

MEMORANDUM

TO: School Principals and Art Teachers

FROM: Bethany A. Burgon
Law Day Poster Art Contest Coordinator

DATE: November 2007

RE: 2008 North Carolina Law Day Poster Art Contest
Grades 4th-6th

The purpose of Law Day is to reserve a “special day of celebration by the American people in appreciation for their liberties and provide an occasion for rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under the law.” Law Day was inspired by Charles S. Rhyne, president of the American Bar Association in 1957-58 who practiced law in Washington, D.C. In response to the Cold War and the Soviet Union’s commemoration of May Day, Rhyne drafted the founding Law Day resolution and personally delivered it to President Dwight D. Eisenhower who proclaimed May 1, 1958, as the first Law Day. Every year since, the President has officially proclaimed May 1st at Law Day throughout the United States. The North Carolina Bar Association and its Young Lawyers Division, through formal proclamation by the Governor of North Carolina, celebrate Law Day on the first Friday in May. The NCBA’s 51st observance of Law Day is scheduled May 2, 2008.

The Young Lawyers Division of the North Carolina Bar Association is once again pleased to sponsor a statewide Poster Art Contest as part of Law Day 2008. This is the twenty-fifth year the Poster Art Contest has been sponsored in our North Carolina Schools. The theme for this year’s Poster Art Contest is

“THE RULE OF LAW: Foundation for Community Opportunity and Equity.”

The Poster Art Contest is open to students in grades four through six. The contest is intended to be both a fun experience and a challenge for students. I am enclosing for your review and distribution the Poster Art Contest Rules. The Law Day Committee would appreciate your assistance in assuring that all fourth, fifth and sixth grade teachers and art teachers receive copies of these materials to share with their students. We sincerely hope your students will participate.

On behalf of the Young Lawyers Division, thank you in advance for your assistance in disseminating the Law Day Poster Art Contest materials. If you or your teachers have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to your students’ participation.

**LAW DAY 2008
POSTER ART CONTEST RULES**

General Rules:

1. The contest is limited to those students enrolled for the 2007-2008 school year in grades four, five and six.
2. Posters must be made **entirely** by the contestant.
3. Entries should be no smaller than 8 ½ inches by 11 inches and no larger than 14 inches by 22 inches. Participants are free to use paints, magic markers, colored pencils, or any other medium that is suitable for mailing.
4. Unless otherwise indicated, each entry must have the following information attached **on the back of the poster** in order to be considered:

Student's full name
School name, address and phone number
Submitting Teacher's name
Student's parents, home address and phone number
Student's grade level and age

Please note that failure to provide a student's home address and home telephone number may result in a winning student not being notified of his or her selection.

5. Judges will be chosen by the Young Lawyers Division, and each poster will be reviewed comparatively with the other posters submitted. Judges will look for posters that show creativity, imagination and thoughtfulness.
6. All entries become the property of the Young Lawyers Division of the North Carolina Bar Association. The first, second and third place posters will be returned to these three contestants on May 2, 2008, following the Law Day Awards Ceremony. **All other entries can be returned only if a self-addressed, postage paid envelope is submitted with the entry.** The envelope must be of **adequate size** to hold the poster(s) to be returned.

Poster Topic:

The chosen theme for Law Day 2008 is "THE RULE OF LAW: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity." Students may interpret this theme as they see fit in creating their posters.

Timetable:

- November 2007: Poster contest notice mailed to public schools.
- March 7, 2008: Posters must be **postmarked** and **mailed no later than this date** to the following post office or street address:
- YLD Law Week Poster Contest
(Mailing Address) PO Box 3688, Cary, NC 27519
(Street Address) 8000 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC 27513
- April 4, 2008: Winners will be notified.
- May 2, 2008: Law Day 2008 – Winners will be presented with awards at the ceremony in Raleigh.

Awards:

The following awards will be presented during the Law Day Ceremony to be held in Raleigh on Friday, May 2, 2008.

First Prize: \$300.00 Savings Bond and Plaque

Second Prize: \$200.00 Savings Bond and Plaque

Third Prize: \$100.00 Savings Bond and Plaque

There will also be a luncheon preceding the Awards Ceremony for winning students, parents and teachers, along with North Carolina Supreme Court justices, appellate court judges, attorneys, North Carolina Bar Association leaders and members of our federal and state legislatures.

Questions:

Should anyone have any questions or need additional information, please contact Bethany A. Burgon at 919)716-6860, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by email at bburgon@email.ncdoj.gov.