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***Alameda County Courts Celebrate Law Day***

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Oakland - Alameda County Courts celebrated National Law Day beginning May 3, 2005, culminating Thursday May 5, 2005 in a luncheon hosted jointly by the Superior Court and the Rotary Club of Oakland. Retired Alameda County Judge Alfred Delucchi was the keynote speaker, Judge Winton McKibben was presented the Allen E. Broussard Outstanding Humanitarian Award, East Bay Community Mediation was presented the Liberty Bell Award, and Judge Leo Dorado honored Alameda County high school mock trial participants and other middle school and high school students from Alameda County. That morning, Presiding Judge Barbara Miller hosted an informal breakfast in her courtroom in honor of Law Day. Judges, Rotary members, Bench-Bar Speaker's Bureau participants, and students and teachers from local schools attended in celebration of this year's National Law Day theme: "The American Jury: We the People in Action."

Earlier in the week, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors presented Presiding Judge Barbara Miller with a proclamation in honor of Law Day. Judge Barbara Miller and Judge Leo Dorado spoke briefly about the scheduled Law Day events and the importance of juries to American democracy. Copies of the proclamation are displayed in each courthouse in Alameda County.

In addition to these activities, court locations throughout Alameda County are hosting local middle and high schools during the entire month of May, giving students court tours as well as question and answer sessions with District Attorneys, Public Defenders, Judges, and Superior Court staff. This academic year the Superior Court has scheduled court tours for over 19 schools and 35 classrooms, reaching over 1,050 of our local students. Commemorative Law Day mementoes such as pencils, certificates, rulers and bookmarks were handed out to students who participated in the tours.

Finally, as part of the court's community outreach program, this year our Speaker Outreach Coordinator, Patricia Tudosa, sent judges and attorneys to over 52 classrooms in schools throughout Alameda County. The Bench-Bar Speaker Outreach Program is ongoing, so far well over 1000 students have been reached and 70 speakers have volunteered to be a part of the program.

The Bench-Bar Speaker Outreach Program and other Law Day activities were a result of the Court's Community Focused Court Strategic Plan calling for increased education and dissemination of information to the public. The Strategic Plan is the result of months of community-court collaboration led by Superior Court Judge Gordon Baranco.

These activities were the result of approximately eight months of planning by the Law Day Committee, made up of members of the Superior Court, the Alameda County Bar Association, the Bernard E. Witkin Alameda County Law Library, the Donald P. McCullum Youth Court, the Hayward Lawyers Club, and the Alameda County Office of Education. The committee was co-chaired by Judge Leo Dorado and Deputy District Attorney Kim Hunter. Members of the committee include Presiding Judge Barbara Miller, Judge Jo-Lynne Lee, Judge Lawrence Appel, Law Library Director Cossette Sun, Family Law Facilitator Candace Goldman, Thomas McDonnell Esq., Ilse Butterfield Esq., Joyce Hicks Esq., Susan Jeffries Esq., Rachel Sing, Executive Director of the Donald P. McCullum Youth Court, James McWilliams Esq., Dr. Rachele DiStefano from the Alameda County Office of Education, Sharon Braz, Esq., Steven Kazan, Esq., Victor Hwang, Esq., Jennifer Madden, Esq., and court staff including Diana Compton, Staff Liaison, from the Alameda County Bar Association, as well as Planning and Research Bureau's Chief James Brighton, Grants Coordinator Nancy Vue, Analyst Armilla Staley and Judicial Administration Fellow Patricia Tudosa.