

MARICOPA COUNTY
JUSTICE MUSEUM
& LEARNING CENTER

The Maricopa County Justice Museum & Learning Center 2023 Art Contests

This year's theme is:

Celebrating The Rule of Law

We encourage students ages 5 to 12 to submit drawings for our 2023 Justice Museum Calendar, and those ages 12 to 15 to submit artwork for a display in the Justice Museum and/or on the website.

The **Rule of Law** is the law that says that government can only legally use its power in a way that is agreed upon by the government and the people. It limits the powers a government has, as agreed in a country's constitution. The Rule of Law prevents dictatorship and protects the rights of the people. When leaders enforce the legal code honestly, even on themselves and their friends, this is an example of the rule of law being followed. "The rule of law," wrote the ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle in 350 BC, "is better than the rule of any individual."

Some aspects of The Rule of Law are:

Judges • Attorneys • Juries

Access to Justice • Equality • Human and Property Rights

Separation of Powers—Judicial, Legislative and Executive (Our President)

More than 200 years ago, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay published a series of essays promoting the United States Constitution. In explaining the need for an independent judiciary, Alexander Hamilton noted that the federal courts "were designed to be an intermediate body between the people and their legislature" in order to ensure that the people's representatives acted only within the authority given to Congress under the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution is the nation's fundamental law. Courts have the responsibility to interpret the Constitution's meaning, as well as the meaning of any laws passed by Congress.

The Bill of Rights was passed because concepts such as freedom of religion, speech, equal treatment, and due process of law were deemed so important that, barring a Constitutional Amendment, not even a majority should be allowed to change them.

The courts play an integral role in maintaining the rule of law, particularly when they hear the grievances voiced by minority groups or by those who may hold minority opinions. Equality before the law is such an essential part of the American system of government that, when a majority, whether acting intentionally or unintentionally, infringes upon the rights of a minority, the Court may see fit to hear both sides of the controversy in court.

JUSTICE MUSEUM CALENDAR CONTEST

Pictures should reflect the artists' visual representation of **Celebrating the Rule of Law**

DEADLINE: The deadline is August 15, 2022.

HOW TO ENTER: Artists between the ages of 5-12 are invited to submit hand-drawn, homemade artwork (hint: we like color, anything from crayon to paint is great) created on 11"x8.5" white paper reflecting the theme. The Calendar Committee will choose the winning artwork (13-18 submissions), which will be featured in a 2023 calendar to benefit the Justice Museum. Submissions should be horizontal, scanned at 300dpi or higher, and saved as a .jpg or .pdf file. Artists do not have to be formally affiliated with the Justice Museum or the Maricopa County Bar Association to enter, but they do need to be between the ages of 5-12 by July 1, 2022.

Complete the entry form & waiver on the next page.

WINNERS will be notified by September 15, 2022, will receive a calendar, and will be invited to attend the Justice Museum Founders' Breakfast in November 2022.

CALENDARS will be available for purchase to benefit the Maricopa County Justice Museum & Learning Center in October 2022.

JUSTICE MUSEUM ART CONTEST

Pictures should reflect the artists' visual representation of **Celebrating the Rule of Law**

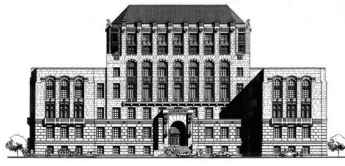
DEADLINE: The deadline is August 15, 2022.

HOW TO ENTER: Artists between the ages of 12-18 are invited to submit artwork reflecting the theme that also includes a brief description. The Calendar Committee will choose the winning artwork, which will be displayed in the Justice Museum. Submissions should be scanned at 300dpi or higher, and saved as a .jpg or .pdf file. Artists do not have to be formally affiliated with the Justice Museum or the Maricopa County Bar Association to enter, but they do need to be between the ages of 12-18 by July 1, 2022.

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Winners' artwork will be on display at the Breakfast prior to being on display at the Justice Museum.



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Art Contest Entry Form Celebrating the Rule of Law

Calendar artists must be age 5–12 as of July 1, 2022 • Museum Artists must be 12-18 as of July 1, 2022

By submitting this form and the student’s artwork for this contest, the student/artist and his or her parents or legal guardians also agree to the following waiver:

I agree to grant to the Maricopa County Justice Museum and Learning Center, its Board of Directors and authorized representatives, and the Maricopa County Bar Association (MCBA) and its authorized representatives, permission to use the artwork in a calendar for sale to benefit the Museum, and agree to grant permission for any photographs, film, and/or video of my child(ren)’s or my participation in the Justice Museum Founders’ Breakfast. I further agree that any or all of the artwork and/or material photographed or captured on video may be used, in any form, including on the Museum or MCBA website, as part of any future publications, brochure, or other printed materials used to promote the Maricopa County Justice Museum and Learning Center and the MCBA, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit, or other compensation.

Student’s Name _____

Student’s DOB _____ Student’s School and Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Email a completed entry form and your submission to bsheehan@maricopabar.org

Deadline is August 15, 2022

For best reproduction, calendar entries must be:

- 1) 8.5”x11” (*horizontal or “landscape” orientation);
- 2) Save as a .jpg or .pdf file; and
- 3) Scanned at 300 dpi or higher

**Vertical images will be accepted but will need to be reduced significantly in order to fit in the horizontal space.*