

Compass-Midtown Community High School



On April 25, 2024, accompanied by the Dean of Culture and Social Studies, Rebecca Rosa, and teacher Scott Stevens, students from Compass-Midtown Community High School visited the District Court for a look inside the federal court system. Students observed witness testimony during a sentencing proceeding before District Judge Thomas L. Parker and heard from representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Defender's Office, and U.S. Marshals Service. Several judges enjoyed lunch with the students, engaging in active discussions and responding to insightful questions prepared by the students prior to their visit.

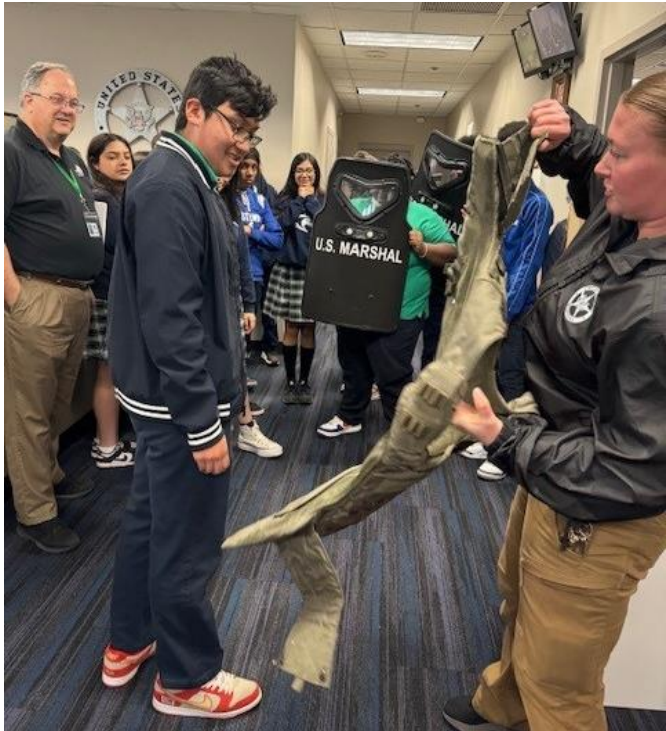


Attorney Insights

Attorneys William Bateman and Karen Hartridge from the U.S. Attorney's Office (*pictured above*) and Attorney Everette Hoagland from the Federal Public Defender's Office (*pictured below*) spoke to the group about how all three branches of the U.S. Government are represented in federal court proceedings and the role that their office plays in the administration of justice. Speakers shared their career paths and answered thoughtful questions from students.



U.S. Marshals Service



Supervising Deputy U.S. Marshal Jess Ivie spoke to the students about the role of the Marshals Service, led them on a tour of the building's control room, and presented some protective gear used in the field.





Lunch & Questions for the Judges



The judges answered an array of inquisitive questions from students eager to understand the pathway to becoming a judge, the challenges, and the personal impact of cases.



Probation Officer Whitney Bailey (*pictured above*) spoke to some of the students at lunch who had questions about other law related careers.