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# Notes

1. For more information about the Fund for Modern Courts, including press releases and copies of court monitoring reports, go to the Fund's website: <http://www.moderncourts.org>. For information on another court monitoring organization, the Council for Court Excellence, in Washington, DC, see its website at <http://www.courtexcellence.org>
2. The first year the course was taught, the students monitored judges in Manhattan Supreme Court, Criminal Term, which is the trial court of general jurisdiction. In subsequent years, students have monitored New York City Criminal Court, a limited jurisdiction court in.
3. The professors modified their courses slightly to take advantage of the expertise of certain speakers. For example, they addressed court specialization in more detail before a talk by a judge who oversees a court for youthful offenders. Other judges were willing to speak on topics that are already part of the courses, such as judicial selection.
4. In its Annual Report for [2000](#), Modern Courts highlighted the program with John Jay College, calling it a "resounding success" (Fund for Modern Courts [2000](#):7).



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