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About the Event

The BridgeValley Community and Technical College Paralegal Studies program is having Kanawha county magistrate Julie M. Yeager speak at BridgeValley on Wednesday, March 24 at 3:15 p.m. Bridge Valley Community and Technical College is located at 2001 Union Carbide Drive, South Charleston, WV 25303.

Magistrate Yeager originally helped write the new domestic violence program with the Supreme Court. The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals through its project, the West Virginia Court System Domestic Violence Training Program, originally produced the West Virginia Benchbook for Domestic Violence Proceedings in 2004.

Magistrate Julie M. Yeager will be discussing the two main areas of law: (1) landlordtenant law, which is a part of the common law that deals with the rights and duties of property owners and tenants, and (2) domestic violence law, which provides rules for punishing those who cause emotional or physical harm to others. "Through Mr. Giffin's Civil law 1 class, I have learned the relevance of landlord tenant law and how to apply it. I'm looking forward to learning more on a subject that has piqued my interest in law by getting the opportunity to hear about it first hand from one of West Virginia's own magistrates, Julie Yeager", says Joseph Staup a student in BridgeValley's Paralegal Studies program.

About BridgeValley

BridgeValley offers several classes that are geared toward the legal field, that are part of the college's very affordable Paralegal Studies degree program. Students who take and complete that course, along with other courses found in the Paralegal Studies curriculum, position themselves for careers in the public and private legal industry following their graduation from BridgeValley. BridgeValley Paralegal Studies graduates end up working in areas involving both civil law and criminal law following their graduation, with some alumni continuing their education to pursue a law degree from an accredited law school. For more information about the BVCTC Paralegal Studies program, please visit BVCTC's website at <u>www.bridgevalley.edu</u> For information about how you can become a part of this program, please contact Craig Giffin at 304-205-6644 or <u>craig.giffin@bridgevalley.edu</u>