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DATE: January 25, 2011
TO: All Chairpersons and Teachers of the Social Studies Department
RE: Law Day 2011 - "The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo"

John Adams' role in the 1770 Boston Massacre trials is regarded as a noteworthy example of the defense of commitment to the rule of law and defense of the rights of the accused, even in cases when advocates represent unpopular clients and become involved in matters that generate public controversy. The 2011 Law Day theme provides the Court with an opportunity to access and celebrate the legacy of John Adams by exploring the historical and contemporary role of lawyers in defending the rights of the accused.

In recognition of Law Day, the United States District Court, Central District of California is again offering programs to high schools located within the counties of the District. The programs will be held at the U.S. Courthouse, 312 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles. Although Law Day is nationally recognized on May 1st, the Court will be providing sessions Tuesday through Friday, April 26 - April 29, 2011. The highlight of the event is a mock trial followed by speakers from various related federal agencies. (As the date approaches, each participating teacher will be e-mailed details of the program. The mock trial script will be mailed in early April so that the students can thoroughly review the script before the visit.)

By this letter, I extend an invitation to you and your high school students to attend one of the sessions offered. If you and your students are interested, please complete and return the enclosed registration form as soon as you can as the time slots fill quickly.

The court has obtained limited funding to provide for transportation to and from the courthouse and for substitute teachers. If you want to apply for transportation and/or substitute teacher funding, please so indicate on the registration form. Program and fund numbers will be provided to you at a later date. **Please be aware that due to the overwhelming response to this program, each school will be limited to one courtroom (maximum of 90 students) so you should get together with other teachers from your school and coordinate your visit.** (For those of you who have not participated before, the program is not effective with a class size of less than 40 students.) Should a courtroom become available and if you so indicate on the registration form, you will be contacted (in the order of responses received) and be invited to bring additional students. Regardless, you are not limited to the number of needed buses and you are not limited to

the number of needed substitute teachers.

Last year, there was a waiting list of students that were unable to attend the program. It is anticipated that courtroom space again will be utilized to capacity and so that as many schools that want to attend can attend, it will be necessary for us to confirm your date several times before your scheduled visit so please be prepared to receive several e-mails confirming your attendance. *No reservation and/or request for substitute teacher funding and/or transportation reimbursement will be accepted without the name, home address, home telephone number, and working e-mail address of the "lead" teacher attending the program. This information must be provided on the registration form even if you have attended the program in the past.*

If you have any questions, please contact me at 213-894-8249.

We look forward to your visit.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE FEDERAL COURT 2011 LAW DAY PROGRAM

Teacher's Name _____

The following information must be fully completed or no reservation will be accepted:

Home Address (will be used only for mailing related written materials and notices of future court outreach events)

Street Address _____

City and Zip Code _____

Home Telephone Number (will only be used for contacting re last minute scheduling changes, etc.)

E-mail Address (will be used only for contacting re confirming reservation)

School Name _____

Date and time for the program and the number of people attending - please check the date you prefer and indicate the approximate number of people that will be attending. It is suggested that more than one date be selected. Indicate on the line before the box your preferred order.

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| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tuesday, April 26, 2011 /9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | _____ | PEOPLE ATTENDING |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wednesday, April 27, 2011 /9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | _____ | PEOPLE ATTENDING |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | Thursday, April 28, 2011 /9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | _____ | PEOPLE ATTENDING |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | Friday, April 29, 2011 /9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | _____ | PEOPLE ATTENDING |

Check as many boxes as is applicable.

- I am requesting transportation for _____ people.
- I am requesting substitute teacher funding for myself.
- I am requesting substitute teacher funding for the following teacher who is accompanying me. The teacher's name is _____.
- I am not a teacher in LAUSD. My school district is _____.
- Please contact me should an additional courtroom be available.

Please fax this form to Lydia A. Yurtchuk at **213-894-2059**.

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TO: All Law Day 2011 Participating Teachers
FROM: Lydia A. Yurtchuk, Coordinator
DATE: April 13, 2011
RE: Law Day 2011: "The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo"

Thank you for participating in the Law Day 2011 program hosted by the United States District Court, Central District of California.

Confirmations. Later this week, you will receive the final e-mail confirmation of your attendance. Please contact me if you know that the number of students that will attend the program is far less than the number you originally submitted so that I can cancel the additional bus if ordered. (Each bus holds 50 people.) If you are unable to attend, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can cancel the bus(s).

Mock trial script and program. You should have received the mock trial script. If you have not, please contact me as soon as possible. The program will consist of a mock trial followed by a discussion lead by the host judge. The program will continue with speakers from the offices of the United States Attorney, the Federal Public Defender, Pretrial Services, Probation Department, and U.S. Marshal Services. The program will end by 12:00 p.m.

Transportation. For those schools in LAUSD, you will be receiving your bus confirmation numbers via e-mail at the end of this week. For those schools not in LAUSD, after your visit, please mail or fax me an invoice for the cost of your bus transportation. For all schools, the Court will pay for any additional "bus time" should you want to extend your visit and have lunch at Olvera Street or the food court (both within walking distance of the courthouse). For those schools in LAUSD, please directly make arrangements for the pick up time with your bus driver the day of your visit; otherwise, the drivers have been notified that the pick up time is 12:00 p.m.

Court security. Be aware that the courthouse is a security building. Therefore, everyone in your group will have to pass through a metal detector and everyone's hand held belongings will be screened by a magnetometer as you would at an airport. Please advise your students not to bring or wear anything made of metal that may be used as a weapon or set off the

metal detector. For security reasons, you, all of your students, and accompanying teachers must enter the building as a group as you all must be escorted to the assigned courtroom as a group. Please do not visit the adjacent food court upon arrival - you will delay the rest of your group from entering the building.

Cameras in the courthouse and courtroom. No one is permitted to bring cameras into the courthouse and courtrooms. There will be a professional photographer who will be taking pictures throughout the event. In the past, some of you have brought cameras into the courtroom and received permission to take pictures. This year, court security officers have been told to strictly enforce the court's policy of no cameras, other than the court photographer's camera, in the courthouse and in the courtroom. Furthermore, be aware that some judges that are participating this year do not allow anyone to take pictures in their courtroom, including the court photographer. Should you decide to violate the court's policy and take pictures, you do so at your own risk and may jeopardize your attendance at next year's Law Day.

Cell phones and pagers. All cell phones, cell phones with cameras, and pagers must be put in the "off" setting.

Dress code and court decorum. We request that you and your students maintain the decorum of the court. *Please inform all of your students that shorts, tank tops, tee shirts with any writing on them, beach sandals, capri pants, and tops or low cut pants that reveal a bare midriff or mid-section are not appropriate attire.* Sunglasses, hats, and caps must be removed while in the courtroom. Please inform the students that are playing the roles of judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, CSO (court security officer), court clerk, defendant and witnesses that their courthouse counterparts will be dressed in shirts and ties or suits (men) and dresses, dress suits or pantsuits (women). The same dress code should be followed by the students who have speaking roles. The remainder of the students should dress appropriate to the court decorum policy. There is no gum chewing, food or drink permitted in the courthouse or courtroom.

Failure to comply with the above advisories will delay your entrance into the building and may result in some items being temporarily confiscated by the court security officers.

On behalf of the Law Day 2011 Committee, we are prepared for you and your students and hope that you all learn about the federal court system and enjoy your visit.