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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AUTHORITY ON BILL OF RIGHTS TO SPEAK AT EIU

CHARLESTON, IL.--U.S. District Court Judge Allen Sharp, a nationally-known authority on the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, will speak at Eastern Illinois University on Tuesday, July 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Booth Library Lecture Room.

Sharp, chief judge for the northern Indiana district, will present an "Insider's View of the Federal Judiciary," touching upon the important, challenging and most difficult problems confronting the federal judiciary today.

He will also lead a workshop on the impact of the federal courts on society July 23-26. For registration information, call Eastern's Summer School Office at 581-2023.

Sharp's expertise includes a wealth of material on major and minor personalities in the Constitutional Convention, the federal courts and society after 200 years, the origins of the Bill of Rights, and what the Constitution will mean in the 21st Century.

He has been on the bench for nearly 20 years, counting time on the Indiana Court of Appeals, and has had a role in many significant cases touching all aspects of society.

He has presided over Indiana State Prison cases dealing with the constitutional rights of inmates and others which have resulted in population limits enforced today at the Michigan City prison.

A native of Brown County, Ind., Sharp received his Doctor of Law degree from Indiana University in 1957 and a master's degree in history from Butler University in 1986. He received an Honorary Doctor of Civil Laws degree from Indiana State University in 1979.

Following his lecture, a reception in his honor will be sponsored by the Office of Summer School and University Relations at Eastern in the 1895 Room in the University Union.