

# Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara



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## Law Day 2017 Panel Discussion

*14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Comes Alive at 2017 Law Day Panel*

*The Superior Court engages students at SVCTE in Panel Discussion about due process and equal protection in today's society*

SAN JOSÉ, California (April 27, 2017): Tuesday, May 2, 2017 experts in the criminal justice field will engage students at Silicon Valley Career Technical Education in a discussion about modern day issues related to due process and equal protection under the law. The Superior Court of Santa Clara has collaborated with SVCTE to bring this program in observance of Law Day 2017. Law Day, sponsored in part by the ABA, is held on May 1st every year to celebrate the role of law in our society and to cultivate a deeper understanding of issues raised in our legal system. This year's theme is the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, "Transforming American Democracy".

Panelists will include Police Chief Edgardo Garcia, Judge Julia Alloggiamento, DDA Josué Fuentes, PD Jennifer Redding. Panelists will open the discussion with an overview of challenges and successes in Santa Clara County on ensuring due process and equal protection to all of its citizens. Students engage in diverse topics related to the guarantee of due process and equal protection including how Santa Clara County strives to support these protections for all citizens.

Other Law Day events planned by the Superior Court Community Outreach Committee including a written word / poetry competition for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on the topic of "Liberty and Justice for All: More than Just a Pledge?" and an art poster competition for young people at James Ranch on the topic of "What does Equal Protection Under the Law Mean to You?."

"We look forward to law day as another opportunity to provide outreach to our community, young and old alike, to discuss important issues in the justice system that impact people daily. We hope these events will not only provide education, but also open doors for continued communication between the community and the third branch of government.", said Hon. Julia Alloggiamento, Chair of the Community Outreach Committee.

Per SVCTE policy, all media in attendance will be required to check-in outside the auditorium to verify credentials. Panelists and specifically identified students will be available for interview at the conclusion of the event.

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