



Thank you for your interest in the 2023 Law Day Art Contest

Theme: Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration

The 2023 Law Day theme will be “Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration.” The American Bar Association invites all the people of the United States to join the annual celebration on **May 1, 2023**. This year’s theme focuses on rebuilding trust in our institutions, respect for one another, and our willingness to collaborate to address the challenges that face our nation.

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Resources:

Teachers, coordinators, or students may visit the following website to obtain additional information regarding the 2023 Law Day theme as well as the United States’ constitution. These resources and instructional guidance will aid students in gaining an understanding of how the constitution functions as a legal framework that anchors several amendments and provisions in view of evolving legal issues of governance in the modern world.

- <http://www.lawday.org/>

Prompt:

In recent years, tensions in our democratic system have revealed deep divisions in American society. These divisions are aggravated by incivility in public discourse and insufficient understanding among many people about the Constitution and the way American government works. Together, however, we can work to overcome our differences, resolve our disputes, and preserve our democracy and republic. Create an original poster that illustrates what civics, civility, and collaboration mean to you. You may choose to focus on one or all the concepts. Submissions should be the students’ original work.

The Art Contest is open to **all high school students (Grades 9- 12) in the Birmingham and surrounding areas of Birmingham**. Submissions should incorporate the Law Day 2023 theme and depict images pertaining to the theme as it relates to the court through the students' artistic expression. Submissions should be the students' original work.

Format:

Artwork must be two-dimensional, and all artworks can be **no larger than 18 X 24 inches**. Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are:

- Drawings: (colored pencils, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Paintings: (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Collages: Must be two-dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: Use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Students may use any medium (watercolor, acrylic, oil, crayon, chalk, collage, pen & ink, tempera, or charcoal).
- Photography can be film or digital (black/white or color).
- No frame is necessary.
- Artwork must be in the original medium.

Submissions:

A digital file of the original artwork is required. Art teachers are to submit their student's artwork in one email along with each student's entry form to LawDayArt@outlook.com. Your original art should be no larger than an 18 X 24 in size and medium; however, you must create or scan and submit it as a high-resolution (minimum 300 dpi) digital file (JPG, JPEG, TIFF, PDF or EPS). Your digital art must measure no less than 12.8" (325.12 mm) wide by 8.8" (223.52 mm) high, or if larger, it must contain the same proportions.

Judging will take place mid-April and **ONLY** those students selected for inclusion in the exhibit will be notified along with their teacher by email towards the later part of April. More information will be given about a drop off location for the artwork to be displayed for the exhibit. All winning entries will be posted on our website by early May.

Only the top three submissions will be selected for inclusion in the exhibit, and the exhibit will be displayed for the 2023 Law Day on April 30, 2023, at Birmingham School of Law.

Judging:

Entries for the art contest will be judged by a panel of various members of the Birmingham arts community. Submissions will be judged on the incorporation of the 2023 Law Day theme, overall presentation, creativity, and originality.

Prizes:

Prizes and recognition will be given to the 1st place (\$250), 2nd place (\$100), and 3rd place (\$75) winners.

Deadline:

Submissions will be accepted **between March 20 to April 7, 2023**. Entries must be submitted electronically to LawDayArt@outlook.com.

Disclaimer:

By entering, the student gives the BLSA - BSOL the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes.

Questions or concerns: Email Rachel Allen at LawDayArt@outlook.com: Phone (205) 910-8953



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