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## GLENDALE BRINGS “LAW DAY” TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – In recognition of the 53rd national Law Day, Glendale City Court will sponsor and host an educational program on April 30 for Copper Canyon High School students. The program will highlight the 2010 Law Day theme, *Law in the 21st Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges*.

Thirty students from Copper Canyon, chosen for their academic performance and leadership skills, will participate in activities and discussions at Glendale City Court that recognize the American judiciary’s enduring tradition of “equal access under the law,” a sub-theme for this year’s event. Students will spend nearly a full day with the city court staff hearing from different professionals.

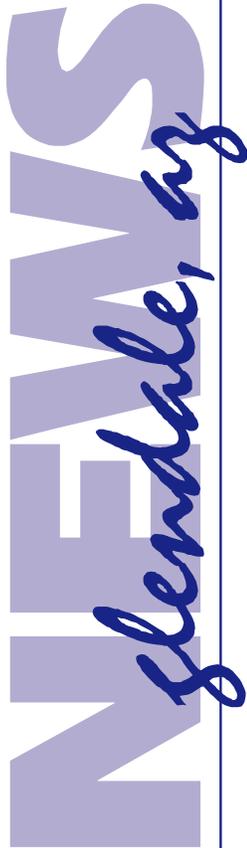
Several speakers will discuss issues central to the Law Day theme with the students. Representing Glendale’s Yucca city council district, where Copper Canyon High School is located, Councilmember Joyce Clark will welcome the students and discuss equality in municipal government.

Presiding city Judge Elizabeth Finn will provide a historical journey of the civil rights movement in Arizona, including the 1952 local lawsuit that sought to desegregate Phoenix public schools.

Glendale City Prosecutor, Rob Walecki will recount his harrowing escape from communist Poland to America as a teenager. Public Defender Cary Lackey will define due process and the Constitutional guarantees of fair access in the criminal justice system.

Law Day will conclude with a webcast sponsored by the Arizona Supreme Court about *Law, Justice, and the Holocaust: What You do Matters*, featuring Dr. William Meinecke from the Washington D.C. Holocaust Museum.

“Glendale City Court is honored to promote Law Day through our partnership with Copper Canyon High School. This year’s Law Day theme provides special opportunities to acquaint students with the judicial principles we honor and embrace,” said Finn. “The agenda



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includes some very moving and profound subject matter that will instill in the students a sense of appreciation for equal access under the law.”

In 1958 President Dwight Eisenhower established Law Day as “a day of national dedication to the principle of government under law.” Commemorated annually, Law Day programs are conducted throughout the country by bar associations, courts, schools, and civic groups. Glendale City Court celebrates Law Day annually by coordinating educational events and speakers for local students.

For information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/court](http://www.glendaleaz.com/court) or [www.lawday.org](http://www.lawday.org).

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