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<u>UCONN LAW SCHOOL PROFESSOR TO SPEAK AT</u> CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT'S 2014 LAW DAY EVENT

The <u>Connecticut Supreme Court</u> will celebrate Law Day 2014 on Friday, May 2, with a keynote address by <u>Dr. Douglas M. Spencer</u>, an associate professor of law and public policy at the UConn School of Law.

This year's national Law Day theme is *American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters.* The American Bar Association chose the theme in recognition of the 50th anniversaries of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Dr. Spencer has a wealth of knowledge and experience studying the regulation of America's political process, with emphasis on election policies and the Voting Rights Act. He has presented several findings on discrimination within the election system and demonstrates through his work the importance of democracy in the nation.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom, <u>located at 231</u> <u>Capitol Ave., Hartford.</u> Besides Dr. Spencer, <u>Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers</u> and <u>Connecticut Bar</u> <u>Association President Kimberly A. Knox</u> will make remarks. For further information, contact the External Affairs Division at 860-757-2270.