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Mercer Vicinage Celebrates Law Day 2015

The Mercer Vicinage, in partnership with the Mercer County Bar Association, will celebrate Law Day with a series of events for youth.

This year's theme, "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law," celebrates the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta and serves to remind students that the document has had a profound effect on the rights and freedoms Americans enjoy today, including the right to a jury trial.

Mercer County eighth graders will learn about the Magna Carta and participate in a mock trial on Friday, May 1 at the Criminal Courthouse. Judge Pedro Jimenez will preside over the trial, in which students will serve as plaintiff, defendant, witnesses and jurors. Lawyers from the bar association also will participate.

On Thursday, June 4, teams composed of judges, law clerks, assistant prosecutors and attorneys from the bar association will visit Mercer County middle schools to conduct presentations about the Magna Carta and its influence on society. The vicinage also will acknowledge the winner of the 2015 mock trial competition, the Lawrenceville School.

Elementary school students will participate in an art contest. First, second and third place winners will receive a U.S. Treasury savings bond. The work of all participants will be displayed at the Mercer County Criminal Courthouse. First graders have been asked to draw symbols of freedom to impress upon them the importance of the U.S. Constitution.

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