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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Vicinage 15 Celebrates Law Day with Tri-county Events

Superior Courts in Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties, Vicinage 15 of the New Jersey Courts, will celebrate Law Day 2009 with a program entitled “Quilt of Change—Stitching Together a Plan for a Better America.”

Assignment Judge Georgia M. Curio stated, “During these times of challenge and change, it is important to remember that these are also exciting and creative times. The Quilt of Change provides us an opportunity to recognize that we have faced difficult times but have been able to grow from them.” She added, “We are also able to empower our young people to participate in the efforts to change America for the better.”

Superior Court Judge Harold U. Johnson Jr. will meet with fourth graders at Buckshutem Elementary School in Bridgeton to talk about Abraham Lincoln and the Underground Railroad. The students will hear about court cases that affected slavery laws and will see various quilt patterns that may have been used as codes to guide slaves on the Underground Railroad. Students will create a quilt of individual drawings showing changes that they think would make America better.

Superior Court Judge David W. Morgan will give the Quilt of Change presentation to fourth graders at Aura Elementary School in Glassboro on April 23. Superior Court Judge Benjamin C. Telsey will present at Salem Middle School in Salem on May 28. The three quilts will be on display in the courthouses during the summer and returned to the respective schools in the fall.

Established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958, Law Day is celebrated nationwide as an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the role that our legal system plays in upholding our democratic values. Although May 1 is the official date of Law Day, many vicinages in New Jersey have scheduled events throughout the months of April and May.

“Law Day is a unique opportunity for all of us to appreciate and learn more about our legal heritage,” said Judge Curio. “The ‘Quilt of Change’ will be a fun and challenging way to involve some of tomorrow’s leaders in that important discussion.”

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