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Law Day's 4-Letter Words: Read, BBQs, Slaw, Pies

Americans celebrate equality and justice under law

TULSA, OK - May 1, 2019 - Oklahoma author, Jim Lloyd, will join other Oklahoma crime and courtroom authors to read from his new book, *Almost a Murder*, 3 pm Wednesday at the Tulsa Public Library in celebration of Law Day/Week.

"Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate our legal system and its contributions to freedom," says Greg Gordon, Interim Executive Director of the Tulsa County Bar Association (TCBA). "The Oklahoma Bar Association and the Tulsa County Bar Foundation sponsors our annual art and writing contests for students. This year the theme is 'Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom'."

"It's all about checks and balances," author Jim Lloyd says, "That is a foundation of our government. But," Lloyd stresses, "the bedrock of American democracy is that 'we the people' provide checks and balances to the government and its systems."

James Madison, founding father and the fourth US president, said, "The people are the only legitimate fountain of power, and it is from them that the constitutional charter... is derived."

Lloyd agrees, "Every citizen - moms, dads, and youngsters, the media, religious institutions, academia, business, and nonprofits - all of us - carry the heavy burdens of duty."

Congress is powerful because either chamber can write, introduce, and vote on bills. The executive branch is powerful because once a bill passes both bodies, the President can sign it into law or veto it. If the President rejects it, Congress can vote to override the veto and the bill becomes a law anyway. That's how two of our three branches of government check and balance each other.

The third branch of government (the Supreme Court) can invalidate any law that does not stand up to constitutional rigor. The Supreme Court, however, cannot draft or enforce laws. "This is the basic system of checks and balances set up in the constitution" Lloyd explains.

Abraham Lincoln once declared, "We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."

Lloyd passionately agrees. "I was an inexperienced lawyer fighting against perversions of constitutional rights during the trial my book is based on. There was tremendous financial and political pressure to step away from this case; but, many of our forefathers are my heroes and they stood up against bullies armored in authority and I was inspired to do the same." Lloyd contuse, "American works because everyday citizens continue to stand up for justice under law and our liberties: we sit jury duty even when it is not convenient, pay taxes, vote, and defend 'unalienable rights' in voice and in print."

On May 1 in 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America. Today, many Americans celebrate with BBQs, writing contests, book readings, featured speakers, and family celebrations. To find out how you can join the conversation on social media, go to https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/initiatives_awards/law-day.html.

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Jim Lloyd been honored by the OK Bar Association, named in Who's Who in American Law, and is a member of the Missouri and Oklahoma Bar Associations, the Oklahoma Association for Justice, and was invited by Melvin Belli to become a Lifetime Trustee of the prestigious Melvin Belli Society. When asked to serve, Mr. Lloyd performed critical work as an Oklahoma Commissioner while investigating the race riots of 1921. He uncovered and saved important evidence before it was destroyed. "*Almost A Murder*" is his first book - a legal thriller that gives readers a "you-are-there" view of a real-life gritty murder and epic legal battle. The book is distributed through Ingram. Additional information is available at <http://AlmostAMurder.com>. For a digital media kit or to schedule interviews with Jim Lloyd, contact Scott Burr at 503/723-7392 - burrs@kohopono.com.