

Supreme Court
of the
State of New York



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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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NEW YORK, N.Y. 10013

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Dear Faculty Members,

The judicial process in the United States guarantees that all people regardless of race, creed, or color be treated equally under the law. Unfortunately, few people have ever visited a courthouse or understand the role the court system plays in our society. Often, the perception of the court system is tainted by what is dramatized on television on the many "judge shows" or latest police series. These shows, while entertaining, are usually exaggerated and do not fairly represent what really occurs in a court of law. Therefore, the New York State court system is interested in reaching out to the public and exposing them to the legal process.

A court tours program has been developed to familiarize students, citizens, and civic organizations with the dynamics of the courts of New York State. On behalf of the Unified Court System, we invite you and your group for a unique glimpse to observe democracy in action by participating in a free tour at the New York State Supreme Court, Criminal Term.

Our presentation which includes a tour of the courthouse, a question and answer session and a viewing of an actual court proceeding will provide your group with a better understanding of the court's daily operation.

Court tours are approximately three hours long (10:00am- 1:00pm) and are given year round. To make a reservation, please call Deputy Chief Clerk Michael DiMaggio at 646-386-3900.

We look forward to sharing this interesting experience with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael DiMaggio". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael DiMaggio
Deputy Chief Clerk