

Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service: Law Day panelists to address 'Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom' May 3

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Three well-known local citizens will take part in a panel discussion on the three branches of government at an annual Law Day event from 6-9 p.m. on May 3 at the UW-Marathon County Auditorium in Wausau.

Adults and students are invited to attend this free program, presented by the Marathon County Bar Association and Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service (WIPPS). This year's Law Day theme is "Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom."

Guest panelists are:

Donna Seidel, representative of the 85th Assembly District, 2005-2013

Brad Karger, Marathon County administrator

Judge Gregory B. Huber, Marathon County Circuit Court

They will address:

How do the three branches work together?

How do they work for us?

How can you participate?

The program will include a brief introductory overview, followed by a dialogue with the panelists, and refreshments will be served after the program.

“Our Founding Fathers believed the Constitution’s principles of separation of powers and checks and balances preserve political liberty – providing a framework for freedom. Yet, this framework is not self-executing,” said Wausau attorney Lee Turonie, one of the local Law Day organizers. “As citizens, we should take an interest in how our government actually works, and how it continues to be central to our civil liberties in the modern age.”

For more information, email turonie@pvsrlaw.com or info@wipps.org.

About Law Day

Law Day is an annual commemoration first held in 1957 when American Bar Association President Charles Rhynes envisioned a special national day to mark our nation’s commitment to the rule of law. The following year, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first Law Day Proclamation. Law Day was made official in 1961 when Congress issued a joint resolution designating May 1 as the official date for celebrating Law Day.