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### **Burlington Vicinage to Hold Law Day Celebration**

The Burlington Vicinage, in partnership with the Burlington County Bar Association, will celebrate Law Day with a series of events.

On Friday, May 1 at 9:30 a.m., the vicinage will collaborate with Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (MDL) for the Juror for a Day program. Fifth grade students from the North Hanover Upper Elementary School will participate in a mock trial presented at the base. Assignment Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder will preside over *State v. The Cat in the Hat*. Jury staff will review the jury orientation process, and students will participate in the trial and render a verdict.

On Tuesday, May 5, the vicinage and bar association will hold their Law Day program, which will begin at 9 a.m. in the historic Olde Courthouse, 120 High St., Mount Holly. Judge Bookbinder will read a proclamation designating May 1 as Law Day.

Students from Rancocas Valley Regional High School in Mount Holly will sing under the direction of choir director Grant Mech, and the JROTC unit from Pemberton Township High School will present the colors.

The bar association will conduct a panel discussion, "From the Magna Carta to Mount Laurel," which will focus on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New Jersey Supreme Court's decision in the Southern Burlington County NAACP v. Township of Mount Laurel affordable housing case. Bar member Kevin Walker will moderate the program, during which attorneys Peter J. O'Connor, Carl S. Bisgaier, and Kenneth E. Meiser will discuss their strategy and share exhibits and anecdotes.

Media interested in covering the May 1 Law Day event should RSVP to the Joint Base MDL Public Affairs Office at 609-754-2104 by Thursday, April 30.

The May 5 program is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. Refreshments will be served.

Established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958, Law Day was designated as "a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law." This year's Law Day theme is "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law."

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