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Suffolk County Courts to Celebrate Law Day

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. - District Administrative Judge, Alan D. Oshrin, is pleased to announce that the Suffolk County courts, in conjunction with the Suffolk County Bar Association and the Northport-East Northport School District, will be celebrating Law Day 2003 by hosting a very special performance by fifth grade students on May 9, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., in the Supreme Court Ceremonial Courtroom, S-24, located in the Cohalan Court Complex, Central Islip, New York.

In celebration of this special day recognized across our Nation, the Hon. James C. Hudson will preside over the reenactment of the true life drama known to history as "The Zenger Trial" by fifth grade students from the Pulaski Road Elementary School in

East Northport. In Zenger, despite incredible pressure from British officials, a New York jury acquitted John Peter Zenger of seditious libel against the Governor and, in so doing, affirmed forever the importance in a free society of an independent and impartial judiciary.

The theme for Law Day 2003, "Celebrate Your Freedom: Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties," acknowledges the fundamental importance in our free and democratic society of an independent judiciary committed to applying the rule of law impartially and fairly.

"This is a great way to celebrate Law Day 2003," said District Administrative Judge Alan D. Oshrin. "Having these students participate in the reenactment of such a significant piece of our Nation's history is very special. It is my hope that their performance will allow all of us to reflect on the importance of our legal system in the lives of each and every citizen and how the freedoms which we hold so dear would not be possible without a strong and independent judiciary."

In addition to the Zenger trial reenactment, the Living New York State Flag will be portrayed by the students.

All are invited to attend.

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