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## **“Slavery, the Courts, and the Underground Railroad” A “Spirit & Place” Program Featuring Dr. Paul Finkelman**

Dr. Paul Finkelman will speak on Thursday, November 15, 2007 as part of the Spirit & Place Festival: a Civic Collaboration of the Arts, Religion, and Humanities. The lecture, “Slavery, the Courts, and the Underground Railroad” will be held in Room 211 of the Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 P.M., and the talk begins at 7:00 P.M. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. Dr. Finkelman is the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy at Albany Law School. He will also present a CLE session at 3:00 P.M. in the Indiana Supreme Court Courtroom.

Hoosiers responded to slavery with debate, violence, and sacrifice. Some helped escaping slaves while others helped slave-owners—each acting generously within their own moral, spiritual, and civic perspectives. Criminal and civil court cases provide fascinating evidence on the history of slavery and the Underground Railroad.

This event is presented by the Indiana Supreme Court, the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, Indiana Freedom Trails, Inc., the Indiana Historical Bureau, the Indiana State Library, and the Spirit & Place Festival. The Cornelius O’Brien Lecture Series & the Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education have provided funding. Admission is free.

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