in a mock Pennsylvania Supreme Court argument for which **Justice J. Michael Eaken** has been invited to preside over.

The program will begin with presentations by Berks County Court of Common Pleas President **Judge Jeffrey L. Schmehl** and Bar Association President **Howard M. Lightman**. **Judge Marjorie Rendell** of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit has also been invited to make remarks.

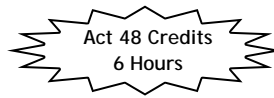
Other presenters include Pennsylvania Bar Association's Coordinator for Public Education **David Trevaskis**, Berks County Court of Common Pleas Judges **Linda K. M. Ludgate** (Criminal), **Scott D. Keller** (Family) and **Scott Lash** (Civil and Juvenile), **Judge Thomas M. Golden** of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and **Bruce A. Murphy, Ph.D.**, Kirby Professor of Civil Rights at Lafayette College and author of several biographies of Supreme Court justices, including *Wild Bill: The Legend and Life of William O. Douglas*.

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This day-long event course is aligned with Pennsylvania Department of Education Academic Standards for Civics and Government 5.1.12.B, 5.1.12.D, 5.1.12.F, 5.1.12.I, 5.1.12.L, 5.2.12.C, 5.2.12.F, 5.3.12.A, and 5.3.12.G.

Free lesson materials on the PA and US Constitutions will be made available to the teachers for their use with students in their classrooms. Network with colleagues and local lawyers to exchange ideas on teaching about the courts and judicial system.

Cost: Free...

The cost of the credits, parking fees, and the cost of a catered lunch will be underwritten by the Berks County Bar Association.

For further information...

Please contact Connie Skipper at 610-987-8496 or conski@berksiu.org or Donald F. Smith, Jr. at 610-375-4591 or smith@berksbar.org.

Registration Information

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Please register online by
June 20, 2009.

- Go to www.berksiu.org
- Click on "Professional Development" link toward the top of the main page.
- Choose the "MyLearningPlan" link from the bulleted list at the bottom of the screen.
- Select Step 1: "Click here to view course catalog".
- Events are in order by dates. Scroll down to June 25, 2009.
- Choose "Teacher Institution: Justice System in Berks County and Beyond" session by clicking on the course title for description and enrollment information.
- Select "Click to Enroll" and choose the link that applies to you. Example, "I'm a new user".
- Enter your information as instructed.

Any questions regarding registering online, please contact Jillian Williams at 610-987-8494 or at jilwil@berksiu.org.