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Hudson Vicinage to Hold Law Day Ceremony

Hudson Vicinage will hold its annual Law Day ceremony on Monday, May 1, at noon in the rotunda of the Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Courthouse, 583 Newark Ave., Jersey City.

Retired New Jersey Supreme Court Justice John E. Wallace Jr. will give the keynote address, focusing on this year's theme, "The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy."

This year's event is hosted by the vicinage in partnership with the New Jersey State Bar Association and Foundation and the Hudson County Bar Association and Foundation.

Awards will be presented for Hudson County students in grades six through 12 who competed in art, photography, essay, poetry, and rap contests related to this year's Law Day theme. The winners of the Hudson County High School Mock Trial competition and the Mini Mock Trial competition for fourth graders also will attend the ceremony.

"The Law Day Ceremony in Hudson Vicinage takes on a special mystique in the Historic Brennan Courthouse Rotunda. The increase in student participation throughout Hudson County is not only encouraging but quite remarkable," said Assignment Judge Peter F. Bariso Jr.

The ceremony will also feature the presentation of the Liberty Bell Award to attorney Jack Jay Wind. The Liberty Bell Award honors an individual or organization whose service has promoted a better understanding of the law, strengthened the American system of justice, or stimulated a sense of civic responsibility within members of the community.

The program is part of the vicinage's ongoing community outreach efforts and its commitment to Law Day, which President Dwight D. Eisenhower established in 1958 as "a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law."

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