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# LAW MATTERS



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News source for the civics and law-related education community

## SECTION SPOTLIGHT

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### Constitutional Equality for Women in the United States

The Law Day 2013 theme is “Realizing the Dream: Equality for All.”

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the initial 1923 proposal of an equal rights amendment to the U.S. Constitution and its introduction in the U.S. Congress. On the evening of Law Day, May 1, the Leon Jaworski Public Program will be held at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. This year’s program, *Constitutional Equality for Women in the United States*, will explore whether constitutional equality has been realized in the U.S.; how equality under law or guarantees of equal protection promote substantive equality; what the consequences would be of an Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; as well as the key constitutional principles, issues, and cases related to gender equality. [Get more information about the program.](#)

### [Register to be a part of the conversation.](#)

There are a number of Law Day events taking place around the nation to promote the rule of law and the importance of realizing the dream of equality for all people. [Share your event details](#) to be highlighted on the [www.lawday.org](http://www.lawday.org) website.

## FEATURED ARTICLES

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### U.S. Supreme Court Justices Limit Police Power in Drunken Driver Stops

On Wednesday, April 17, 2013 the U.S. Supreme Court voted 8-1 in favor of limiting the ability of police to take involuntary blood samples from suspected drunken drivers without a search warrant. [Stay informed on all of the cases before the Court.](#) [More](#)

### Civility in the Streets Webinar Now Available ? Reaction, Responses. and Resistance to Public Speech

## PROFILING EXCELLENCE



**Karen Korematsu,  
Fred T. Korematsu  
Institute for Civil  
Rights and  
Education**

The daughter of Fred and Kathryn Korematsu, Karen Korematsu is the co-founder of the Fred T. Korematsu Institute

for Civil Rights and Education, along with the Asian Law Caucus. [More](#)

## EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

[Law Day 2013 products to make your event unique](#)

[Pump Up the Volume: Engaging Students through Music](#)

[Victoria Goes to Court ? Explaining the legal system to young children and how attorneys can help fight injustice. Preview the book](#)

[LYC 37th Annual Civics and Law-Related Ed Conference “ Our Living Constitutions: Connections for Citizenship & Civics.”](#)

On April 9, 2013 the ABA Division for Public Education and *Insights on Law & Society* magazine hosted a free webinar on the legal distinctions between different types of offensive speech and how courts and citizens have responded. View this provocative webinar. [More](#)

### **Created Equal: American's Civil Rights Struggle NEH Grant**

The National Endowment for the Humanities, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, announces a project using four films that connect stories of the Civil Rights Movement to spark public conversations about the changing meanings of freedom and equality in U.S. history. Applications are open for film sets and grants to develop public programming in your community. [More](#)

### **Student Debt May Hurt Economy as Record Levels Dampen Other Loans**

In a new study this month, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York warns that the burden of student debt on young workers may inhibit consumption and future borrowing, potentially imperiling economic recovery for years to come. [More](#)

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## **PROJECTS ON THE MOVE**

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### **Global Youth Service Day**

Young people in over 100 countries around the world have worked together to improve their communities every year on Global Youth Service Day. Established in 1988, it's one of the only national days of service dedicated to youth. Join a project and support Global Youth Service Day, April 27, 2013. [More](#)

### **Techniques of Persuasion for Trial Lawyers and Mock Trial Coaches**

Winning advocacy in the courtroom and in life is a combination of what you say, and how you say it. Two trial advocacy instructors have come up with five suggestions to help polish your persuasive skills for mock trial. [More](#)

### **U.S. Mint Baseball Coin Design Challenge April 11-May 23, 2013**

For the first time, the U.S. Mint is inviting youths to show off their creative talent by designing a coin. The theme is "What's Great About Baseball." The public will vote on 15 winners that will get prizes from the Mint. [More](#)

### **Law Day on May 1, 2013 Celebrates Equality for All People**

Next week the nation will mark Law Day, which provides an opportunity for reflection on the struggle for civil rights in America and the impact that it has had on equality under the law. Let us consider the work that remains to be done in rectifying injustice and eliminating discrimination. The website offers a host of resources to help plan and teach your Law Day program. [More](#)

[Drafting Board ? teaching argumentative writing](#)

[Communicate better with your legal clients](#)

[Looking at the Law ? How to read a Supreme Court opinion](#)

[Exploring Humanitarian Law ? A NEW guide and curriculum for teachers](#)

## **AWARDS**

### **Isidore Starr Award for Excellence in Law-Related Education**

Nominate an individual who demonstrates exceptional work in the law-related education field. [Submission deadline is May 31, 2013.](#)

### **Law Day 2013 Outstanding Activity Awards**

As people nationwide prepare for Law Day 2013 events on and around May 1, don't forget to take pictures and collect materials for inclusion in your award submission. [Entry deadline is June 21, 2013.](#)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Citizenship in the Global Era 2013 National Law-Related Education Conference**

October 3-5, 2013

Atlanta, GA

Want to host a session? [Submit a conference proposal. Deadline is June 3, 2013.](#)

*Stay tuned for more information, including early bird registration!*

## **SHARE YOUR PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Let us know about [your organization's events, programs and initiatives](#) as they relate to law-related education and civic learning.

## **CONTACT US**

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