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Hudson Vicinage to Hold Law Day Ceremony

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

Gail Marquis, a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic women's basketball team, will give the keynote address, focusing on this year's theme, "Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom."

Awards will be presented to Hudson County students in grades six through 12 who competed in art, essay and poem 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.

"Our Law Day celebration is certainly one of the highlights of the court year," said Assignment Judge Peter F. Bariso Jr. "In one of the most beautiful buildings in our area, we're really looking forward to achieving a deeper understanding of a fundamental component of our system of government, and also to celebrate the accomplishments of our students who are the future of our democracy."

Marquis was a member of the 1976 women's basketball team that won a silver medal at the Olympic summer games in Montreal. After a career in the financial industry, she was a broadcaster for the American Basketball League and the National Basketball Association. She is the director of community outreach at New Jersey City University in Jersey City.

The ceremony also will feature the presentation of the Liberty Bell Award to attorney Ralph J. Lamparello. 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 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.

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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