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Media Alert

LAW WEEK: APRIL 28 – MAY 2

Indian River County, FL – The Indian River County Bar Association is pleased to announce Law Week, which will take place April 28 through May 2. Law Week is held every year in conjunction with Law Day, an annual event set aside to commemorate the importance of the Rule of Law in American society. The theme for this year's Law Week is American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters. The theme provides an opportunity to reflect on the importance of voting rights and the role that equal access to the ballot box plays in ensuring our freedom.

Each year the Indian River County Bar Association hosts a variety of activities to celebrate Law Week and partners with the Indian River County Lawyers to sponsor "Attorneys and Judges in the Classroom". Attorneys and judges give presentations in all 5th grade classrooms, 8th grade Social Studies classes, 11th grade US/American History classes, and 12th grade Government classes at both public and private schools throughout the county.

New this year is participation by the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Office. The Elections Office has joined forces with the Indian River County Lawyers Auxiliary to provide high school students with the opportunity to register to vote. Elections staff will host voter registration drives during lunch at each high school. "Voting is the foundation of a free society, and we hope to encourage students to play an active role in society by participating in the electoral process," said Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan.

In addition to working in the schools, the Young Lawyers Division will offer two "Ask-a-Lawyer" sessions, one in-person at the Indian River County Main Library and a televised version on the public access channel.

Last year, 46 attorneys and 4 judges participated to serve 2,500 students in 97 classrooms at 23 schools throughout the county. The Bar Association and Lawyers Auxiliary anticipate having an even greater impact this year.

Law Week Events

Young Lawyers Division (YLD)

- Ask-a-Lawyer: Thursday, May 1, 10:00- 4:00 at the Indian River County Main Library
- TV Ask- A-Lawyer: Tuesday, April 29 and Wednesday, April 30, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on the public access channel.

Indian River County Lawyers Auxiliary

- Attorneys & Judges in the Classroom: Monday, April 28 – Friday, May 2
 - All 5th grade classes, 8th grade Social Studies, 11th grade American History, and 12th grade Government classes.
- Voter Registration Drives
 - Vero Beach High School: Monday, April 28th, 10:30 – 12:30
 - Sebastian River High School: Wednesday, April 30th, 10:30 – 12:30
 - Indian River County Charter High School: Friday, May 2nd, 11:00 – 12:00

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Back row: Leslie Swan, Supervisor of Elections, Stephanie Nelson, Supervisor of Elections Office, Holly Mantle, Director, IRC Bar Association, Ann Catchick, President and Founder IRC Lawyers Auxiliary and IRC Lawyers Auxiliary Law Week Coordinator and Elementary Chair, Mona May, IRC Lawyers Auxiliary Assistant Secretary and Law Week High School Chair, Michelle Servos; Director, IRC Bar Association

Front row: Barry Segal, President, IRC Bar Association, William (Bill) DeBraal, Secretary, IRC Bar Association, Nick Bruce, President, Young Lawyers Division of the IRC Bar Association and YLD Law Week Chair

IRC Lawyers Auxiliary Law Week Chairs not pictured: Sandi Harpring, Middle School Chair, Margie Grall, Mixed Grade Level Chair