We the People

10 Ways to Celebrate Constitution Day

Constitution Day commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787, and presents a unique opportunity for our legal community to celebrate and reflect on the enduring importance of the U.S. Constitution and the Rule of Law.

1. **Volunteer to teach a lesson on the Constitution:** The **American Bar Association** offers resources for attorneys to give presentations to students about the Constitution, enabling legal professionals to engage with the next generation and share their knowledge in the spirit of public service.

2. **Participate in a "Civil Discourse" program:** Engage in activities like those offered by the **United States Courts**, which bring together federal judges and volunteer lawyers to foster civil conversation and understanding of constitutional principles to high school, college and law school students.

3. **Recite or watch the U.S. Constitution preamble:** Join in the tradition of reciting the **Preamble to the U.S. Constitution** with your colleagues or watch the **National Constitution Center's Constitution Preamble Reading** via Zoom on Sept. 17.

4. **Observe or participate in naturalization ceremonies:** Witnessing new citizens taking the Oath of Allegiance is a powerful reminder of the significance of the Constitution and the rights and responsibilities it bestows. Find **New Mexico naturalization ceremony schedules and locations**.

5. **Volunteer to serve as a judge for a Mock Trial Competition:** Mock trial competitions help students gain oral advocacy and critical thinking skills by allowing them to present a simulated case in front of a judge and jury. The **Center for Civic Values** offers opportunities to volunteer for both high school and middle school competitions.

6. **Utilize online resources:** Explore and leverage the wide array of online resources and materials offered by organizations like the **American Political Science Association**, **the American Bar Association** and the **Bill of Rights Institute** that include lesson plans, documentaries, videos and interactive tools.

7. **Speak to local community members about the importance of the Constitution:** Consider visiting a local community group, like the **Rotary Club** or **Kiwanis Club**, to speak about the Constitution and its relevance today.

8. **Write a *Bar Bulletin* article:** Share your perspective on a particular constitutional issue or the importance of Constitution Day for the ***Bar Bulletin*** to offer your insights and engage in broader public discourse.

9. **Share an educational video:** Consider sharing an entertaining and educational video about the history of the U.S. Constitution via email or social media, such as PBS's short video **History in a Nutshell: Birth of the Constitution**.

10. **Reflect on the Constitution's impact:** Take time for personal reflection on how the Constitution has shaped the nation and the role of lawyers in upholding its principles and protecting individual liberties.