

Reservations now open for: 2016 Rhode Island Law Day Classroom Programs

On Rhode Island Law Day, thousands of Rhode Island students, teachers, judges and lawyers share important, timely and lively law related education lessons. **This year's Rhode Island Law Day is Friday, April 29, 2016.**

Rhode Island Law Day classroom program lessons are open to all public, independent, private, and parochial Rhode Island middle and upper schools', 7th to 12th grade classes, and feature in-school, one classroom period participation of a Rhode Island judge and lawyer team. To promote active student participation and the best possible educational experience, the Rhode Island Law Day classroom program topic choice focuses on an issue of direct relevance to students.

2016 marks the 50th anniversary of perhaps the nation's best-known U.S. Supreme Court case, **Miranda v. Arizona**. The Miranda Warning has become ingrained in law enforcement and has permeated popular consciousness through countless recitations in films and television shows. Yet Miranda is only part of the story when it comes to the procedures for ensuring justice. The 2016 Rhode Island Law Day theme — **Miranda: More than Words** — will explore the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution, how these rights are safeguarded by the courts, and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty.

Available classroom program material includes: topic description, recommended discussion points and role playing suggestions and these, as well as additional topic background information are available online at:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/educational-resources/educational-activities/facts-and-case-summary-miranda-v-arizona>

To ensure your participation, we encourage you to review the attached information and complete and return your reservation form today. **The reservation deadline for the 2016 Rhode Island Law Day Classroom Programs is Monday, February 15, 2016.**

Please note: The 2016 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest, open to only 10th and 11th grade students attending schools in Rhode Island, will use the same topic, Miranda: More Than Words, as the basis for the essay entries. If you would like more information about the Essay Contest, please check the box indicated on the Rhode Island Law Day Classroom Program application form.