



**TO:** MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
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As set forth in our mission statement, the City Attorney's Office endeavors to provide public education and information regarding legal issues. In the past few years, we pursued this objective by sponsoring Law Day activities. These activities have included displays at city hall, the library, museum and our website. Last year, Professor Robert Sedler made a presentation commemorating the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education.

Law Day is an annual nation-wide event, which is observed for the purpose of raising public awareness of American law and justice, and their valuable impact on our lives. The origin of Law Day dates back to 1957, and was the vision of American Bar Association (ABA) President Charles S. Rhyne, who wanted a special day for celebrating our legal system. In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day USA to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law. In 1961, Congress designated May 1 as the official day for celebrating Law Day. However, the ABA encourages Law Day activities to continue all throughout the month of May on an annual basis.

It is our objective to sponsor Law Day activities again this year during the month of May. This year's ABA designated theme is "The American Jury: We the People in Action." The Community Affairs Department has agreed to assist us in creating an educational videotape presentation, where the invaluable jury system will be highlighted. The videotape will be shown for the first time at an informal reception in our office on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. We invite all of you, as well as board and committee members, City employees, and members of the public to attend the reception. The program will subsequently be cablecast on the Troy channel (WTRY).

We are again preparing displays for the Troy Public Library, Troy Historical Museum, and our website. A proposed Law Day proclamation will appear on the next regular meeting agenda as well. If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions concerning the above, please let us know.