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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS FOR STUDENTS OF LAKE COUNTY

The Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit are proud to announce the following events which will take place in 2025:

High School Mock Trial: In February, the 19th Judicial Circuit will host teams from Lake County, as well as the Chicagoland area, to participate in the High School Mock Trial Invitational. The invitational is governed by the rules and procedures of the Illinois State Bar Association. This program receives sponsorship from the Lake County Law-Related Education Initiative (LCLREI), in partnership with the Circuit Court of Lake County and with support from the Lake County Bar Association/Foundation and the Juvenile Officer's Association.

Page It Forward: In conjunction with the February celebration of the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln, Lake County, Illinois will be among the many Illinois judges to read a book to grade school students. Judges will travel to your students' classroom dressed in their black robes will make classroom appearances and read a book and discuss its intersection with history and the law. The book will be donated to the school library.

Law Merit Badge Seminar: In March, the Judges and staff welcome the Scouts for Law Merit Badge Day, whereby the Scouts earn their Law Merit Badge. The Judges and staff address the different between civil and criminal laws, the origin of the law, the development of the jury system, the Justinian Code and the Magna Carta and famous trials in history. Actual Judges preside over a mock trial with the Scouts serving as members of the jury, among other tours.

Law Day: This year Law Day is Friday, May 2, 2025, and the 19th Judicial Circuit will have a coloring contest for K – 3rd grade; poster contest for grades 4 – 6; essay contest for grades 7 – 12; and illustration contest for 6 – 12. The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit holds a ceremony for the winners and hands out prizes. Stay on the lookout for more information to ensure that your students can participate in this wonderful program!

Educators – STAY TUNED for additional information so your students can participate!

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