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The New York Times
Albany Bureau

RE: "Law Day": May 1st - and Beyond

Dear Mr. McKinley:

Thank you for your time and interest. Assuredly, New York's highest public officers - among them, the Governor, Chief Judge, and Attorney General -- will be giving speeches and listening to each other's speeches on "Law Day" (May 1st). Beyond those congratulatory speeches, however, is a different reality. Maybe you can start by finding out WHY there's been no legislative oversight hearings of the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct these past 15 years?

As discussed, enclosed are the following:

- (1) Info on "Law Day" (May 1st) - including Congressional Resolution;
- (2) "Appeal for Justice", Metroland, article by Erin Sullivan, current issue;
- (3) "Sitting in Judgment", Metroland, my letter to the editor, 2/28/02;
- (4) State Comptroller's 1989 Report on the Commission: "Not Accountable to the Public: Resolving Charges Against Judges is Cloaked in Secrecy", pp. 4-7: "Results of Examination";
- (5) CJA's 10/26/01 letter to Senator David Patterson - reiterating CJA's request that he take steps to secure a legislative oversight hearing of the Commission and outlining the three categories of *readily-verifiable* evidence establishing the Commission's corruption;
- (6) CJA's 12/19/01 F.O.I.L. request to Senate Judiciary Committee for info and documents on Governor Pataki's judicial appointees and their confirmations.

I look forward to providing you with the *readily-verifiable* evidence for the powerful and electorally-significant stories represented by the foregoing. That way you can draw your *own* conclusions as to the corruption of our essential governmental processes of judicial selection and discipline - corruption in which Governor Pataki and Attorney General Spitzer are knowledgeable and actively complicitous.

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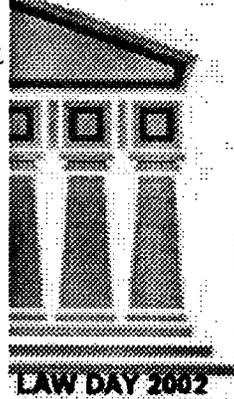


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Law Day - May 1



Law Day -- May 1st -- is a special day focusing on our heritage of liberty under law, a national day of celebration officially designated by joint resolution of Congress in 1961. Every year, the ABA is joined by national organizations, state and local bars, businesses, and schools, in conducting thousands of programs on the rule of law in a constitutional democracy. This year's theme is "Celebrate Your Freedom—Assuring Equal Justice for All."



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Through great Law Day programs, you can expand people's awareness of our heritage of liberty under law and help them appreciate how the rule of law makes our democracy possible. Think of Law Day as more than just a single day to reflect on our legal heritage—make it a community-wide program that can encompass a week or more of activities for kids and adults.

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Law Day History

Congressional Resolution Establishing Law Day (1961)

US Code, Title 36, Section 164



The first day of May of each year is hereby designated as Law Day, U.S.A. It is set aside as a special day of celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States of America; of their rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law in their relations with each other as well as with other nations; and for the cultivation of that respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of life.

The President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all public officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on such day and inviting the people of the United States to observe such day with suitable ceremonies and other appropriate ways, through public bodies and private organizations as well as in schools and other suitable places.

Law Day History



The Chief Justice, Governor, General as well as Attorney General will assembled together be giving their customary speeches to each other on Law Day (May 1st) You can call them to confirm their Law Day plans.