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Long Beach Branch NAACP Announces the 2016 American Bar Association Theme: Miranda: More than Words

The Long Beach Branch NAACP is having the 16th Annual Law Day Program in conjunction with Keesal, Young & Logan Thursday, April 28, 2016 at the Law Firm of Keesal, Young & Logan at 5:30 p.m. The LB Branch NAACP Award-Winning Law Day Program was recently recognized by the American Bar Association as a finalist showing excellence in their programming and deserve acknowledgment and recognition. The LB NAACP Law Day project and program has eight components: Law Day study guide for students and teachers, legal career and law materials; mentoring, meeting, and shadowing lawyers, judges, and other legal professionals; courthouse and law school visitations, and Law Day speakers, panels, and discussions. A session will be conducted for educators by Maria Livingston, and Long Beach City’s Prosecutor, Doug Haubert. There will be dialogue and discussion regarding Ta-Nehisi Coates’s book, “Between the World and Me.” Participants who successfully complete at least three components of the program will receive a copy of the book.

The closing Law Day project ceremony includes a keynote speaker and student up-close and personal discussion with lawyers and legal professional participants. The purpose of the Long Beach Branch Law Day program is to introduce local 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students of color to law as a career. Also included are local university, community college, NAACP youth and college members, and home school students. The program is a partnership with the Long Beach Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, and Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles County, the Langston Bar, Long Beach and Signal Hill Police Departments, Long Beach City Attorney and Prosecutor and support from the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office. Over forty lawyers and judges, and twelve law firms will serve as program participants.

Law Day was created in the late 1950’s by the American Bar Association to draw attention to both the principles and the practices of law and justice. The 2016 Law Day theme is Miranda: More than Words. In 2016, the nation marks the 50th anniversary of the nation’s best-known U.S. Supreme Court case, Miranda v. Arizona. The Miranda Warning has become ingrained in law enforcement and has permeated popular consciousness through countless recitations in films and television shows. Yet Miranda is only part of the story when it comes to the procedures for ensuring justice. The 2016 Law Day theme — Miranda: More than Words — will explore the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution, how these rights are safeguarded by the courts, and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty.


Lawyers influence our economic, political, and social systems for the betterment of all. When one feels that his or her rights have been ignored, one consults a lawyer. When laws are written, attorneys are consulted to ensure that they are fair and precise. When a person is hurt by a person, company or faulty product a lawyer will go to court to protect the rights of that individual. To become an attorney is to become a social engineer. Being a lawyer is a great and noble profession.
Naomi Rainey is the President of the Long Beach Branch NAACP. Keesal, Young & Logan has hosted this program for over 16 years and this years program will be dedicated to the late retired Judge Marcus Tucker who helped establish the program along with the support of the Law Firm of Keesal, Young & Logan.