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To: Area Agencies on Aging

Subject: Connecticut Judicial Branch Programs

On behalf of the Connecticut Judicial Branch, I wanted to let you know about two opportunities for senior citizens to learn more about the role and function of the judiciary.

The first opportunity is the *Seniors Visitation Program* whereby we will make arrangements for a group of senior citizens to go to their local courthouse, observe proceedings, and meet with a judge. Without question, the best way to learn about the Judicial Branch of government is to observe it first-hand. While television often dramatizes the courtroom, a visit, combined with an opportunity to discuss with a judge what has just occurred, will present a more accurate portrayal of the way a court operates.

For senior groups where mobility and the ability to travel to a courthouse is limited, the Judicial Branch would be pleased to send a judge to speak at senior centers about their experiences on the bench, as well as answer any questions that the group may have. This second opportunity is being offered through the Judicial Branch's Speakers Bureau.

I hope that these programs are of interest to you. If you would like to set up a courthouse visit or make arrangements for a judge to speak with seniors, please contact Jim Senich, Manager of Communications for the Judicial Branch, at (860) 757-2270 or via e-mail at External.Affairs@jud.ct.gov.

Very truly yours,

Chase T. Rogers, Chief Justice