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Camden Vicinage Celebrates Law Day 2017

The Camden Vicinage will hold its annual Law Day celebration on Monday, May 1 at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 53 of the Hall of Justice, 101 S. 5th St., Camden.

The national theme for this year’s Law Day event is “The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy.” Students from the Charles W. Lewis Middle School and Lawnside Public School will take part in the program, which will explore how the 14th Amendment reshaped American law and society.

“We are happy to host this event in honor of Law Day. It is a great opportunity to reflect on the rights we are all privileged to share as Americans,” said Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz.

Family Court Judge Morris G. Smith will provide opening and closing remarks and Trial Court Administrator Carole A. Cummings also will speak. Students also will have the opportunity to participate in a group discussion on the day’s topic, moderated by Judge Smith, followed by a tour of the courthouse and the juvenile holding cells.

The program, sponsored by the vicinage in partnership with the Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey and the Camden County Bar Association, is made possible with funding from the New Jersey State Bar Association and the IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey.

The 14th Amendment - through its citizenship, due process and equal protection clauses - served as the cornerstone for landmark civil rights legislation and the foundation for numerous federal court decisions protecting the fundamental rights of Americans. 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.”

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