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Northwest Ordinance Day Program Monday, July 14, 2008, 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

July 13,* 2008 is the 221st anniversary of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. Leading American historians and statesmen consider the Northwest Ordinance to be among the most important state papers of the United States. The ordinance created a brilliant system of governing the vast area north and west of the Ohio River.

The Indiana Historical Bureau is marking the occasion with a proclamation from Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. and providing educational materials on its website, www.IN.gov/history.

Also, the Bureau is partnering with the Supreme Court Legal History Lecture Series in hosting the program, "221 Years of Unsettled Borders: Indiana and the Northwest Ordinance," to be held in the Indiana Supreme Court, Monday, July 14, 2008, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. This is a free CLE event with support from the [Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education](#).

Each year the Indiana Historical Bureau and the Supreme Court Legal History Lecture Series will focus on different legal issues related to Indiana's borders as established by the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. This year's program will concentrate on Indiana's southern border—the Ohio River. A specialist will examine and discuss the primary sources that demonstrate how the border was originally documented, and how the border does not change despite changes in the course of the river. With this information as a backdrop, the rest of the presentation will be related to commercial activities on the Indiana shoreline between Indiana and Kentucky including a dispute over discharges from the Marble Hill Nuclear Power Plant in Madison, Indiana, which resulted in a case that was decided by the United States Supreme Court. Donald Bogard will be the primary speaker. Mr. Bogard, formerly Chief Counsel for the Indiana Attorney General, was one of the lead lawyers on the case.

*July 13 is the actual anniversary date of the Northwest Ordinance, but the date falls on a Sunday. The program will be on Monday, July 14 to accommodate CLE students.