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Judiciary to Celebrate Law Day with Events at Courthouses Around the State

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

This year, Law Day honors the 50th Anniversary of Miranda v. Arizona, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case which led to the reading of Miranda rights by law enforcement prior to the interrogation of a suspect in custody. Recorded remarks by Chief Justice Stuart Rabner marking the occasion can be viewed at njcourts.com.

"Miranda rights are an acknowledgement that the Constitution guarantees certain protections to all of us, and that law enforcement officers have an obligation to honor those protections and inform us of our rights. It's important to remember those values on Law Day, a day set aside across the nation to talk about the rule of law and how it applies equally to all," the chief justice said.

The Justice Complex Law Day event, co-hosted by the Judiciary and the Department of Law and Public Safety, will be held Friday, April 29. The festivities will include a naturalization ceremony for approximately 50 new citizens and an awards ceremony for grade school students from Atlantic City whose photography will be on display.

Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts, will officiate the naturalization ceremony at 10 a.m. in the Justice Complex lobby. Acting Attorney General Robert Lougy will host the awards ceremony in the lobby at noon. Reporters and photographers who want to attend either event should call the Judiciary press office at 609-292-9580.

Law Day is a national event established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958 as "a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law." A schedule of Law Day activities from vicinages around the state can be viewed at njcourts.com.

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