

Draft Press Release

Local Bar President Invites Public to Participate in Constitution Day

September 17 is the date in 1787 when 39 men signed the Constitution in Philadelphia. In 2005, a federal law sponsored by Senator Robert Byrd declared September 17 to be “Constitution Day” and required that every federally funded school teach the Constitution on that day. Therefore, Monday September 17 will be filled with lessons about one of our nation’s most treasured documents, the Constitution.

In an effort to increase the public’s awareness of this occasion, [NAME], president of the [NAME] Bar Association, invites everyone to learn more about the Constitution during the month of September. “The Constitution is the most significant guarantee of our freedoms,” said [NAME]. “We can appreciate our freedom and respect our system of government by learning more about its importance on this special day.”

2012 marks the 225th anniversary of the Constitution; please help celebrate the nation’s founding document. [Feel free to describe this year’s activities here and be sure to include contact information] Resources can be found at www.constitutionday.com. More resources on Constitution Day, including materials available to lawyers, teachers, and the public, can be found on the State Bar of Michigan website, www.michbar.org.