

*Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society to be Celebrated at 2019 Law Day Ceremony*



The Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society, in conjunction with the Connecticut Supreme Court, will mark Law Day 2019 on Wednesday, May 1, with a celebration of the cornerstones of representative government: free speech, free press and free society.

The ceremony will start at 10 a.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom, located at 231 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Among those to be honored will be Trinity College student Matt Laccavole, who wrote this year's award-winning essay, *Why is free speech and free press relevant to college and university students and does it apply to all students equally?*

In addition, Attorney Morton N. Katz, who will turn 100 in May, will receive The Lifetime of Public Service Award. Attorney Katz -- a World War II veteran who served in combat operations at the Battle of the Bulge and the Anzio Beachhead invasion -- continues to practice law and has served as a special assistant public defender since 1997. He also continues to offer free legal services to veterans.

Dr. Robert Post, Sterling Professor of Law at Yale Law School, will make the keynote address. He specializes in constitutional law, with emphasis on the First Amendment. Other speakers will include: Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson; Attorney Wesley W. Horton, president of the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society; Judge Kimberly A. Knox, chair of the historical society's Law Day Program Committee; and Chief Public Defender Christine Perra Rapillo, who will introduce Attorney Katz.

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