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### McDowell County Courts Celebrate Law Day

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WELCH, W.Va. – Eighth Judicial Circuit (McDowell County) Judges Booker T. Stephens and Rudolph J. Murensky, II, are presiding over West Virginia's largest celebration of Law Day today, April 30, in the Main Courthouse in Welch.

This year's theme is "Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom." Each year the two judges invite schoolchildren from around the county to participate in essay, poster, music and Power Point competitions focused on the year's theme. The two judges read off the names of winners in each age group and category and invite the winners to the front of the courtroom that is always packed with very little standing room. Every winner gets a medal.

County and state elected officials and court staff also attend every year.

This year's keynote speaker is Nineteenth Judicial Circuit (Barbour and Taylor Counties) Judge Alan D. Moats.

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.

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