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Book Signing on New Children's Law Book by nationally recognized Dayton Attorney

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Pictured: Wilberding representing the family of slain Marine Cpl Maria Lauterbach on the Today Show

DAYTON, Ohio—In honor of Law Day on Saturday, May 1, the Borders Books & Music store at the Dayton Mall shall host a book signing and presentation on the new children's book *Haki and The Rule of Law* by Merle Wilberding.

On Saturday, May 1, from 10 am- noon, Merle Wilberding, author of the new book, *Haki and The Rule of Law*, will appear at the Borders Books & Music store at the Dayton Mall as part of the national Law Day celebration.

Wilberding, a lawyer at Coolidge Wall LPA in Dayton, is the author of several books and free lance articles as well as having been involved in several historic military legal cases, including Lt. William Calley and the *My Lai Massacre* prosecution during the Vietnam War and, more recently, the case of Marine Cpl Maria Lauterbach, a Vandalia native, who was murdered and found buried in the backyard of Cesar Laurean. His trial for that murder is scheduled to start on August 9 of this year.

In conjunction with the release of *Haki and The Rule of Law*, 26 Dayton public schools participated in an essay contest on the subject of respect. The children's essays will be on display at Borders. Mr. Wilberding will discuss the book, announce the winner of the contest, and present certificates to the rest of the 4th and 5th grade finalists.

Haki and The Rule of Law discusses the origins and impact of our country's legal system. It the subject of the latest children's learning-activity book from Children's Historical Publishing (CHPS). The publication was generously funded by LexisNexis, the Dayton Bar Foundation and the Dayton Rotary Club.

From the *Magna Carta* of 1215 and the development of common law to our current legal system, this fun and educational book shows why the rights and freedoms of U.S citizens has been a model for many countries throughout history. Wilberding chose to write the book saying, “It is vital for the youth of America to understand how our laws and justice system work to create a peaceful and fair society. It is especially important for our children to see how it affects their lives and how they can contribute to our society.”

Joyce Reid Kasprzak, Executive Director of CHPS, says, “Mr. Wilberding has been able to take our country’s complex legal system and simplify it in such a way that children can easily understand what laws are, why we have them and how they promote fair treatment for everyone.” Wilberding adds, “It is important for children to understand that because no one is above the law, everyone is protected by the law. This is the foundation of our democracy.”

Haki and The Rule of Law is published by Children’s Historical Publishing, a division of Home Based Arts USA, dedicated to uplifting children, especially at-risk youth, through reading learning-activity books. They have published 15 books and donated over 350,000 copies to children. For more information, contact CHPS at 937-643-0502 or www.childrenshistoricalpublishing.org.

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