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Essex Vicinage Law Day 2014 Celebration

Essex Vicinage, in partnership with the Essex County Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, will hold its annual Law Day celebration on Friday, May 2 in recognition of this year's theme, "American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters."

At 12:30 p.m., an awards ceremony honoring the winners of the Law Day art and writing contests will be held on the second floor of the Essex County Courthouse, 470 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., in Newark. Assignment Judge Patricia K. Costello will present the awards to the winning students. Essex County Bar Association President Kenneth A. Rosenberg and bar members Amber Loughran and Sarab Thapar will join her.

The program is the culmination of a multi-event schedule. "The Essex Vicinage Law Day 2014 celebration captures a unique opportunity to connect with a wide cross-section of the local community through innovative outreach and public education events. In keeping with this year's Law Day theme, the vicinage has worked with its partners to develop informative and timely programming about voting rights," said Judge Costello.

On April 9, students and teachers from seven Essex County high schools attended a voter education program in the Leroy F. Smith Jr. Public Safety Building in Newark. The program included a panel presentation by Essex County Clerk Christopher J. Durkin; attorney Rajiv D. Parikh; attorney Alexander Shalom; Essex Vicinage Civil Division Manager Debra Dadic; Thomas Puryear, president of the NAACP Oranges & Maplewood; and master poll worker Michelle Bobrow. Essex Vicinage Landlord / Tenant Hearing Officer Bruce Humphreys moderated the event, which also included a question-and-answer session and informational materials for attendees.

A similar program for attorneys, members of the public, Judiciary staff, and university and law students, was held on March 27. This CLE-qualifying event was held in the jury management area of the Veterans Courthouse in Newark.

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