

DISTRICT 8 NEWS

February 2026 Update

District 8 held its meeting on February 19, 2026, bringing together members and those interested in becoming members to discuss initiatives and programming for the coming months. The energy and enthusiasm surrounding our upcoming activities—particularly our Color of Justice presentations—continue to reflect the strength and commitment of our District.

We were honored to have two members from Indiana join us: President-Elect Heather Welch and Micheline Ilongo. Their participation underscores the collaborative spirit within District 8. We look forward to reaching out to our Kentucky members as well to encourage their involvement in upcoming programs and events.

District 8 proudly presented a Color of Justice program to sixth through eighth graders at Orville T. Bright Elementary School in Chicago. The program emphasized the importance of making thoughtful decisions and understanding the consequences of one's actions.

One group of presenters engaged students in a lively mock trial examining the pros and cons of cell phone bans in schools. The interactive format sparked meaningful discussion and thoughtful participation. Overall, the presentation was engaging, impactful, and warmly received by both students and school staff.





We are also pleased to announce that District 8 will present the Color of Justice program at Muchin College Prep in downtown Chicago on March 6, 2026. Materials and details about the presentation were shared during the meeting to encourage broader participation and replication of the program throughout the District.

In addition to our continued outreach through Color of Justice, the District is exploring:

- A June presentation focused on Artificial Intelligence and its impact on the legal profession.
- A fall winery visit in Indiana to foster collegiality and connection among members.

We remain committed to strengthening our District by reaching out to current members, former members, and prospective members to increase engagement and participation.

Our next District 8 meeting will be held on **March 19, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. CST.**