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Wiley Rein Hosts 11th Annual “Law Day” for Thurgood Marshall Academy Students

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Wiley Rein will host its annual Summer Law Day event today for students from Thurgood Marshall Academy, a public charter high school in Washington that emphasizes elements of law and justice throughout its curriculum. During the firm’s 11-year partnership with the school, more than 1,000 students have participated in the Law Day program.

About 20 Wiley Rein lawyers and summer associates will serve as faculty members for the about 100 rising ninth grade students scheduled to gather at the firm’s Washington headquarters. The half-day workshop educates students on basic legal principles and features a case study, a mock trial and a panel discussion on careers in the law. The program helps students hone their critical thinking skills, develop public speaking techniques and practice ways of respectfully responding in an argument.

“We are proud to be hosting students from Thurgood Marshall Academy for the 11th year in a row,” said Wiley Rein partner Laura A. Foggan, who is coordinating the Law Day initiative. “It’s a pleasure to share our knowledge and experience with inspiring young students from the DC area, and we hope they enjoy the day as much as we do.”

Thurgood Marshall Academy was founded upon the belief—articulated by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall—that all children have the right to a first-class education and the opportunity to reach their full potential. As the District of Columbia's first law-themed public charter high school, the academy's mission is to prepare students to succeed in college and to actively engage in our democratic society.