

# SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY MERCER VICINAGE

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## **Mercer Vicinage Celebrates Law Day 2017**

Mercer Vicinage, in partnership with the Mercer County Bar Association, and funded by a grant from the New Jersey State Bar Association, has coordinated its annual Law Day celebration with a series of events for youth.

This year's Law Day theme is "The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy."

On Friday, May 5 at 9:15 a.m., Assignment Judge Mary C. Jacobson and Presiding Civil Division Judge Douglas Hurd will each preside over a mock trial at the Mercer County Criminal Courthouse in Trenton. Eighth-grade students from Trenton Catholic Academy and Our Lady of Sorrows will serve as the plaintiff, witnesses and jurors. To demonstrate the application of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, two practicing attorneys each will present a case involving a female high school student who wants to play on the football team.

The vicinage also will recognize the Nottingham High School Varsity Debate Team, winner of the 2017 Colonial Valley Conference Debate League Competition.

Three teams composed of Judges Sarah Crowley Anthony M. Massi, Jr. and Kay Walcott-Henderson and their law clerks, an assistant prosecutor and defense attorneys, will visit Mercer County middle schools on May 5 to conduct presentations highlighting the importance of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day in 1958 as "a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law."

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