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PRESS ADVISORY

Twitter Question & Answer with DC Courts Chief Judges on Law Day

Public can submit questions *at #AsktheCJs*

WHAT: Twitter Q & A with DC Court of Appeals Chief Judge Eric Washington and DC Superior Court Chief Judge Lee Satterfield

WHEN: **May 1, 2012 (Law Day) – 11 to 12 noon**

The DC Courts are pleased to announce that in celebration of Law Day, DC Court of Appeals Chief Judge Eric Washington and DC Superior Court Chief Judge Lee Satterfield will be answering questions from the public through the court's Twitter account, @DCCourtsInfo. Those who want to pose a question to the Chief Judges can do so by including #AsktheCJs in the body of their tweet.

"In the past several years, the DC Courts have endeavored to keep pace with the social media revolution, by starting a Twitter feed, then a Facebook page, and more recently a YouTube page. These are more ways we can dialogue with the public to help answer questions, address concerns and build an understanding of the courts," said Chief Judge Eric Washington. "Ensuring public trust and confidence in our judiciary is a chief priority, and we saw from last year's Law Day twitter dialogue that the public does have questions for us and this medium allows us to answer those questions quickly and share our answers with all who follow the courts. The Q and A will support our vision of the DC Courts as 'Open to All, Trusted by All, Justice for All.'"

"Chief Judge Washington and I enjoyed last year's Twitter dialogue and answered a number of questions and got information out about the work we do and the services we offer," said Chief Judge Lee Satterfield. "We always enjoy hearing from the public, listening to concerns and answering questions. We do this through outreach at townhall meetings and other events across the city; social media provides us with one more way of communicating with the DC residents we serve."

The DC Courts are on Twitter with the username @DCCourtsInfo. Those interested can sign up to follow the Courts' Twitter feed, and can submit questions for the Chief Judges any time before noon on Wednesday, May 1 by using the "hashtag" (phrase allowing searches to locate the tweet) #AsktheCJs or by emailing webmaster@dcsc.gov. The entire dialog will be posted on www.dccourts.gov later that day.

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