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## **D.C. Courts to Host Public Open House on Law Day, May 1**

- WHAT:** COURT OPEN HOUSE
- WHEN:** Friday, May 1, 2009 – 10am to 4pm
- WHERE:** Moultrie Courthouse and the newly-renovated Historic Courthouse, 400 block, Indiana Ave, NW  
Court Buildings A and B – 400 block of E Street, NW
- WHO:** Chief Judge Eric T. Washington, District of Columbia Court of Appeals  
Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield, Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
Presiding Judges of Civil, Criminal, Family Court and Probate Divisions of Superior Court

The program will include:

- A Judicial Town Hall Meeting with the two chief judges and the presiding judges taking questions from the audience;
- Workshops on topics of interest, such as “I’m not Rich, Why do I need a Will?”, child support, elder abuse and guardianship issues;
- Over a dozen DC Bar *pro bono* clinics and legal service providers will have information tables in the Moultrie Courthouse atrium where attendees can get free legal assistance
- Information Booths on all Superior Court divisions and programs, including Crime Victims Compensation Program and the Domestic Violence Intake Centers;
- Job Fair with information on jobs available at the D.C. Courts;
- Mock trials by D.C. Street Law with District high school students;
- A mock trial program for third grade students called “Stay on the Right Side of the Law”;
- Mock mediations, so attendees can see how mediation works;
- Information on the Superior Court’s Community Referral Program, which provides mediation of neighborhood disputes without a case having to be filed;
- The Wills Project – an exhibit of 13 wills of famous Washingtonians, including Frederick Douglass and several US Presidents; and
- Courtrooms in session so the public can observe proceedings, as always.

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