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**THE ENTIRE FIFTH GRADE OF** DeSoto Trail Elementary School in Tallahassee visited the Supreme Court as part of the [Justice Teaching](#) project, thanks to volunteer Kimberly Gracia-Jones. Justice Fred Lewis, with the assistance of Jones and staff attorney Michelle Ballard, engaged the students in an interactive discussion of the desired qualifications of a judge and how members of the judicial branch differ from members of the legislative branch. The students were then afforded the opportunity to serve as judges during a case study session as they considered an actual case which involved the legality under the Fourth Amendment of a "frisk" that was based upon an anonymous tip. The students extensively discussed legal arguments for both parties, then argued the merits of the case before the student judges. Alma Gonzalez, a co-volunteer at DeSoto Trail Elementary, assisted the student attorneys with formulating both legal arguments and responses to any questions posed by the student judges. Justice Lewis then discussed with the students the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the actual case.