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### **Stephen G. Breyer Community Learning Center on Courts and the Constitution**

BOSTON (March 21, 2025) -- Chief Judge David J. Barron is pleased to announce the official opening of The Stephen G. Breyer Community Learning Center on Courts and the Constitution. The center is intended to increase public understanding of the federal judiciary and its role in our democracy. The Breyer Learning Center will offer civic engagement activities for learners of all ages and backgrounds throughout the First Circuit, with a particular emphasis on teachers and students. Since its completion earlier this year, more than 175 students representing more than eight schools have visited the center.

Justice Stephen G. Breyer, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (Retired), in his role as Associate Supreme Court Justice and former Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, has long championed civic education. His dedication to ensuring future generations understand their role in government, his influence on the First Circuit, and his role in the design of the John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse reflect this commitment. The First Circuit proudly honors Justice Breyer with the establishment of the Learning Center.

Chief Judge Barron stated: "The federal judiciary's obligations extend beyond the courtroom to the community. It must make every effort to engage with the people it serves and to provide them with opportunities to learn about the place of courts in our constitutional system of government. I can think of no one more committed to this process of democratic engagement than Justice Breyer, so it is altogether fitting that the Learning Center bears his name."

The 2,800-square-foot center is located in the First Circuit Library, on the ninth floor of the John J. Moakley U.S. Courthouse in Boston. The Breyer Center includes a 1,000-square-foot training room and adjacent areas for group visits within the exhibit space. It provides a unique venue for hosting workshops, training sessions, and seminars, in addition to the student-centered programs offered by Discovering Justice, a civics education non-profit located in the Moakley Courthouse. Examples of such programs include Constitution Day and "The Supreme Court in Your Hometown" series.

As part of the official opening, several events are planned. On Monday, March 24, 2025, the center will host the Federal Bar Association's Breakfast with the Bench program, featuring Chief Judge Barron. On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, a formal reception is planned, including Justice Stephen G. Breyer and many of the partners who helped develop the concept for the Breyer Learning Center. Finally, in partnership with the American Bar Association, on April 11, 2025, CIVIC 101 will host a live recording on the Rule of Law from the Breyer Center. The episode will be recorded and aired on Law Day, May 1, 2025.

For additional information about these programs, to coordinate a visit, or to reserve the space, please contact Civic Engagement Coordinator, Allison Guenther at [allison\\_guenther@ca1.uscourts.gov](mailto:allison_guenther@ca1.uscourts.gov).