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Justice Loughry receives Liberty Bell Award at Law Day event in McDowell County

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WELCH, W.Va. – Supreme Court Justice Allen H. Loughry II received McDowell County’s 2016 Liberty Bell Award on Friday, April 29, during the 20th Annual Law Day event at the McDowell County Courthouse in Welch.

“Justice Loughry was awarded the Liberty Bell Award Plaque because he meets the criteria for the award, which is his outstanding community service, his promotion of a better understanding of the rule of law and the fact that he encourages greater respect for the law and the courts and stimulates a sense of civic responsibility which contributes to good government,” said Eighth Judicial Circuit (McDowell County) Judge Booker T. Stephens.

Judge Stephens and Eighth Judicial Circuit (McDowell County) Judge Rudolph Murensky, II, present the Liberty Bell Award each year at the Law Day event. Law Day was proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958 as a day to reflect on the role of law in the founding of our country and to recognize its importance in society. It is usually held on or around May 1.

The national theme for Law Day 2016 is “Miranda, More than Words.” Judge Stephens and Judge Murensky gave McDowell County school children, from kindergarten through high school, awards for posters, essays, songs, and Power Point presentations on Miranda during the two-hour event in Judge Stephens’ courtroom. Elected officials and court staff also attended the standing-room-only event.

Justice Loughry said, “I am deeply honored to receive this award. Judge Stephens and Judge Murensky do an excellent job year after year making their event the best of any Law Day celebration I have attended. Their dedication and hard work make it an inspiration not just for all of the students, but also for the entire community.”

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