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We invite you to rely on this section for press releases and other timely information of interest to the public in general and the bar in particular.

This section contains links to the website of the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C., where you will find historical information about the courts in this circuit and online biographies of federal judges. In addition, there is a link to a publication by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts entitled "Understanding the Federal Courts."

Also posted are the contents of our newsletter, The Short Circuit, billed as "a quarterly publication by and for the people of the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit." The newsletter includes information about the workings of the judicial branch in this circuit.

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