



Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society
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2019 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: Official Contest Rules

Contest Prizes: One winner for each category will receive a cash award of \$1,000 (to an individual or a team), will meet the Chief Justice and Justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court and participate in the Connecticut Supreme Court Law Day on May 1, 2019.

Contest Theme: *Why is free speech and free press relevant to college and university students and does it apply to all students equally?*

Background: The Law Day Contest asks participants to explore free speech and free press as applied to colleges and universities. Submissions should reflect on the rule of law as a social compact/contract in a democratic republic, which applies to all persons equally. As stated by the American Bar Association: "The 2019 Law Day theme - *Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society* - focuses on these cornerstones of representative government and calls on us to understand and protect these rights to ensure, as the U.S. Constitution proposes, 'the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity.'" https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day/.

Qualified Participants: The Law Day Contest is open to students attending a four year college or university within the State of Connecticut.

Group Submissions: Two or more Qualified Participants may submit a group entry. Qualified Participants need not be from the same school. However, all students must meet Contest Eligibility Requirements.

Contest Eligibility Requirements: Qualified participants may enter a submission under either of the following categories (each submission may only be submitted in one category):

1. **ART:** Two-dimensional art pieces are not to exceed 24" x 36" (including, but not limited to, drawings, paintings, photographs, comics, etc.).
2. **WRITTEN:** Written essay limited to 500 words (including, but not limited to, short story, essay, poetry, etc.).

Sponsors: The 2019 Law Day Contest is sponsored by the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society and the Contest prizes are made possible through the generous donations by the Society's supporters.

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Steps to Enter: Qualified Participants must:

1. Agree to the contest Rules. To do so, you may find the contest Entry Form and a copy of the contest Rules at www.jud.ct.gov/historicalsociety/. All submissions must be accompanied by a signed and completed Law Day Contest Entry Form.
2. Deliver the submission and Entry Form via email, mail or hand-deliver to:

Mail or email: Horton Dowd Bartschi & Levesque, P.C.
90 Gillett Street
Hartford, CT 06105
MLanza@hdblfirm.com

Hand delivery: 90 Gillett St., Hartford, CT 06105, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Mail: Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society
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3. Contest entries will be accepted beginning today. To be eligible for prizes, all entries must be received by April 5, 2019.

Contest Description:

1. Selection of winners will be based on originality, creativity, adherence to the theme, and overall quality.
2. The Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day Contest Committee will select no more than one winner for each of the two categories from among the Eligible Entries that meet minimum quality standards and best reflect the theme. Winners will be contacted by email by April 15, 2019 and be posted on the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society website.
3. By completing and signing the Entry Form, each Participant assents to the republication, reproduction, or any other use of the submissions and the likenesses and personas contained therein by the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society. Each Law Day Contest Entry Form must certify the submission is the original work of the Qualified Participant(s). Submissions are subject to verification for compliance with these Rules. Qualified Participants are not limited to one entry, but will only be eligible to win one prize.

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Privacy: Any and all names, contact information, and related information should be submitted only on the entry form. Names, contact information, or any other personally identifiable information should not be included within the submission (for example, on a “credit roll”), as the submitted pieces may be displayed on publicly accessible websites. If personally identifiable information is presented within the submission, the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society may void or deem the submission ineligible.

All submissions must be the original work of the participants.

Participants must not have granted any other person or entity prior right to use the piece. Submissions will not be accepted or eligible if they include any content that contains or appears to contain:

1. Profane, obscene, or inappropriate language, contest or material or gratuitous violence;
2. Endorses, encourages, or condones drug use, underage drinking, alcohol abuse or other illegal activity;
3. Any express or implied commercial endorsement;
4. Any derogatory characterization of any person or group based on age, race, color, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, marital status, mental or physical disability, citizenship, creed, national origin, physical appearance, political affiliation, union membership, or other unethical or unlawful factors;
5. By submitting entries, participants warrant that the contents of the submitted piece do not infringe on any copyright owned by another, and/or that the content of the piece is within the bounds of the fair use doctrine. Participants also confirm that to the best of their knowledge, any statements made in the submitted piece are true and do not violate or infringe on the rights of third parties.

Conditions of Participation:

1. By entering, participants agree to defend and indemnify sponsor(s) and sponsor's principles, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the contest as a result of receiving participants' submissions and/or misuse of any prize.
2. Each participant agrees that the sponsor(s) may retain a copy of the submission and also consents, approves and authorizes the sponsor the right to use, broadcast, webcast, or otherwise exhibit or display the submitted pieces.
3. Each participant grants the sponsor(s) the unqualified right to use his or her name and submission entries, in connection with promoting or marketing the contest or its theme, and future contests, materials or as the sponsor(s) determine.

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4. The rights described in these official rules begin immediately upon submission.
5. The sponsor has no obligation to post or display any submitted piece and may at its discretion remove any submitted pieces at any time.
6. The participant releases the sponsor from any and all claims by third parties or the participant in connection with the submitted piece.

General Conditions:

1. The Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society is and shall be the final arbiter of the contest and applicability of these rules.
2. The sponsor reserves the right to void entries it deems associated with any form of tampering.
3. Should technical or other difficulties arise that compromise the integrity of the contest, the sponsor may cancel, modify or suspend the contest without notice. In that case, the sponsor reserves the right to award the prizes from eligible entries received before the cancellation.
4. The sponsor is not responsible for any technical malfunction or service outage related to the contest.

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Questions? If you have any questions in relation to the contest, please contact:

Michael Lanza at (860) 522-8338 or MLanza@hdblfirm.com