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Programming Presents:

**"From Racism and Harassment in a Chicago Classroom
to Winning Justice in a Chicago Courtroom:
An Eight-Year Legal Battle"**

Date: Friday, March 24th 2017

Time: 12:00-3:00pm*

Location: Lewis 241

***Book signing immediately following program courtesy of
Barnes & Noble Campus Bookstore.**

Author Joyce Hutchens will speak about her book, "How A Pro Se Won Justice: An Inside Look at An Educator's Stunning Civil Rights/Employment Victory In the US Court of Appeals For The Seventh Circuit," which is a memoir of her life experiences and an instructive legal case study.

A native Chicagoan and product of the Chicago Public Schools, Hutchens, a highly accomplished educator, holds Illinois teaching certifications in English Language Arts, journalism, business, marketing and management, and a National Board Certification, the nation's highest teaching credential, in English Language Arts. During her long tenure with CPS, Hutchens received numerous awards for her excellence in teaching. However, she was repeatedly subjected to workplace harassment and discrimination. Her challenges against CPS became an eight-year "David v. Goliath" legal battle.

Abandoned twice by her attorneys during the ensuing litigation, without money or legal training Hutchens wrote her own appellant briefs, engaged in an oral argument against a CPS attorney, and ultimately won a stunning unanimous decision, reversing the lower court's summary judgment ruling. In his written opinion, esteemed Judge Richard Posner of the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit praised Hutchens' appellant briefs, professional achievements and education.

