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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.