



# **NEWS ADVISORY**

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## **Law Day 2026**

**ALBANY, NEW YORK**—Law Day 2026 will be observed at the Court of Appeals on Friday, May 1. This year’s theme, “The Rule of Law and the American Dream,” centers on the freedoms of Americans enabled by the rule of law.

Speakers will include Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson, New York State Attorney General Letitia James, and New York State Bar Association President Kathleen Sweet.

Chief Administrative Judge Joseph Zayas will present the Unified Court System’s prestigious Judith S. Kaye Service Awards. Recipients will be honored in one of three categories: exemplary work performance; community service; or heroism. This year’s honorees include non-judicial professionals from New York City and the Capital Region.

Winners of both the court system’s Law Day 2026 Art Contest and Second Annual Civics Essay Contest will also be recognized during the program.

**WHEN: Friday, May 1, 2026 at 11am**

**WHERE: Court of Appeals Hall  
20 Eagle Street, Albany, New York 12207**

The event will be livestreamed at <https://www.nycourts.gov/ctapps/lawday.htm>.

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