

1 *In the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico*

2 *LAW DAY RECOGNITION - LAW DAY 2019*

3 *Law Day began 61 years ago, with a proclamation from President Eisenhower.*
4 *That first proclamation eloquently set forth the reasons why we, as a free people,*
5 *celebrate our heritage of liberty under law.*

6 *President Eisenhower noted that it was "fitting that the people of this nation*
7 *should remember with pride and vigilantly guard the great heritage of liberty, justice,*
8 *and equality under law that our forefathers bequeathed to us." Further, he said that*
9 *it is "our moral and civic obligation as free [people] and as Americans to preserve and*
10 *strengthen that great heritage."*

11 *In celebrating Law Day this year, let us dedicate ourselves to the great values*
12 *protected and preserved in our Constitution.*

13 *And, at the same time, let us recognize that democracy is not static, that we*
14 *must always work to improve and perfect it. Let us seek to draw ever closer to the ideal*
15 *hand carved into the woodwork above the bench of the Supreme Court of New*
16 *Mexico: "Dedicated to the Administration of Equal Justice Under Law."*

17 *Let us resolve that Law Day be an opportunity for all of us, in government and*
18 *the private sector, to examine our efforts to make equal justice a reality, and to work*
19 *together to reach that goal.*

20 *For more than 100 years, America's charitable institutions and foundations, its*
21 *lawyers and its courts, and countless others have worked to bring equal justice to as*
22 *many people as possible.*

23 *Law Day 2019 is an opportune time to recognize the work of those who try to*
24 *make courts accessible and justice equal:*

25 *Legal services organizations who provide legal services to those unable to*
26 *afford them;*

27 *Pro Bono Publico programs under which private lawyers accept worthy*
28 *cases at no fee;*

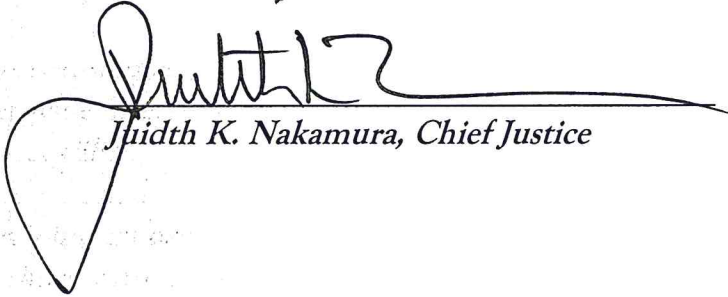
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*Lawyer referral programs that help people find appropriate legal services;
Court programs designed to inform the public about laws and legal
procedures, provide interpreters for those who need them, and generally
make courts accessible.*

*We salute these efforts, but let us offer greater support to those who work daily
to provide legal services to those who most need them. Let us dedicate ourselves to
improving our courts and our justice system, so that we will truly have "justice for all."*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judith K. Nakamura, Chief Justice of the Supreme
Court of New Mexico, do hereby recognize Wednesday, May 1, 2019, as Law Day, and
I urge the legal professionals of New Mexico to recognize and participate in the
observance of this the designated day.*

DONE in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 24th day of April, 2019.



Judith K. Nakamura, Chief Justice