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BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN 2016 SUPREME COURT LAW DAY CELEBRATION

The <u>Connecticut Supreme Court</u> and the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society will celebrate Law Day 2016 on Monday, May 2, with a presentation by 10 Bloomfield High School students about the rights afforded to criminal defendants.

The national Law Day theme marks the 50th anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case, *Miranda v. Arizona*, and provides the opportunity for Connecticut to highlight its own contributions to the constitutional rights of criminal defendants. The participating students will demonstrate how the Connecticut Supreme Court's decisions sometimes afford greater rights to criminal defendants under Connecticut's own state constitution than the decisions of the United States Supreme Court provide under the United States Constitution. In addition, the second part of the program will include a mock argument conducted by Attorney Gregory T. D'Auria and Attorney Brendon P. Levesque of the case, *State of Connecticut v. Castelli*, which involved a challenge to a confession in a murder case decided in 1917.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom, <u>located at 231</u>

<u>Capitol Ave., Hartford. Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers</u> and <u>Connecticut Supreme Court</u>

<u>Historical Society President Attorney Wesley W. Horton</u> will make remarks. For further information, contact the External Affairs Division at 860-757-2270.