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**CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT CELEBRATES LAW DAY
AT OLD STATE HOUSE**

The Connecticut Supreme Court will celebrate Law Day 2010 at the Old State House in Hartford, where the justices will hear arguments in a civil case on Wednesday, May 26th, at noon. A ceremony recognizing the Old State House, located at 800 Main St., in Hartford, will follow at 1:30 p.m. Both events will take place in the building's original Courtroom.

"This year's Law Day theme is *Enduring Traditions and Emerging Challenges*," Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers said. "As the Supreme Court continues to preside over cases involving complex 21st century issues, it makes perfect sense to return to the Old State House, where the Connecticut courts heard cases from 1796 to 1878."

The justices will hear the case of *Elaine Albom Braffman et al v. Bank of America Corporation*, from the New Haven Judicial District. Members of the public may attend the arguments, and the ceremony is also open to the public. There is no charge for either event.

Arguments will last from noon until 1 p.m. At 1:30 p.m., the ceremony recognizing the Old State House will begin and is expected to last about 30 minutes. Speakers will include Chief Justice Rogers; History Professor Matthew Warshauer of Central Connecticut State University; and Attorney Francis J. Brady, president of the Connecticut Bar Association.

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“We are delighted to welcome the Connecticut State Supreme Court back to its original home in the Old State House,” William Bevacqua, director of communications for the Connecticut Public Affairs Network (CPAN), said. CPAN manages educational and community programming at the museum, as well as the Connecticut Network (CT-N). “The oral argument and Connecticut Law Day celebration offer a singular educational opportunity for CT-N viewers and Old State House visitors alike to see the workings of our judiciary and its role as a co-equal branch of government in 2010. Our staff on both projects has enjoyed working with the Judicial Branch on this event immensely.”

The Connecticut General Assembly currently operates the Old State House building; CPAN manages its educational and community programming under contract with the Joint Committee on Legislative Management. Connecticut’s Old State House served as the state Capitol from 1796 to 1873.

CT-N will be videotaping the argument for pool purposes. For information regarding the video pool, please contact Joe Patriss at (860)240-8317 by noon on Tuesday, May 25. In addition, one still camera is allowed, also in compliance with the rules governing cameras in the Supreme Court and the court’s protocol, which is available on the Judicial Branch’s web site, at http://www.jud.ct.gov/external/supapp/protocol_sup_oral_argu.htm

People attending the proceeding will need to go through a metal detector. Weapons, bladed or pointed items, or food and beverages will not be allowed into the courtroom. To facilitate the screening process, it is recommended that guests not bring in briefcases, backpacks, pocketbooks or bags.

Parking will be limited. The Old State House provides a validation for \$5 parking at the Constitution Plaza South garage. Visitors should bring their parking tickets with them.

For further information, please contact the External Affairs Division at 860-757-2270.

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