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## State Bar President Will Remind Law Day Audience to Value Freedom is to Ensure its Defense

**While Law Day celebrates government by law and not by force, we must be capable of defending ourselves against aggression and terrorism.**

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ALBANY – In his Law Day speech before the New York Court of Appeals, New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) President Steven C. Krane of New York (Proskauer Rose LLP) will call on our nation to renew its commitment to a strong and proud military able to defend against “those who challenge our safety and sovereignty.” (Click [here](#) to view text of speech.)

While acknowledging that government by law and not by force is the foundation for the celebration of Law Day, begun in 1958 by President Eisenhower, Krane will say that “it was our capability to defend ourselves against those who challenged our sovereignty that prevented the Cold War from turning hot and ultimately resulted in a victory for democracy.”

Krane will call upon Congress to “give our armed forces the tools they need to protect us. We cannot sacrifice long-term security for a perceived short-term fiscal benefit.”

Krane will remind those gathered in Albany to celebrate the 45th Law Day that New York’s court system was called upon to do the impossible in the days and weeks following the September 11 attacks, and it delivered. “Under the strong and resolute leadership of Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye and Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman, both of whom showed courage and a steadfast refusal to be defeated, our courts were up and running within hours of the attack.”

The first-baby boomer to lead the 125 year-old 70,000-member Association will remind his audience that “we should never be hesitant to praise lawyers, the bridge between the rule of law and the system of justice we treasure.”

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