



The History of Law Day

In 1958, President Eisenhower promulgated the first Law Day, U.S.A. as “a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law.” Every year since, the President has officially promulgated Law Day as a celebration of our commitment to the rule of law, “an occasion for rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under the law.” That great commitment is enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution and has been reaffirmed by the words and deeds of great Americans throughout our nation’s history.

The North Carolina Bar Association and its Young Lawyers Division, through a formal proclamation by the Governor of North Carolina, celebrate Law Day on the first Friday in May.

The Law Day Poster Art Contest

Intended to be a fun and challenging experience, the Law Day Poster Art Contest offers an opportunity for *North Carolina students in third through fifth grades* and *their respective schools* to participate in Law Day and potentially earn rewards in recognition of their efforts.

Enclosed is the 2022 Poster Art Contest Packet, with a detailed description of the contest, eligibility, and contest rules.

Contest Awards



Three prizes will be awarded for the Poster Art Contest during the Law Week Ceremony.

First Prize: A plaque of recognition and **\$225** to the school

Second Prize: A plaque of recognition and **\$150** to the school

Third Prize: A plaque of recognition and **\$75** to the school

Eligibility

The Poster Art Contest is limited to children enrolled for the 2021-2022 year in grades 3-5.

Contest Theme



The Law Day 2022 theme is “*Toward a More Perfect Union*.” The Constitution is a living document. It not only outlines a blueprint for our government, but assigns power and authority, articulates rights, and offers tools for change.

Our Constitution’s text is not perfect. It does not fully explain every possibility, as our nation’s history makes clear. Legislation, court rulings, amendments, lawyers, and “We the People” have built upon those original words across generations to attempt to make the “more perfect Union” more real.

That effort continues every day. Today, leaders and citizens raise their voices as loud as ever to fulfill the promise of the Constitution. Defining and refining those words of the Constitution might be our oldest national tradition, and how each of us works—together—*Toward a More Perfect Union*, our Law Day 2022 Theme.

Contest Rules

1. Posters must be made entirely by the contestant.
2. Physical 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.
3. Computer generated posters designed by contestants are an alternative to physical posters. Digital entries must be submitted via email.
4. Unless otherwise indicated, each entry must have the following information attached **on the back of the poster** or **included in the email of a digital submission** in order to be considered:
 - (a) Student’s full name;
 - (b) School name, address and phone number;
 - (c) Submitting teacher’s name;
 - (d) Student’s home address, a parent’s email address, and phone number; and
 - (e) Student’s grade level and age.
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 by mail.

Contest Timetable

January 2022:
Contest Announcement

March 11, 2022:
POSTMARK DEADLINE
Posters must be postmarked on or before this date to be eligible.

April 2022:
Winners notified

May 6, 2022:
Law Day 2022

Awards presented at the annual Law Day ceremony (more information to be provided).

Please mail or email entries to:

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Questions If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Chris Flurry, chris.flurry@elliswinters.com or Cheyenne Merrigan, cmerrigan@ncbar.org, Communities Manager for the Young Lawyers Division.