



# **NEWS ADVISORY**

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## **Day of Service Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy to Be Held at Jamaica, Queens Courthouse**

*Volunteer Law Students Will be Available to Assist  
Court Users Commencing an Uncontested Divorce*

**QUEENS, NEW YORK**—In tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy of public service, the New York State Courts' Statewide Civic Engagement Coordinator, in partnership with the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, the Queens County Supreme Court's Civil Term and the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights at St. John's University School of Law, will host a special event on **January 15, 2025** to celebrate volunteerism and commemorate the civil rights icon on what would have been his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

As part of this special program, **free legal assistance is being offered to court users commencing an uncontested divorce**, with specially trained law students available at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse in Jamaica, New York to help complete the necessary forms. This distinctive program aims to encourage New Yorkers to participate in charitable works and engage in civic life to improve the quality of life in their local communities.

"Civic engagement extends beyond merely understanding government functions or learning history; it calls for us to apply our civic knowledge for the benefit of our community," said Statewide Civic Engagement Coordinator Zenith T. Taylor, Esq., of the court system's Communications Department. "This program honors the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who championed the cause of helping others."

**WHEN:**           **Wednesday, January 15, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:**       Queens County Supreme Court-Civil Term  
88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11435

For more details about the program, go to:

[https://www.nycourts.gov/LegacyPDFS/COURTS/11jd/supreme/civilterm/mlk\\_service\\_day.pdf](https://www.nycourts.gov/LegacyPDFS/COURTS/11jd/supreme/civilterm/mlk_service_day.pdf)

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