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Monmouth Vicinage to Host Law Day Symposium

As a continuation of its Law Day observance, the Monmouth Vicinage will hold a symposium on the First Amendment on Thursday, June 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Monmouth County Courthouse, 71 Monument Park, Freehold.

Judges, attorneys and Judiciary staff will speak to approximately 250 middle school and high school students on topics related to freedom of speech. Presentations will include “Freedom of Speech and Press Throughout History,” which will provide an overview of landmark cases from the U.S. Supreme Court; “Shouting Fire: When Words Become Crimes,” which will describe examples of speech that can result in criminal prosecution; and “The High Price of Free Speech: Civil Liability for Loose Talk,” which will discuss personal injury matters related to free speech.

Speakers for the program include Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton; attorneys Keith Miller, Corinne Trainor and Steven Shur; First Assistant Deputy Public Defender Patrice Bearden; and Assistant Prosecutor Monica Do Outeiro.

Superior Court Judge Mara Zazzali-Hogan, Monmouth Bar Association President Joseph M. Casello, and interim Executive County Schools Superintendent Lester Richens will give additional remarks.

The symposium is sponsored by the IOLTA Fund of the New Jersey Bar Foundation. It is co-sponsored and organized by the Monmouth Bar Association and the Monmouth Vicinage.

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