



# **NEWS ADVISORY**

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## **Kings County Family Court to Celebrate Law Day 2026**

**BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**—The Kings County Family Court will hold its annual Law Day celebration on **May 11, 2026**. Centering on this year’s national theme, "The Rule of Law and the American Dream," the program will explore how our nation’s legal framework serves as the foundation for opportunity, equity, and the pursuit of a better life for all.

The ceremony will feature keynote speaker Insha Rahman, President and Director of the Vera Institute of Justice. A nationally recognized expert on carceral reform and justice, Director Rahman brings a profound perspective on how the rule of law must evolve to ensure the American Dream remains accessible to every member of the community. The event will also showcase the creativity and intellect of Brooklyn’s youth through an Art & Essay Contest featuring students from The Urban Assembly School for Law & Justice, as well as a special vocal performance by students from William Alexander Middle School 51.

“Law Day is a vital reminder of our court’s fundamental mission,” said New York City Family Court Administrative Judge Anne-Marie Jolly. “By upholding the rule of law, we ensure equal access to justice for every family that enters our doors, regardless of their background or circumstances. It is the bedrock upon which trust in our judicial system is built.”

“It is essential for our courts to actively engage with the local community. Law Day provides a unique bridge, allowing us to celebrate our shared values and demystify the legal process for the citizens we serve,” said Kings County Family Court Supervising Judge Gilbert Taylor.

Kings County Family Court Judge Erik Pitchal, chair of the Law Day Planning Committee, noted, “Family Court holds a special role in upholding the rule of law. We deal with the most intimate and impactful aspects of citizens’ lives. By ensuring fair and transparent proceedings, we protect the rights of the next generation.”

**When: Monday, May 11 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm**

**Where: 320 Jay Street Courthouse (Ceremonial Courtroom 2.95), Brooklyn, New York**

**Livestream: <https://cmi.nycourts.gov/stream/live/st-kgsupcr/lawday2026>**

### **About Law Day:**

Established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958, Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the role of law in our society and to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal profession.