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Essex Vicinage 2013 Law Day Program Reaches Students at 55 Local Schools

The Essex Vicinage, in partnership with the Essex County Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, and the Essex County Sheriff's Office, will hold its annual Law Day celebration on Friday, May 10 in recognition of this year's theme, "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All."

"Each year, the Essex Vicinage Law Day program illustrates our strong commitment to connecting with the local community through outreach and public education programs. This year's theme provides us with an additional opportunity to share the rich civil rights history showcased throughout our court complex," said Assignment Judge Patricia K. Costello.

The celebration will begin with countywide mock trial events. A total of 40 Essex County judges from both the Superior Court and municipal courts will visit schools to lead the students through a fictional court case and to discuss the Law Day theme. Attorneys and sheriff's officers will accompany the judges.

At 12:30 p.m., an awards ceremony honoring the winners of the Law Day art and writing contests will take place on the second floor of the Essex County Historic Courthouse, 470 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Newark. Judge Costello will present the awards to the winning students. Essex County Bar Association President Thomas F. Quinn and bar members Donna Cameron, Amber Loughran, and Jennifer Talley, who recruited attorneys for the mock trial program, will join her.

This year's Essex Vicinage Law Day program will reach students at 55 local schools. Participants will receive a publication containing students' outstanding contest submissions and historical information and photographs of the Essex County Court Complex related to the Law Day theme.

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