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PRESS RELEASE

LAW DAY CELEBRATED IN ROCKLAND COUNTY

Law Day was celebrated in Rockland County on May 2 in the Jury Assembly Room at the Rockland County Courthouse.

This year's national Law Day theme was: "Miranda: More Than Words."

Robert B. Marcus, President of the Rockland County Bar Association, presented the Liberty Bell Award to Dr. Frances E. Pratt, longtime President of the Nyack Branch of the NAACP. The Liberty Bell Award is the Bar Association's annual award to a community member *for outstanding service in promoting a better understanding and respect for the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and our institutions of government.*

In giving Dr. Pratt the award, Mr. Marcus said of Dr. Pratt: "Her lifelong commitment to Civil Rights is what has truly distinguished her. As President of the Nyack NAACP for 35 years, Dr. Pratt has worked towards fair housing practices for low income people; equity in education hiring practices; voter education and participation; and she has fought for individuals who suffered discrimination because of the color of their skin...The long struggle of Dr. Pratt against racial intolerance and injustice is deserving of special recognition on this Law Day."

The guest speaker was Itamar Yeger, Esq., Counsel to the Rockland County District Attorney, who spoke about the origins of the Miranda rulings in the Supreme Court decision in 1966.

The Rockland County Women's Bar Association presented their annual award to the winner of the Law Day Essay Contest. This year's winner was Lauren Sens-Castet, a Senior at Pearl River High School. Ms. Sens-Castet received a check for \$1,000.00 and a certificate from the Rockland County Women's Bar Association.

The Suffern High School Select Choir, Alice Bliss-Adams, Conductor, from Suffern High School, sang several selections, including the *Star Spangled Banner* and *This Land is Your Land*.

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