



**Essex County**

**Honorable Richard E Welch - Chair**

- Outreach by Judges to Students in Essex County
  - In celebration of National Constitution Day in September, Judges Richard Welch and Christine Roach spoke to students at North Shore Community College.
  - In collaboration with North Shore Community College and the "Kids in College" program, Judge Richard Welch spoke to elementary, junior high, and high school students on four Saturdays at the Newburyport Superior Courthouse about the three branches of government, separation of powers, and the history and work of the Superior Court.
- Open House - "Yankee Homecoming Event"
  - In conjunction with the Yankee Homecoming Event in Newburyport the Superior Courthouse will be open to the public Sunday afternoon for tours of the oldest continuously operating court in the United States.
- Histories of Essex County Courthouses
  - Brochures detailing the histories of the courthouses in Newburyport, Salem, and Lawrence are being written by judges.
- Framed Tablets Displaying Historic Pictures of the Essex County Superior Courthouses
  - Jay Williamson, the Curator of the Historical Society of Old Newbury, has researched the archives at the Peabody Essex Museum and other

locations for old photographs of the Essex County Superior Courthouses and their surroundings. He is preparing three identical tablets that will display these pictures together with a narrative explaining the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the court; they will be hung in each of the three courthouses.

- Talk on the Superior Court by Chief Justice Barbara Rouse to the Essex County Bar Association at the Annual Dinner at Spinelli's in Lynnfield ~ May 21, 6 PM