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## **Law Day Celebration to Be Held at R. J. Hughes Justice Complex**

The Judiciary will celebrate Law Day in May with a number of events at the R. J. Hughes Justice Complex in Trenton and in courthouses around the state.

Videotaped remarks by Chief Justice Stuart Rabner marking the occasion can be viewed beginning Thursday, April 30 at [njcourts.com](http://njcourts.com).

In his remarks, Chief Justice Rabner discusses the 2015 Law Day theme, “Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law.” The theme was chosen to highlight the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta, a document that laid the foundation for freedom and inspired many basic rights that Americans hold dear today, including due process, trial by jury and the right to travel.

“The Magna Carta embodies a simple truth -- that no one, no matter how powerful, is above the law. Not the king, the president, or a wealthy political figure or leader. For those reasons, the document has been cited as a shining light of hope throughout history,” the chief justice said.

A Law Day celebration will be held at the Justice Complex on Friday, May 1. The event will be co-hosted by the Judiciary, the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Office of the Public Defender.

Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts, will officiate at a naturalization ceremony for 51 new citizens at 10 a.m. in the lobby of the Justice Complex.

At 11 a.m., Deborah Edwards, assistant attorney general and counsel to Acting Attorney General John Hoffman, will present awards to the winners of the New Jersey Bar Association’s YouTube video contest for middle and high school students.

Reporters and photographers who want to attend the naturalization ceremony or the awards ceremony should call the Judiciary press office at 609-292-9580 to make arrangements.

Vicinages around the state have scheduled Law Day events throughout May. The list of statewide Law Day activities can be found at [njcourts.com](http://njcourts.com).

Residents from the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) will attend the naturalization ceremony and awards contest. New Jersey law protects the confidentiality of juveniles placed with the JJC (N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60). Reporters and photographers may not photograph or interview JJC participants.

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