

Law Day Press Release

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“Federal Courthouse Opens Doors in Celebration of Law Day”

Oxford, Mississippi. April 12, 2017. On May 5, 2017, the Northern District of Mississippi will open the doors of the federal courthouse in Oxford, Mississippi, for a public reception in celebration of Law Day. Elected officials, members of the Bar, and the public are invited to come tour the courtroom, learn about the federal judicial process, and view artwork submitted by local students. The reception is scheduled to begin at 3:00 pm.

Law Day is a national civics initiative to make federal courts more open and accessible to the public. This year’s Law Day theme is “The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy.” The Fourteenth Amendment, ratified nearly 150 years ago, guarantees the rights of due process and equality under the law. Through this amendment, most of the protections in the Bill of Rights became enforceable against the states for the first time. It also defined citizenship and barred states from denying any citizen the privileges and immunities of citizenship. This year’s Law Day theme provides an opportunity to explore how the Fourteenth Amendment has transformed American law and society and furthered the cause of assuring liberty and justice for all.

This year, the Northern District of Mississippi is sponsoring an art contest open to all students within the 37 counties comprising the Northern District, as well as an essay contest for high school students. Court attorneys have also been giving presentations and leading Law Day activities on the Fourteenth Amendment and federal courts to schools throughout the District. Other additional Law Day activities are planned throughout the month of May in the public schools of the Northern District.

For more information, or to get your school district involved, please visit our website at www.msnd.uscourts.gov; email lawday@msnd.uscourts.gov, or call the judges’ chambers at (662)-369-2628.

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