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Section Spotlight

Law Day on May 1, 2012

The Law Day 2012 theme “No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom,” which underscores the importance for courts to be operable and appropriately funded, has been a catalyst for many organizations around the nation to take action in support of the cause and educate youth about court systems and their role in our constitutional democracy. See what events are happening in your area.

Featured Articles

Leon Jaworski Public Program

The annual ABA Leon Jaworski Public Program on May 1, 2012 will focus on courts and their role in a constitutional democracy. Register and join the discussion.

SCOTUS Looks at Immigration

The U.S. Supreme Court's April docket includes a political hot potato – the constitutionality of an Arizona law designed to crack down on illegal immigration.

NCLA 2012 Recap

For twenty-two high school students from around the country, March 18-22, 2012 in Washington, DC was a trip that will not soon be forgotten.

BPI Public Interest Awards

Congratulations to the BPI 2012 award winners Mikva Challenge and Change Illinois! The awards were given at the annual dinner on April 16, 2012.

In the News

Service Members Civil Relief Act on Homefront

April is Financial Education Month. There are laws to assist service members and military spouses with the complexities of balancing finances and their tour duties. Check out the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) at ABA HomeFront.

Organization of American Historians and National Council on Public History

The ABA Division for Public Education discussed Federal Court Records in Milwaukee on April 20, 2012.

All 50 States Represented for First Time During 2012 ABA Day in Washington

In an historic first, the American Bar Association welcomed participation from all 50 states on April 19, 2012 in the annual effort to connect policymakers with their constituents in the legal profession.

ABA's Fund for Justice and Education Launches Facebook Campaign

The FJE recently launched a Facebook sweepstakes that runs through May 15, 2012. You have a chance to win great prizes and help support a good cause.

Educational Resources

- Global Youth Justice
- Insights: Role of Courts in Our Constitutional Democracy
- ABA Division for Public Education
- State Court Accessibility Resources
- American Bar Association

A Glimpse Ahead

Civility and Free Expression in a Constitutional Democracy – A National Dialogue

Civility and Free Expression in a Constitutional Democracy – A National Dialogue will explore the balance between norms of civility and the laws of free expression within our society and system of government. April 16-17, 2012 a civility planning meeting took place with partner organizations that are helping to institute thirteen public programs in nine states across the country between September 2012 and June 2013.

Be apart of the dialogue or even host your own public program on civility. Check

out the available resources at www.ambar.org/civility.

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