

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: January 28, 2011
To: All District and Magistrate Judges of the Western Division
From: Terry Nafisi, District Court Executive
Re: Law Day 2011

For the eleventh consecutive year, in observance of Law Day, the court is again offering a program to high school students within Los Angeles county and surrounding areas. Although Law Day is officially recognized on May 1, the court is providing its program on Tuesday through Friday, April 26 - April 29, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The national theme for Law Day 2011 is "The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo." Students will be participating in a mock trial to be followed by speakers from related federal agencies. Teachers will be given a copy of the mock trial script ahead of their visit so that their students can prepare before the visit. "Talking points" developed by the American Bar Association, Division for Public Education, will be provided to you, as host judge, to use in preparation for your presentation to the students.

The court has funding to provide for student transportation to and from the courthouse and for substitute teachers. Given this financial opportunity, it is anticipated that all 16 time slots for the program will be filled within a few weeks . (Last year, it was necessary to limit each school to one visit so that all responding schools could be accommodated. There was still a waiting list of 3 high schools.) Over 900 students and teachers attended last year, assisted by 84 court and federal agency employees, and a higher attendance is anticipated in April.

If you are willing to assist in this community outreach activity, please complete the attached form and fax it to Lydia A. Yurtchuk, Staff Attorney, Legal Services Unit at 213-894-2059 at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your continuing support of this event.

TO: Lydia A. Yurtchuk (Fax: 213-894-2059)

FROM: Judge _____

RE: Law Day 2011 Participation

I am willing to assist on the following dates:

- Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 28, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 29, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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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.

_____ Tuesday, April 26, 2011 /9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. _____ PEOPLE ATTENDING

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_____ Thursday, April 28, 2011 /9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. _____ PEOPLE ATTENDING

_____ 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**.