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# NEWS RELEASE

## Black History Month



**Cleveland:** For a third year in a row, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court is hosting a display of student art as part of a month-long celebration of Black History Month.

Students from Shaw High School in East Cleveland, the Cleveland School of the Arts, Thomas Jefferson Newcomers Academy and Westlake High School have loaned their Black History Month-themed works to the Justice Center.

The works are on display on the first floor for the public to enjoy. The art includes sketches, paintings and photography. There are also profiles of prominent African-American judges who have been part of the judicial system in Cuyahoga County and Ohio.

"It's always exciting for us to be able to share the work of these talented artists," says Court Community Outreach Coordinator Darren Toms. "These pieces have stories to tell and it's so special to present them to our Justice Center visitors."

The Court is also celebrating Black History Month on its website ([cp.cuyahogacounty.us](http://cp.cuyahogacounty.us)). There are profiles of four prominent African-Americans from Cuyahoga County and Ohio who had a positive impact on the legal system.

They are recently retired Cleveland Municipal Court Administrative Judge Ronald Adrine; Federal Court Judge Solomon Oliver of the Northern District of Ohio; Judge Lloyd Odom Brown, a former Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge and Ohio Supreme Court Justice; and Valeria Harper, the former CEO of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board

