

W.VA. SUPREME COURT REVAMPS CIVICS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - The West Virginia Supreme Court is giving its civics education program a new name.

With Constitution Day coming up on Sept. 17, the Robes to Schools program that was started in 2007 will now be called Have Gavel, Will Travel.

Chief Justice Beth Walker said in a news release that Supreme Court justices, circuit judges, family court judges and magistrates have made hundreds of visits to West Virginia schools. But magistrates don't wear robes and judges who visit schools don't always take their robes, so the new name is more fitting.

Walker says the speaker's bureau on the court's website has been updated so educators can easily find a judicial officer to speak to a class, or they can call the public information office to arrange a visit.