



Utah State Courts

Judge for a Day Program In recognition of Law Day 2016 Miranda: More than Words

What?

Judge for a Day is a program organized by the Utah State Courts to provide high school students with an opportunity to shadow a judge for one day in April or in May. The court selects students to participate in the program based on a Law Day theme-related essay, civic involvement resume, or a teacher nomination letter.

Why?

Judge for a Day was established to recognize Law Day, which is celebrated on May 1. The 2016 Law Day theme is “Miranda: More than Words.” The words, “you have a right to remain silent,” have become ingrained in popular U.S. culture, but there is more to these constitutional protections. The Law Day theme allows an opportunity to explore a citizen’s rights when taken into police custody.

Who?

Students will be paired with a judge from in a courthouse near their home or school for one day. The student will spend from about 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the judge to learn what it takes to be a judge and to get a behind the scenes look at the judicial branch of government.

How?

Submit an application form along with a Law Day theme-related essay, civic involvement resume or a teacher nomination letter by **March 14, 2016**, to the Utah State Court’s Communication Director Geoffrey Fattah at geofff@utcourts.gov. For more information on the Law Day theme, go to www.lawday.org.

Fifty-seven years ago President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day a “day of national dedication to the principle of government under law.”

2016 Law Day provides an opportunity to consider Miranda v. Arizona.

Miranda rights come into play when someone is in police custody and has become an integral part of police practice in the U.S.

This constellation of rights is designed to protect citizens from potential abuses from police and ensure fair and just treatment in the criminal justice system.

