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Fred T. Korematsu Day 2019

Santa Clara Superior Court Commemorates the 100 Year Anniversary of the Birth of Civil Rights Leader Fred T. Korematsu

SAN JOSÉ, California (January 16, 2019): In observance of Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution, the Santa Clara County Superior Court has joined with several community organizations to present two events which recognize and pay homage to Fred Korematsu and his role in the advancement of civil rights.

On January 26, 2019, NBC Bay Area news reporter Robert Handa is moderating a panel from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to talk about Fred Korematsu's lifelong mission to "Speak Up!" on behalf of civil rights for all persons regardless of national origin. The event is located in San Jose's Japantown at The Wesley United Methodist Church - Fellowship Hall, 566 North Fifth Street, San Jose.

Panelists include:

Karen Korematsu – The Fred T. Korematsu Institute
Zahra Billoo - General Counsel of the Council for American Islamic Relations,
Teresa Castellanos - County's office of Immigrant Relations,
Susan Hayase - Community leader in San Jose's Japantown
Richard Konda - Asian Law Alliance

1.0 hour of attorney MCLE is being offered for attendance at the speakers' panel.

The museum will also have two free showings, at 12:15 and 3:15 p.m., of the documentary film "Of Civil Rights & Wrongs: the Story of Fred T. Korematsu". *Of particular interest to educators*, the Fred T. Korematsu Institute is providing its full kit of instructional materials, free of charge, to any teachers who register in advance and attend the day's events.

The Japanese-American Museum of San Jose will open its doors to the public and provide free docent-led tours of its exhibits relating to the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans and the challenges that they faced to overcome wartime discrimination.

On January 30, 2019, noted Constitutional law scholar and SCU School of Law Professor Margaret Russell will be speaking about the legacy and lessons of the Korematsu court decisions from the WWII U.S. Supreme Court case to the 2018 "disaffirmance" in the U.S. Supreme Court travel ban case.

1.0 hour of attorney MCLE is being offered for Professor Russell's speech.

Judge Roberta Hayashi of the Santa Clara County Superior Court will moderate the court event and invites all who are interested to attend, "Please join us as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of civil rights icon Fred T. Korematsu, who challenged through the courts the WWII detention and forced relocation of over 120,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry. Forty years later, he successfully sued to overturn his conviction and continued to forcefully speak up against national origin discrimination. We think there is no better way to commemorate his legacy of speaking up for others."

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SPEAKING UP!

FRED T. KOREMATSU DAY OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE CONSTITUTION

Fred Korematsu was an ordinary person who took an extraordinary stand. By resisting the U.S. military orders that imprisoned more than 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent during World War II, he shows us how anyone can stand up for what is right—no matter the odds. The constitutional issues raised by his U.S. Supreme Court case, *Korematsu v. United States*, and his vindication in the Courts 39 years later stand as civil rights milestones.

TWO EVENTS

In San Jose's Historic Japantown:



'Speaking Up! Fred Korematsu's Legacy for the 21st Century'
Saturday, January 26, 2019
Wesley United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall
566 North Fifth Street
1 pm – 3 pm

The Japanese American Museum of San Jose (JAMsj)
535 North Fifth Street
free admission from 12 noon - 4 pm with docent led tours

• Karen Korematsu of the Fred T. Korematsu Institute and Zahra Billoo of the Council on American-Islamic Relations will lead a panel discussion of what "Speaking Up!" means for students and citizens in today's world.

RSVP is highly recommended to secure a seat by emailing publicprograms@jamsj.org or by calling 408-294-3138 by January 20, 2019.



Korematsu Day at the Santa Clara County Superior Court
Wednesday, January 30, 2019

• Prof. Margaret Russell, a noted Constitutional Law Professor at SCU Law will be speaking to judges, attorneys and law students about the history and legacy of the Korematsu Decisions, especially including the "disaffirmance" of *Korematsu v. United States* in the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision relating to the travel ban.

• Brown Bag Lunch

MCLE Credits Available:
January 26, 2019 1.0 CA
January 30, 2019 1.0 CA

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BIRTHDAY OF CIVIL RIGHTS
LEADER FRED T. KOREMATSU**

