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2006 Youth Law Fair

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Several hundred D.C. area youth turned out for the 2006 Youth Law Fair. This year's theme, "Drugs, Alcohol and Truancy," highlighted the risky behavior often associated with skipping school, as well as the legal consequences of cutting class. Held on Saturday, March 18, students started the day with courtroom tours and a youth "speak out" session. Afterward, with help from D.C. Superior Court judges and volunteer attorneys, students participated in criminal mock trials, serving as jurors, judges and attorneys. Lunch was provided, and the all-day event ended with a raffle drawing, including tickets to see the Wizards, the Nationals and local concerts.

Now in its seventh year, the Youth Law Fair is an annual community outreach educational event organized by the Litigation Section. Since its inception in 2000 by the D.C. Affairs Section, the Fair has reached nearly 1,500 area youth.

Youth Law Fair organizers have always endeavored to identify themes that resonate with D.C. youth, and to find ways to engage them in an active dialogue addressing the issues relevant to their lives. The Youth Law Fair aims at achieving the following:

- Teach District youth about their rights, responsibilities, and the justice system;
- Encourage District youth to form and voice opinions about important legal and social issues; and
- Empower District youth to believe that they too can pursue careers in the justice community.

The event has enjoyed the support and cooperation of a number of local organizations, including:

- Several D.C. Bar sections;
- D.C. public schools, courts and government agencies;
- D.C. law schools; and
- Various corporate and non-profit sponsors.

For information about the 2006 Youth Law Fair, please contact the D.C. Bar Sections Office at 202-626-3463.

2006 Youth Law Fair Program

D.C. Courthouse, 500 Indiana Ave. NW

Saturday, March 18, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Registration – 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

(1st Floor Lobby- entrance to Courtrooms 100-104, Indiana Avenue Entrance)

Law and Education-Related Exhibits – 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Exhibitors will present information on teen law, summer job tips, scholarships, local college activities, law-related careers and more. *(Cafeteria C Level)*

Morning Courthouse Tours – 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Half-hour tour of a courtroom, judge's chambers and holding cells will be conducted by judges from the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Opening Session – 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

(Cafeteria on C Level)

Introduction: Bill Taylor, Youth Law Fair 2006 Planning Committee Chair

Welcome: Chief Judge Rufus G. King III, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Dr. Clifford B. Janey, Superintendent, District of Columbia Public Schools

John C. Cruden, President, District of Columbia Bar

Youth Speak Out: Curtis Etherly, "Drugs, Alcohol & Truancy"

Break– 11:00 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

Mock Trial Programs - Part I – 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Members of the D.C. justice system (lawyers and judges) will teach teens the inner workings of a civil and criminal trial, and teen volunteers will help prepare a trial.

(Courtrooms 100-105)

Lunch and Exhibits – 12:10 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Lunch tickets will be provided at registration starting at 9:00 a.m. on a first-come, first-serve basis.

(Bring lunch ticket to Jurors' Cafeteria on C Street Level.)

Afternoon Courthouse Tours – 12:40 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.

Mock Trial Programs - Part II – 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Actual mock trials conducted in courtrooms by teen participants.

NOTE: The jury verdicts will be read at the end of the day.

(Courtrooms 100-105)

Afternoon Break – 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closing Session – 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

(Cafeteria on C Level)

Mock Trial Verdicts Announced

Youth Speak Out: Curtis Etherly, "Risky Business: Reckless Driving"

Prize Drawing – 3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

(Cafeteria on C Level)

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Drugs, Alcohol, & Truancy

D.C. Courthouse, 500 Indiana Avenue NW

At Judiciary Square Metro—4th Street Exit (Red Line)

SATURDAY, March 18, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

- Youth Speak Out Sessions
- Courthouse Tours
- Criminal and Civil Mock Trials
with Teen Participation
- Exhibit Hall
- Law-Related Career Information
- Summer Job Tips
- Lunch Provided

**Teaching D.C. Youth And Their Parents About
Their Rights, Responsibilities & The Justice System**

**This free event is sponsored by the Litigation Section of the D.C. Bar.
For more information contact the D.C. Bar Outreach Coordinator 202-626-3463
or Email: youthlawfair@dcbar.org**

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