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**Essex Vicinage Hosts Law Day**

The Essex Vicinage, in partnership with the Essex County Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, and the Essex County Sheriff's Office, will hold its annual Law Day celebration on Friday, May 5 in recognition of this year's theme, "The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy."

The celebration will begin with countywide mock trial events. A total of 32 Essex County superior and municipal court judges will visit local schools and lead the students through a fictional court case and to discuss the Law Day theme. Attorneys and sheriff's officers will accompany the judges.

At 2:30 p.m., an awards ceremony honoring the winners of the Law Day art, writing and video contests will take place on the rotunda of the Essex County Historic Courthouse, 470 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Newark. Assignment Judge Sallyanne Floria will present the awards to the winning students. Bar Association President-Elect Francine M. Aster will provide closing remarks.

This year's Law Day program will reach students at 44 schools. Participants will receive a publication containing students' outstanding contest submissions and historical information and photographs of the Essex County Court Complex.

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