

# Project P.A.T.C.H.

*Participatory Awareness Through Community Help*

## *"Reason is the Life of Justice"*

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To: High School Principals  
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From: David A. Scott, Project P.A.T.C.H. Coordinator

Re: *Spring Law-Related Programs and Competitions for High School Students*

Date: February 22, 2010

Project P.A.T.C.H. welcomes your High School students to participate in two unique programs during April of 2010. These programs have been generously made possible through the support of the Law, Youth, and Citizenship Program of the New York State Bar Association. Please use the attached registration form to have your students participate in these programs. A brief description of these events follows. For further information, please feel free to contact the Project P.A.T.C.H. office at the above-mentioned number. **Please note the registration deadline for both programs is Friday, March 26, 2010.** As space is limited, you are encouraged to register quickly. Registrations will be processed in the order they are received. Spaces will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis.

- 1) **36<sup>th</sup> Annual New York State Metropolitan Area Civil Law Moot Court Tournament – Friday, April 30, 2010.** We are proudly celebrating the **36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of our annual Civil Law Moot Court Tournament. Please be aware that we will continue the new format adopted last year. Instead of the single elimination round tournament we featured for many years, teams will instead compete in several preliminary rounds which will be used to determine which teams advance to the final rounds. Further details on the procedures to be followed will be available prior to the tournament. This change in format allows all teams more opportunities to compete and showcase their skills. Based upon our success last year, we believe this change in format enhances the learning experience for all the students involved. The feedback from the advisors was overwhelmingly positive. Each team includes an attorney, a witness and a legal researcher. As this is a popular competition, early registration is encouraged. Each school registered will be allotted slots for two teams. You will need at least 6 students to have two complete teams. Students may not switch teams once the tournament has started. You may have up to 5 students on a team that may rotate roles during the various rounds (at the advisors discretion). All schools will receive a copy of the “Freedom” booklet that contains study outlines for the areas of law covered in the tournament, and sample cases for practice before the tournament. Please know that we may not be able to provide space for all schools so early registration is strongly encouraged. A full day of legal learning is planned. In addition to the competition, we will host a presentation related to the Law Day theme which is **“Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges.”** **The program will run from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm at Northport High School.** There is no entry fee for this program.

- 2) **International Law Forum - Tuesday, April 20, 2010.** The Northport High School International Law class will offer this exciting opportunity to debate and resolve topics of global concern. Applicants are encouraged to return your registration quickly as space will be limited to 20 Teams (10 teams per topic). Each team must include 4 students. Slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for second teams, or more, will be filled as received once all first team requests are filled. The topics for the forum will be “***A Responsibility to Act: Natural Disasters, Global Obligations***” and “***Airline Security: Getting Countries Onboard.***” Participating teams will receive background materials on these topics. The Northport High School International Law class will assign participants a nation to represent in mock hearings and debates related to the selected topic. Participants will also be drafting a mock resolution on their assigned topic. All student participants will receive a certificate from the New York State Bar Association. **The program will run from 8:00 - 3:00 at Northport High School.** There is no entry fee for this program.

Participating schools must provide transportation to and from Northport High School at their own expense. **Due to the structure and cost of these programs, it is imperative that registrants make a firm commitment to participate fully.**

I hope you will take advantage of these upcoming opportunities.

Best wishes for continued success in your Law-Related Education efforts. We look forward to seeing you at our 2010 Spring LRE Programs.

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attachment

cc: Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction  
Ms. Irene McLaughlin, Northport High School Principal  
Mr. Andrew Manzo, District Social Studies Chairperson  
Ms. Eileen Gerrish, Director, Law Youth & Citizenship Program

**REGISTRATION FORM FOLLOWS**



**PROJECT P.A.T.C.H.  
SPRING 2010 LRE PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM**

**Please use this form to register for the April 30, 2010 Civil Law Moot Court Competition and/or the April 20, 2010 International Law Forum.**

- 1) **36<sup>th</sup> Annual New York State Metropolitan Area Civil Law One-on-One Tournament – Friday, April 30, 2010 at Northport High School** (*Registration deadline is March 26, 2010.*) **First Come - First Served, No entry fee.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here to register two teams for the Civil Law Tournament.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you would like to enroll a third team (if available).

- 2) **International Law Forum – Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at Northport High School** (*Registration deadline is March 26, 2010.*) **First Come - First Served, No entry fee.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here to register a team for the International Law Forum.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you would like to enroll a second team (if available).

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Please clearly **print** the following information:

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach/Advisors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMITTING THIS REGISTRATION REQUIRES FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR. CONFIRM YOUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN TRANSPORTATION BEFORE REGISTERING. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REGISTRANT TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF YOUR REGISTRATION WITH THE P.A.T.C.H. OFFICE.**

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