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**Retiring Judge Wallace Hoggatt to Give Keynote Address at
Law Day Celebration in Bisbee**

Bisbee, Arizona, April 23, 2018. On May 1, 2018, Cochise County Superior Court Judge Wallace Hoggatt will be the keynote speaker for Cochise County's 16th Law Day Celebration. The event will be held at the Bisbee Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. . This year's theme is 'Separation of Powers-Framework for Freedom.' The public is encouraged to attend and to consider the question posed by our speaker.

Law Day 2018 is the culmination of several weeks of activities featuring over 30 educational presentations to K-12 classes across Cochise County given by the legal and court communities. Again, this year, schools across the County are invited to have their students participate in the popular Art and Essay contests to help illustrate the theme. Winners will be announced at the Law Day celebration.

The court is honored that Judge Hoggatt has agreed to be our Law Day Speaker. He has served the court since May 2, 1994. Prior to his judicial service he spent most of his time as a lawyer in private practice. He did serve as the County's first Public Defender.

Judge Hoggatt has presented several award-winning Law Day speeches. He won first place in the American Bar Association's Judge Edward R. Finch Law Day Speech competition in 2009 for his speech *Fated to be Free*. He won second place in the same nationwide competition in 2005 for his speech *The Republic of Jurors*.

Immediately following the conclusion of the Law Day program, the court is honored that Supreme Court Justice Timmer will be present as we dedicate the court's new Self-Help Center. For many years until its recent renovation, this space on the second floor of the courthouse served as the Law Library. This newly renovated space also comes with a new name and mission. It will be dedicated as the Self-Help Center with the mission of serving self-represented litigants.

About Law Day

2018 marks the 60th annual observance of Law Day, which was originally conceived in 1957 when American Bar Association President Charles Rhynes envisioned a special national day to mark our commitment to the rule of law. The following year, President Dwight D. Eisenhower

established the first Law Day. Law Day was made official in 1961 when Congress issued a joint resolution designating May 1 as the official date for celebrating Law Day.