

CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Law Day Ceremony



SEPARATION OF POWERS: FRAMEWORK FOR FREEDOM

Supreme Court Courtroom

May 1, 2018

10:00 a.m.



Supreme Court Historical Society

The Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society was established in 2005 to promote and preserve the state's judicial and constitutional tradition through scholarship, memorials, publications, and education.

2018 Law Day Theme

Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom

“The U.S. Constitution sets out a system of government with distinct and independent branches – Congress, the Presidency, and a Supreme Court. It also defines legislative, executive, and judicial powers and outlines how they interact. These three separate branches share power, and each branch serves as a check on the power of the others. ‘Ambition must be made to counteract ambition,’ James Madison explained in Federalist 51.”

Program

OPENING OF THE COURT

WELCOME & REMARKS

Senior Associate Justice Richard N. Palmer
Connecticut Supreme Court

Attorney Wesley W. Horton
President, Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Judge Kimberly A. Knox
New London Judicial District

RECOGNITION OF AWARDS OF ART AND ESSAY CONTEST

Art

“3 Branches of Government” by Bairon Salgado-Cruz
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts

Essay

“We Come in Three” by Charlie Case
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT CERTIFICATES AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

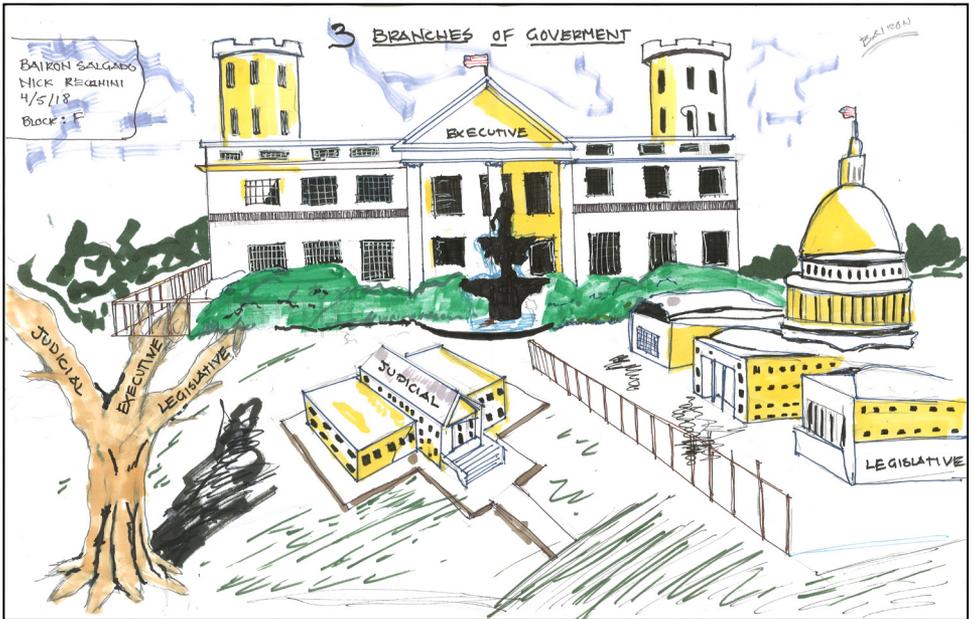
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RECEPTION IN MUSEUM OF CONNECTICUT HISTORY FOLLOWING EVENT

Art and Essay Contest

Art – “3 Branches of Government”

by Bairon Salgado-Cruz, Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts



Art and Essay Contest

Essay – “We Come in Three”

by Charlie Case, Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts

Events come in
Threes,
And so do We.
We The People or We,
Our country, or We,
Our government.
We are separated into three:
Legislative,
Executive,
Judicial.
The legislation gives us law
That the executive, the President,
May reject –
Yet in turn the legislation may
Overrule him.
And yet, still, the judiciary may step in
and say “No, Legislation.
That’s not right,” and rule it
Unconstitutional.
The judiciary may step in to say
“No, Executive, you cannot do that,”
And rule his action
Unconstitutional.
And if he keeps acting against
The Will of the People,
The legislation may step in
To tell him “Go. You are not needed
Anymore,” and impeach him.
Each branch, each of the Three,
Are intertwined.
Each keeps the other in Check:
They remind themselves
Of their true purpose:
To serve We,
The People.



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