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Former Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz to Lead Panel at Burlington Law Day Celebration

Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz, who headed New Jersey's judicial branch from 1996 to 2006, will lead a panel discussion on judicial independence on Thursday, May 1.

The panel is part of the Law Day celebration sponsored by the Burlington Vicinage and the Burlington County Bar Association.

The program will start at 9 a.m. in the historic Olde Courthouse, 120 High St., Mount Holly with Assignment Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder reading a proclamation to designate May 1 as Law Day.

Students from the Rancocas Valley Regional High School will sing, and the JROTC units from Pemberton Township High School will present the colors.

Following the proclamation, the bar association will conduct a panel discussion on the history of judicial independence of the courts in New Jersey. Joining Chief Justice Poritz will be Professor Robert Holmes of the Rutgers School of Law-Newark and Professor Robert Williams of the Rutgers School of Law-Camden. Bar member Kevin Walker will facilitate the program. Attorneys who attend will be eligible to earn 1.5 continuing legal education credits.

The event is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. Refreshments will be served.

Law Day is a day dedicated to promote public understanding of the rule of law, due process and the important role the court has in ensuring access to justice. Law Day was established in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to celebrate our nation's great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law.

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