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## HONORABLE CHIEF JUDGE TIMOTHY EVANS AND CLERK DOROTHY BROWN HONORED BY COOK COUNTY BAR ON "LAW DAY"



From left to right: With students from various Chicago area schools, Judge Carl Walker, CCBA Law Day Co-Chair Dennis Kadzai, Cook County Bar Association President John Fairman, Clerk Brown, Chief Judge Evans, CCBA Law day Chair Kenya Jenkins-Wright, CCBA First Vice President Elect Delores Robinson and Judge Sidney Jones pose for Law Day recognition ceremony photo.

(**CHICAGO**) - The Honorable Chief Judge Timothy Evans and Clerk Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County were recently honored for their continued support of "Law Day" an annual event for eighth graders and high school students. This event is hosted by Clerk Brown in conjunction with Judge Timothy Evans and the Cook County Bar Association (CCBA). Additionally, Clerk Brown and Judge Evans made remarks during the "Law Day" morning program, speaking on the theme: "*Realizing the Dream: Equality for All*". This year's theme marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

"I look forward to hosting Chicago area students at the Clerk's Office for "Law Day every year, said Clerk Brown. "This is an important event that provides young people the opportunity to learn the principles of government under the law and its role in a free society. The Clerk's Office is an appropriate setting in which to introduce our youth to the relevance of the rule of law and the legacy of one of our founding fathers, John Adams."

Fifty-four years ago, President Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day a "day of national dedication to the Principle of government under the law." Law Day 2013 examined "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All", marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Cook County Bar Association (CCBA) is the oldest African American bar association in the United States, Founded in 1869. For the past 89 years, the CCBA has aggressively and conscientiously espoused the causes and addressed those issues which impact upon the civil, political and economic rights of the Black community, including the Black bench and bar.

In 2000, Clerk Brown was elected the first African American woman to the Office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Clerk Brown manages the largest unified court system in the country with over 2,100 employees and seven locations.

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