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2011 Law Day Celebration
The Boston Massacre Trial: A Re-Enactment of Closing Arguments

The Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) and Connecticut Judicial Branch are hosting a re-enactment of the Boston Massacre Trial on Tuesday, May 3, to celebrate Law Day 2011. The re-enactment will begin at 9 a.m. and be held at the Middlesex Judicial District Courthouse, at 1 Court St., Middletown.

Attorney Wesley W. Horton will make the argument for the defense; Chief State's Attorney Kevin T. Kane will present the prosecution's arguments, and Judge Susan B. Handy will portray the judge. Both Judge Handy and Judge Robert L. Holzberg will lead the jury deliberations and discussion. In addition, students from Mercy High School – Connecticut's High School Mock Trial champions – will be the jurors. A combination of CBA staff and members will represent the accused soldiers.

The event coincides with this year's national Law Day theme: "The Legacy of John Adams: From Boston to Guantánamo."

"Law Day is an excellent way to engage students in important history lessons," CBA President Ralph J. Monaco said. "The CBA and the Judicial Branch have created a unique and interactive program to honor the lasting legacy of John Adams."

Judge Holzberg, administrative judge for the Middlesex Judicial District, added: "As we pause to reflect on the importance of the legal system in our constitutional system of government, we are delighted to join with the Connecticut Bar Association in presenting a re-enactment of one of this country's most important trials. Though it occurred over two centuries ago, the Boston Massacre Trial raises important issues concerning the relationship between individual rights and liberties and the government's obligations to protect the safety of its citizens that is still the source of legal disputes today."

Cameras are allowed but must be in place before 9 a.m. For further information, please contact either Tom Ciuba, public relations specialist at the CBA, 860-612-2028, or Rhonda Stearley-Hebert, manager of communications at the Judicial Branch, 860-757-2270.

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