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EMBRACING THE ARTS!

Bristol P&F Court holds Community Arts Ceremonies in Taunton & New Bedford

On June 2, 2016 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., the Bristol County Probate & Family Court held its 1st Community Arts Ceremony at the Taunton Trial Court. "Creating Community Connections Through the Arts" started as a single initiative in an Essex Court through a grant program. Due to its overwhelming success, Chief Justice Angela Ordonez committed to establishing a statewide initiative that would connect courts with the community by displaying local artwork throughout our courthouses. Register DeRossi jumped at the opportunity to participate in such a worthwhile initiative.

Students from three Taunton area schools as well as a local artist now have their artwork on display in the Taunton Registry as a result of this initiative. The ceremony honored all of the artists with special certificates and the students were able to bring their families to view the artwork and enjoy a reception with court staff in the Registry which included Register DeRossi, First Justice Field, Chief Justice Ordonez and numerous Registry staff members.

A similar event was held at the New Bedford Probate & Family Court the following week.



Students from various New Bedford Public Schools currently have their artwork on display in the courthouse.

CONNECTING WITH THE BAR

Bench/Bar Meeting held

On Tuesday, June 7th, the Bristol County Probate & Family Court held its 1st Bench/Bar Meeting since the Honorable Katherine Field took the helm as Bristol County's First Justice. The Register of Probate and all four Justices were on hand to answer questions and provide information about upcoming changes in law and procedure at the Probate & Family Court. Several attorneys provided excellent suggestions and recommendations on ways to address complicated cases and scheduling issues. A second Bench/Bar Meeting will be scheduled in the near future. If there are any specific topics that the Bar would like addressed at the next scheduled Bench/Bar Meeting, feel free to email the Register by [clicking here](#).



REGISTRY SPOTLIGHT

"Casual for a Cause"



Some of you may have noticed that on Fridays in all 3 Registry locations Registry staff is "dressed down". Or perhaps you have noticed the signs on the counters informing visitors of our "Casual for a Cause" Program at the Registry.

Asst. Register Jason Caton pitched the idea when he was first hired 3 years ago. Each employee pays \$5 per month on a voluntary basis for the benefit of wearing "work appropriate casual clothing" on Fridays for the duration of that month. The money collected is donated to a selected charity each month on behalf of the Registry staff.

The Casual for a Cause (CFC) Program at the Bristol County Registry has raised over \$4,500 since January, 2014 and has made donations to a variety of national and local charities. Boston Children's Hospital, Make a Wish Foundation, Youth Build NB, Dana-Farber, Home for Our Troops, March of Dimes, and Taunton Animal Shelter name just a few of the many worthy charities that have benefited from the generosity of the Registry staff and the success of the CFC Program.

To see all of the charities that have benefited from this Program [click here](#).





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