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## Monmouth Vicinage Celebrates Law Day

The Monmouth Vicinage, in partnership with the Monmouth Bar Association, will hold its annual Law Day ceremony on Wednesday, May 1.

This year, Law Day examines the national theme “Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society,” as established by the American Bar Association.

The ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. in the historic General Equity Courtroom on the second floor of the Hall of Records, Main and Court streets, Freehold Borough.

Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton will preside over the ceremony and attorney Thomas J. Cafferty of Gibbons P.C., noted First Amendment attorney, will give the keynote address.

Bar Association President Brian Ansell will present the organization’s Abraham J. Zager Professionalism Award to attorney Gregory Baxter. The Daniel J. O’Hern Mock Trial Award will be presented to Colts Neck High School, state champions of the Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition, for winning this year’s Monmouth County High School Mock Trial Competition.

Judge Thornton will present plaques and prizes to the student winners of the vicinage’s Law Day 2019 Essay and Art Contest. This year’s Law Day contests and activities are co-sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation and made possible with funding from the IOLTA Fund of the Bar of New Jersey.

The winners of the art contest are as follows:

**Grades K -2:** 1st place: Kylie Philippi, Taylor Mills School (Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District); 2nd place: Jocelyn Aragon Penaloza,

Freehold Learning Center (Freehold Borough School District); 3rd place: Yara Cervantes, Freehold Learning Center (Freehold Borough School District).

**Grades 3-5:** 1st place: Michael Manekas, Ramtown School (Howell School District); 2nd place: Mischa Jain, Indian Hill School (Holmdel School District); 3rd place: Carol Abdelmalek, Ramtown School (Howell School District).

The winners of the essay contest are as follows:

**Grades 6-8:** 1st place: Jane Cooper, Woodrow Wilson School (Neptune City School District); 2nd place: Lauren Nagy, Howell Middle School – South (Howell School District); 3rd place: Gandy Marin, Long Branch Middle School (Long Branch School District).

**Grades 9-12:** 1st place: Ty Blitstein, Colts Neck High School (Freehold Regional High School District); 2nd place: Claire Cush, Red Bank Catholic High School (Diocese of Trenton); 3rd place: Michael Liddy, Red Bank Catholic High School (Diocese of Trenton).

Reservations are encouraged but are not required. Contact Rebekah Heilman at 732-677-4209 for seating.

The Monmouth Vicinage will continue its celebration of Law Day on Thursday, June 6 with a symposium on free speech for middle and high school students.

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