

The Color of Justice

April 1, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Fairfax County Courthouse

(4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030)

Sponsored By: The Hispanic Bar Association of Virginia

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- Virginia Women Attorneys Association
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association

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- Fairfax County Bar Association's Young Lawyer Section
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Lunch Included

The Color of Justice Program is a two-part event that seeks to encourage diversity in the law while providing 7th-12th grade students with a glimpse of the American legal system.

Mock Trial

On April 1, attorneys and judges will present to students in 7th through 12th grade a mock criminal case about a serious fight. The attorneys and judges will testify and present evidence just like in real life trials.

The students have the most important role as the jurors for the mock trial. Once the parties have presented their cases, the students will receive jury instructions from the judge and will deliberate in groups with lawyers, judges, and other students to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused.

After sharing their conclusions and hearing from guest speakers, the students will have a chance to speak with attorneys and judges over a complimentary lunch.

Essay Competition

The essay competition asks minority students to write on a current event related to law. Prizes for the essay competition will be \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place. Winners will be announced April 1 and **must be present to receive their prize.**

To get instructions on how to enter and this year's topic, contact Katherine Martell (below).

To RSVP for the event or get additional information, please contact:

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