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**Attorney Dan Barr to Give Keynote Address  
at Law Day Celebration in Douglas**

**Bisbee, Arizona:** On May 1, 2019, noted attorney Dan Barr will be the keynote speaker for Cochise County's 17th Law Day Celebration. The event will be held at the Douglas High School at 9:00 a.m. This year's theme is 'Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society.'

Barr's speech is entitled "The First Amendment and Our Duty to be Informed Citizens. Free Speech and Free Press Are Not Free Rules." The public is encouraged to attend.

Dan Barr is a partner with Perkins Coie LLP in Phoenix. Barr has more than 30 years of experience in the areas of civil litigation involving constitutional, employment, media and political law issues. He represents several news media organizations, including the First Amendment Coalition of Arizona and the *Arizona Daily Star*. He is the author of the *Arizona Reporter's Handbook on Media Law* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.), the *Survey of Arizona Libel Law* and the *Survey of Arizona Employment Libel Law* (Media Law Resource Center), the *Open Government Guide – Arizona* (Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press).

Court Administrator Eric Silverberg remarked "We are very excited to have a speaker of his reputation and caliber coming to Cochise County. I look forward to his speech."

Law Day 2019 is the culmination of several weeks of activities featuring 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.

**About Law Day**

2019 marks the 61st 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.

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