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Chief Justice Commemorates Law Day May 1

Will meet with students, teachers in Supreme Court courtroom

SAN FRANCISCO—Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye will gather with students, teachers, and bar leaders to commemorate [Law Day](#) on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, from noon to 1 p.m. at the California Supreme Court, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco. As part of the Chief Justice's initiative on civic learning and engagement, "[Your Constitution: The Power of Democracy](#)," this year's Law Day event also involves students from middle school through law school.

During the program, the Chief Justice will present an Award for Exemplary Service and Leadership to the state's law academies. These high school programs engage students in small learning communities that center on the law as both an academic focus and a potential future career. Law academies typically involve a committed team of teachers and mentors from the legal community.

The national theme for Law Day 2013 is "Realizing the Dream," celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln. President Dwight Eisenhower established the first Law Day in 1958 to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law.

Because space is limited, media wishing to attend the event should confirm attendance at the phone number listed above.

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