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Discovering Justice Releases Virtual Tour of Moakley Courthouse

This month the civic education nonprofit Discovering Justice launched a new virtual tour exploring the John J. Moakley Courthouse. The tour uses Ellsworth Kelly's *Boston Panels*, large monochrome panels of 13 different colors that are on display throughout the Courthouse, to examine the democratic values symbolized through Moakley's architecture.

Discovering Justice interviewed a variety of individuals for the tour, seeking to represent those you might pass by if you came inside. Perspectives from a federal judge, probation officer, federal public defender, RISE program participant, and a journalist are featured, along with many others.

"The online tour not only captures the architectural beauty of the building, it examines how the people of the Courthouse face the real challenges of working to deliver justice to all people," said Matt Wilson, Executive Director of Discovering Justice.

The tour can be accessed through the [Discovering Justice website](#).

Leading tours of the Moakley Courthouse has been Discovering Justice's longest-running program, yet due to COVID-19 restrictions, tours have been on hold since March 2020.

"This is a building that tries to express lasting values that are embodied in the court system,

particularly the American democratic court system with all the tragedies and miscarriages that it has experienced over the years. It's meant to be a consistent source of inspiration to the ongoing aspiration 'let's do better,'" said Judge Douglas P. Woodlock, who was involved in the creation of the Moakley Courthouse from its conception, through its construction, and now in its operation.

For more information, contact Henry Schunk, Discovering Justice Tour Coordinator, at hschunk@discoveringjustice.org.

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