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19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAW DAY 2019: "FREE SPEECH, FREE PRESS, FREE SOCIETY"

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th U.S. President, established Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law. In 1961 by a joint Congressional resolution, May 1st was designated as the official date for celebrating Law Day in the United States.

On behalf of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Lake County, Chief Judge Jay W. Ukena is pleased to announce the activities planned for Law Day 2019. This year's theme is "Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society." In the United States and around the world, freedom of speech and the press are among the most important foundations for a free society. Free speech and free press are prominent topics in public in the everyday world. Historical and current debates surrounding free speech and free press continually challenge us to consider their boundaries and resilience. What is the role of government in regulating or protesting the press? Should speech or the press be constrained through laws or norms? The Law Day theme for 2019 focuses on these cornerstones of representative government and calls on us to understand and protect these rights.

Law Day at the Lake County Courthouse will be observed on Friday, May 3, 2019. Approximately 300 Lake County high school students will attend a series of law-related educational presentations by the judges of Lake County, the State's Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, the Sheriff's Department, and the Coroner's Office.

The program will include sessions on social media safety, sentencing, custodial interrogation, a CSI Task Force presentation, and a tour of the coroner's facility. At 12:30 p.m., an awards ceremony will be held in the Jury Assembly Room. Chief Judge Jay Ukena, together with several other Lake County Judges, will greet and welcome all Law Day contest winners. First, second, and third place winners in grades kindergarten through eighth grades will be recognized for their winning entries of the various Law Day contests – coloring, poster and essay. The winning entries will be posted on the court's website and all students will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with the judges. In addition, the students will receive Certificates of Appreciation and gift cards.

For information on how to participate in Law Day 2019, please visit the [19th Judicial Circuit's website](#).

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