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**LOCAL TEACHER ACCEPTED INTO  
PRESTIGIOUS SUPREME COURT SUMMER INSTITUTE**

**Date:** For immediate release  
**Where:** Georgetown University Law Center & U.S. Supreme Court  
**Event:** Street Law's Supreme Court Summer Institute for Teachers

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**Erin Lynnes**, a teacher at Altoona High School, traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the prestigious Supreme Court Summer Institute, June 20-25. After a highly competitive application process, 60 teachers were selected to participate this year. The Institute, open to teachers in the fields of law-related and civic education, is co-sponsored by Street Law, Inc. and the Supreme Court Historical Society.

The Institute offers teachers the opportunity to study recent Supreme Court cases in detail and learn innovative teaching methods for conveying this information to students. Well-known Supreme Court lawyers, reporters, scholars, and educators will be among the speakers and instructors for the Institute. Teachers will visit the Court to attend decisions and a reception. A recent evaluation of the Supreme Court Summer Institute found that, after the program, teachers who attended (1) felt much more confident discussing controversial issues and Supreme Court cases in their classrooms, (2) discussed Supreme Court cases and used interactive teaching strategies more frequently, and (3) gained critical knowledge about the U.S. Supreme Court.

Upon returning home, teachers will be available to present workshops on teaching about the U.S. Supreme Court, and to meet with media to discuss how the new skills and information will apply in their classrooms.

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