

County Bar Honoring CSA's Murphy

Law Day Ceremony to Recognize Chief Judge's 'Heroism'

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Court of Special Appeals Chief Judge Joseph F. Murphy Jr. will receive the Baltimore County Bar Association's Annual Law Day Award May 1.

The bar is recognizing Murphy for his significant contributions to the advancement of law in American life, said association President C. Carey Deeley Jr., a partner in the Towson office of Venable, Baetjer & Howard.

"To me, heroes are people who are able to share their gifts not only in their chosen profession, but more importantly among family, friends and community," he said.

Murphy, he added, lives up to the ideal.

Well-regarded in the litigation community as a teacher and jurist, Murphy was appointed to the state's intermediate appellate court in July 1993, and elevated to chief judge last October when then-head Alan M. Wilner was elevated to Maryland's Court of Appeals.

Previously he had served on the Baltimore County Circuit Court from 1984 to 1993.

The Boston College undergraduate earned his law degree at the University of Maryland in 1969.

A member of the Maryland Judicial Institute's Board of Directors from 1985 to 1993 and 1995 to the present, the judge also serves on the Maryland State Bar Association's Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee and Committee on Laws.

In the past, he chaired MSBA's Criminal Law Section Council.

The former Baltimore City assistant and deputy state's attorney has taught evidence law at the University of Baltimore School of Law for 23 years, and trial practice at the University of Maryland law school since 1981.

Murphy is also author of the Maryland Evidence Handbook, currently in its second edition.

Deeley will present the Law Day Award to Murphy May 1, as part of the county bar association's noon program on the portico of the Towson County Courts Building.

Former Governor William Donald Schaefer will give the keynote address, and County Executive Charles A. "Dutch" Ruppers-



Court of Special Appeals Chief Judge Joseph F. Murphy Jr. will be honored by the Baltimore County's bar association during its Law Day program May 1. Murphy served on the county's circuit court bench for nine years prior to his appointment to the intermediate appellate court in 1993.

berger III will also give remarks.

An annual nationwide event since its creation by Congress in 1961, Law Day is intended to raise public awareness of American law and justice and their valuable impact on citizens' lives.

This year's theme is "Celebrate Your Freedom."