

Munford High School Courthouse Visit

April 4, 2024



Professor Michael Brooks from Dyersburg State Community College brought students from Munford High School enrolled in his *Introduction to Legal Processes* class to the District Court for a look inside the federal court. Students observed a court proceeding and heard from other agencies involved in the legal process. The group was welcomed by Chief U.S. District Judge Sheryl H. Lipman and Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Tu M. Pham.

Speakers

Attorneys Audrey Calkins and Will Crow from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Attorney Mary C. Jermann-Robinson from the Federal Public Defender's Office, Arquita Bonner from the Probation & Pretrial Services Office, Jess Ivie and Justin Pearson from the U.S. Marshal Service, and Jury Administrator Willie Nabors spoke to the group about the roles their offices play in the administration of justice. Speakers also shared their career paths and answered questions from students. Mr. Nabors impressed upon them the importance of jury service.



Post Hearing Discussions



The students observed a change of plea hearing before Chief U.S. District Judge Sheryl H. Lipman. After the hearing Chief Judge Lipman, Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Hartridge (not shown in photos), and Assistant Federal Public Defender Mary C. Jermann-Robinson spoke about the hearing and answered questions.



Lunch & Questions for the Judges



The Judges answered thoughtful questions the students had prepared prior to their visit.

