UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
PROVIDENCE, RI

100 Years
1908 - 2008

Front Façade. Photograph by Carol M. Highsmith

February 12
Opening Celebration
United States Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., will visit the Courthouse and participate in a ceremony to mark the beginning of a year-long series of events that celebrate the centennial of the Courthouse building. Program to be announced.

June 16
Courtroom 1, 9:30 a.m.
Naturalization Ceremony in commemoration of Flag Day, June 14. Approximately 100 new citizens will be naturalized in the courtroom where thousands of their predecessors have taken the oath of citizenship over the past 100 years.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE SYMPOSIA

A series of lectures intended to address timely and important topics of interest to the Rhode Island community. Presented by the U.S. District Court and the R.I. Bar Association Federal Bench-Bar Committee.

January 23 - "Civil Gideon"
A distinguished panel will address whether a civilized nation that provides counsel to indigent defendants facing jail, should also require counsel be provided when individuals "too poor to hire a lawyer" face deportation or loss of jobs, housing or critical benefits.

February 13 - "Rights of Victims and Witnesses"
This panel of experts will explore the rights of victims and eyewitnesses to crime and how those rights relate to the rights of criminal defendants.

April 3 - "Courthouse Architecture"
An expert panel will point out the features of the Courthouse building, long regarded as an architectural gem, and address the cultural, political, and economic factors that led to the design of the building. Attendees will be permitted to tour areas of the Courthouse not normally accessible to the public.

All lectures will be presented from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Courtroom 1. Public welcome.

The Lobby. Photograph by Carol M. Highsmith

Courtroom 1. Photograph by Carol M. Highsmith

September 26
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
2008 District Conference
Judges and members of the U.S. District Court Bar will participate in a series of educational programs concerning federal practice in Rhode Island. By invitation only.

October 8
Courtroom 1, 10:00 a.m.
Sitting of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.
A panel of the Court will hear the appeals of cases emanating from the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island. Public welcome.

November 21
Gala Centennial Celebration
This event, timed almost to the day of the official opening of the "United States Post Office, Court House and Custom House" in 1908, will acknowledge the history and occupants to the building we now refer to as the "United States Courthouse." Public welcome.

For more information, go to www.gsa.gov/r1courthouse100

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