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Press Release

The 22nd Judicial Circuit and the McHenry County Bar Association are pleased to announce this year's Law Day activities. On April 16, 2009, many of the local area high schools will participate in Law Day activities, which will be held at the McHenry County College campus. Events include an introduction by Associate Judge Robert A. Wilbrandt, Jr. of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, a presentation by the McHenry County Sheriff's Office, K-9 unit demonstration, information about the McHenry County College Promise Program and a mock trial. It is estimated that nearly 350 students will participate in these activities. Both the 22nd Judicial Circuit and the McHenry County Bar Association would like to extend their thanks to the McHenry County College for donating the space for this year's activity.

Between April 13th and April 24th many of the area local elementary and middle schools have been encouraged to have an attorney visit the classroom and provide an hour long presentation about the law profession and to help facilitate a student lead mock trial with the class. Presently, 34 different classes in 10 schools have requested the presentation.

Local middle schools have been invited to participate in an annual essay contest. The Essay Contest Committee will select the three essays that best reflect the Law Day theme. The authors of these essays will read their essays as part of the Law Day ceremony at the McHenry County Government Center. Contest winners, their parents and teacher are invited to attend the Law Day Luncheon.

On Friday, May 1, 2009, a Law Day ceremony, entitled "A Legacy of Liberty, Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial" will be held at the McHenry County Government Center, Courtroom 204 at 11:00 AM. Immediately following the ceremony, the McHenry County Bar Association is hosting a luncheon at the Bull Valley Golf Club. The featured speaker for the luncheon is Dr. Stacy Pratt McDermott, co-editor of *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln*.

During the months of April and May, members of the McHenry County judiciary and McHenry County Bar Association will be presenting to area schools an interactive program entitled "7 Reasons to Leave the Party". This program is aimed at teenagers and provides them with "real life" reasons to leave a party where illegal activity is taking place. This program was designed by Judge Mark A. Drummond, of the Eight Circuit Court, in cooperation with the Illinois Judges Association.

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