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Press Advisory

DC FAMILY COURT'S MARRIAGE BUREAU WILL BE OPEN ON VALENTINE'S DAY AND PERFORM 14 WEDDINGS

WASHINGTON DC – In honor of Valentine's Day, and the number of requests for weddings on that day, DC Superior Court's Marriage Bureau has, for the first time ever, opened its calendar for Saturday weddings this weekend. Valentine's Day morning, February 14, court officiants will perform fourteen weddings, beginning at 9am in each of two marriage ceremony rooms.

"We are pleased to accommodate this number of couples who want to have this special date as their anniversary date. I appreciate court staff taking time away from their family and friends and coming to work on a Saturday morning so that we can perform these couples' marriage ceremonies on this special date," said Chief Judge Lee Satterfield. "We expect to see a lot of smiling faces this Saturday, on the faces of the newly-married couples and their loved ones, and on the faces of court staff who so enjoy being witness to this special time in peoples' lives."

The DC Superior Court's Marriage Bureau processed over 5000 marriage license applications per year in recent years, over 7500 in 2013. Over 2400 couples were married at the courthouse last year.

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PRESS NOTE: Cameras, both still and television, as well as audio recorders will be allowed in the courthouse for the limited purpose of recording activities in the Marriage Ceremony Rooms and the Marriage Bureau *with the parties' consent only.*