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## **SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT BECOMES FIRST CALIFORNIA COURT TO RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR LAW DAY**

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA**—The San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) has been awarded the Best Student Program Award for its 2019 Law Day program activities by the American Bar Association (ABA) – the first California Court to receive such honor.

The 2019 Law Day Outstanding Activity Awards highlight national programs that promote public understanding of the law and integrate the theme “Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society” into innovative activities that serve the community. Only one of three award categories, the Best Student Program Award honors activities geared toward engaging student learners.

In total, SBSC hosted seven Law Day student programs to promote awareness of the judiciary, foster civic education, and highlight First Amendment principles through various activities such as hosting 15 school field trips for elementary, middle, and high school students; a career fair highlighting various court positions; four undergraduate campus programs; a Native American Student Law Day; two in-school contests; a legal clinic and consultation day; and an informational social media outreach campaign.

Over 1,100 students from 26 schools across the county, visited five San Bernardino court locations to engage in discussions, mock trials, courthouse tours, in addition to viewing real court proceedings. Native American students also had the opportunity to visit the San Manuel Tribal Court and compare tribal versus state court proceedings. Grade school students also participated in poster and essay contests demonstrating their understanding of the 2019 theme.

The award-winning Law Day student program has been developed and maintained by judicial fellows which are designated by the Center for California Studies at Sacramento State University and placed in court administration to gain first-hand experience in the governance and leadership of the most diverse, complex court system in the nation.

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