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**STEPHEN G. BREYER COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
ON COURTS AND THE CONSTITUTION**

BOSTON (April 21, 2023) -- On Thursday, April 20, 2023, Chief Judge David J. Barron announced the creation of *The Stephen G. Breyer Community Learning Center on Courts and the Constitution* to the attendees of the First Circuit Judicial Conference. The 2,800 square foot Center will be housed in the First Circuit library on the ninth floor of the John J. Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston. It will include a 1,000 square foot glass enclosed multi-purpose training room with adjacent areas for group visits and exhibition space. The Chief Judge stated that "the independence of courts depends, paradoxically, on their willingness to engage with the communities that they serve. That means they must invite the public in to learn up close about what courts do and how they fit into the constitutional system. But it also means that they must engage their communities outside the courthouse, whether in classrooms, libraries, or civic events. The First Circuit has long been committed to doing just that, and it is eager to continue those efforts and to find new ways of connecting."

The Breyer Center will host education civic engagement activities for learners of all ages and backgrounds through interactive exhibitions, speaker programs, teacher institutes, classroom

space, and displays of First Circuit historical information. Chief Judge Barron envisions that the center will engage judges, prominent speakers in the legal and education communities, members of the bar, and state and local court partners in this endeavor, as well. Barron noted that dedicating the Center to Justice Breyer was an obvious and unanimously agreed upon option. "Justice Breyer has deep ties to this Circuit and to the Moakley Federal Courthouse. He also has long emphasized the important role that courts play in making our democracy work. It is thus fitting that the Breyer Center will now be there to serve as a vibrant and dynamic space through which the people of the First Circuit will be able to learn, firsthand, about the place of courts in our constitutional system of government."

Discovering Justice, the nonprofit organization that has been collaborating with the U.S. District Court with its civics outreach efforts to great effect for many years, will assist with programming efforts for the Center. "We look forward to our exciting new partnership with the First Circuit, and the Breyer Center," said Matt Wilson, Executive Director of Discovering Justice.