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Head: Juvenile Court Judge Announces Law Day Essay Contest

(Danielsville, GA) The Northern Judicial Circuit Juvenile Court announces that it is continuing the tradition of its judge, Hon. Warren C. Caswell, in sponsoring a Law Day essay contest for local area students. This year is the eleventh consecutive year of the contest. This year's topic is centered on the 50th Anniversary of the famous 1967 *In re: Gault* decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. *Gault* was a watershed decision in juvenile law in the United States granting almost full Constitutional rights to all juveniles charged with a crime. Specifically the question is: Of the four specific rights granted by the Supreme Court in *Gault* which was the most important and why?

A complete answer will provide reasons why the essayist's chosen position aligns with the principles of the Constitution. First Prize is a \$500.00 cash scholarship and second prize is a \$200 cash scholarship. All high school aged students in Elbert, Franklin, Hart, Madison & Oglethorpe Counties are eligible. Also eligible are any similarly aged student currently in the care of the Northern Circuit Juvenile Court, regardless of where they are placed. Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2017 and winners will be announced on Law Day, May 1st. Full details, contest rules, and background information are available on the internet at www.warrencaswelllaw.com

Law Day was first proclaimed by President Eisenhower in 1958 and is a day of national dedication to the principle of government under law. Each year the American Bar

Association, and a multitude of state and local bar associations, hold events and celebrations honoring law day to educate the public about the role of law in our society.

The Annual Law Day Essay Contest is designed to encourage young people to think about the role of law in society and how law affects their everyday lives, even at a young age. Local Juvenile Court Judge Warren Caswell has sponsored the contest each year since opening his practice in Madison County. According to Judge Caswell “Critical thinking and the ability to advocate a controversial position in writing are paramount for success in today’s world; this contest will provide students an opportunity to practice these crucial skills while reflecting how our laws meet, or fall short, of their own expectations.”