

2016 LAW DAY Theme

MIRANDA:

More than Just Words

In 2016, the nation marks the 50th anniversary of perhaps the best-known U.S. Supreme Court case, *Miranda v. Arizona*. In this milestone decision, the Supreme Court established the rights of criminal suspects during police interrogations, including the Sixth Amendment right to an attorney and the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

The 2016 Law Day theme explores the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution, how these rights are safeguarded by the courts, and why the preservation of these principles are so essential to our liberty.

ESSAY QUESTION:

Why are the **Miranda Warning, the Sixth Amendment and the Fifth Amendment** so important when someone is arrested? Why is it so important for the court to uphold these rights provided under the U.S. Constitution.