

Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society  
P.O. Box 230639  
Hartford, CT 06123-0639

February 27, 2018

Dear High School Principal and High School Guidance Counselor:

We cordially invite the students of your high school to participate in the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society's Law Day celebration and competition. This year's Law Day theme explores the Separation of Powers under the United States Constitution.

We invite your high school students to submit (i) an essay or poetry piece, (ii) a multimedia piece or (iii) an art piece to be entered in the Law Day contest. The deadline for submissions is April 6, 2018. Winners will be recognized during the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society's Law Day Celebration on May 1, 2018. Any multimedia submission should be in the following format: mpg or .wmv. There will be one winner in each of the three categories as described in the contest rules, each of whom will receive an award of \$500.

The Law Day celebration takes place at the Connecticut Supreme Court, with the attendant formalities of a court proceeding. The winners will have an opportunity to present their multimedia/art piece or recite their essay/poetry piece. There will be a reception following the award ceremony at which the attendees will have an opportunity to personally meet Justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

We will be reserving seats for the award recipients and their classes and families. We invite and encourage your high school's participating class(es) to attend the Law Day celebration.

Very truly yours,

William S. Fish, Jr.  
Board Member

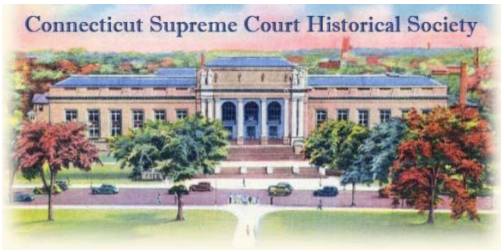
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Resources available at the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society's website:  
[www.jud.ct.gov/historicalsociety/](http://www.jud.ct.gov/historicalsociety/)

1. 2018 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: About the Contest
2. 2018 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: Official Contest Rules
3. 2018 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: Contest Entry Form

**Questions?** If you have any questions in relation to the contest, please contact,  
Jean McCarthy at [jmccarthy@hinckleyallen.com](mailto:jmccarthy@hinckleyallen.com)



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## **2018 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: About the Contest**

*Entry Deadline: April 6, 2018*

**About the Contest:** This annual contest provides an opportunity to win prizes, learn about our legal system and get creative. The contest can be incorporated into a curriculum, offered as extra credit, or just done for fun. Both individual and team submissions are accepted.

**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. ([www.aba.lawday](http://www.aba.lawday))

**Submission and Criteria:** Three categories of submissions:

1. **ART:** Two-dimensional art pieces should not exceed 11”x17” (including, but not limited to, drawings, paintings, photographs, comics, etc.).
2. **WRITTEN:** Written pieces limited to 250 words (including, but not limited to, short story, essay, poetry, etc.).
3. **VIDEO/MULTIMEDIA:** Presentation limited to 3 minutes (including but not limited to video art, music, dance, drama/skit, etc.). Videos and multimedia to be submitted in either .mpg or .wmv format.

Submissions should reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to our constitutional purpose of freedom in a democracy. Criteria: the submissions will be evaluated on originality, quality, creativity and clarity of expression of the theme.

**Eligibility:** The Law Day Contest is open to students, student groups, and classes attending a public or private high school, or being home schooled, within Connecticut and in grades 9-12 or the equivalent. All qualified participants under the age of 18 must have their parent or guardian sign the Parental Permission Release found on the Entry Form.

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**Recognition and Awards:** One winner for each category will receive a prize with a value of \$500 (to an individual or a team). The winners will be recognized at the Law Day celebration to be held on May 1, 2018 at the Connecticut Supreme Court, Hartford, where the winners will have the opportunity to meet the Chief Justice and Justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

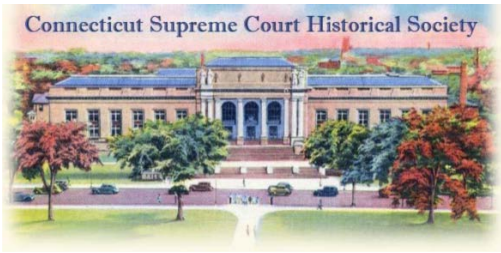
***Award Recognition: May 1, 2018 at the Connecticut Supreme Court***

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## 2018 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: Official Contest Rules

**Qualified Participants:** The Law Day Contest is open to students, student groups, and classes attending a public or private high school, or being home schooled, within Connecticut and in grades 9-12 or the equivalent.

**Background:** The Law Day Contest asks participants to explore the importance of separation of powers between the three equal branches of government, executive, legislative and judicial, to democracy and individual freedoms.

**Sponsors:** The 2018 Law Day Contest is sponsored by the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society and the Contest prizes are made possible through the generous donations by the Society's supporters.

**Contest Eligibility Requirements:** Qualified participants are allowed enter a submission under any one or more of three categories. Each submission may only be submitted in one category: The categories are:

1. **ART:** Two-dimensional art pieces are not to exceed 11"x17" (including, but not limited to, drawings, paintings, photographs, comics, etc.).
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Submissions should reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to our constitutional purpose of freedom in a democracy. Criteria: the submissions will be evaluated on originality, quality, creativity and clarity of expression of the theme. Each submission must be accompanied by a signed Entry Form. All Qualified Participants under the age of 18 years must have their parent or legal guardian sign the Parental Permission Release on the Entry Form. Any and all participants must assent to the republication, reproduction, or any other use of the submissions and the likenesses and personas contained therein by the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society and must sign the applicable release. Additionally, each Law Day Contest Entry Form must certify the submission is the original work of the Qualified Participant(s). Submissions are subject to verification for compliance with these Rules. Qualified Participants are not limited to one entry, but will only be eligible to win one prize.

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**Group Submissions:** Two or more Qualified Participants may submit a group entry. Qualified Participants need not be from the same school or class. However, all students must meet Contest Eligibility Requirements and must complete the Law Day Contest Entry Form with Parental Permission.

**Steps to Enter:** Qualified Participants must:

1. Agree to the contest Rules. To do so, you may find the contest Entry Form and a copy of the contest Rules at [www.jud.ct.gov/historicalsociety/](http://www.jud.ct.gov/historicalsociety/). All submissions must be accompanied by a signed and completed Law Day Contest Entry Form signed by participants or parent/guardian as applicable.
2. Deliver the contest piece email or mail, with the completed Entry Form, to:  
  
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3. Contest entries will be accepted beginning today. To be eligible for prizes, all entries must be received by April 6, 2018.

## **Contest Description:**

1. Selection of winners will be based on originality, creativity, adherence to the theme, and overall quality.
2. The Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day Contest Committee will select no more than one winner for each of the three categories from among the Eligible Entries that meet minimum quality standards and best reflect the theme. Winners will be announced on or about April 13, 2017 and posted on the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society website.

**Contest Prizes:** One winner for each category will receive a prize with a value of \$500 (to an individual or a team). The winners will be recognized at the Law Day celebration to be held on May 1, 2018 at the Connecticut Supreme Court, Hartford, where the winners will have the opportunity to meet the Chief Justice and Justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

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**Privacy:** Any and all names, contact information, and related information should be submitted only on the entry form. Names, contact information, or any other personally identifiable information should not be included within the submission (for example, on a “credit roll”), as the submitted pieces may be displayed on publicly accessible websites. If personally identifiable information is presented within the submission, the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society may void or deem the submission ineligible.

## **All submissions must be the original work of the participants.**

Participants must not have granted any other person or entity prior right to use the piece. Submissions will not be accepted or eligible if they include any content that contains or appears to contain:

1. Profane, obscene, or inappropriate language, contest or material or gratuitous violence;
2. Endorses, encourages, or condones drug use, underage drinking, alcohol abuse or other illegal activity;
3. Any express or implied commercial endorsement;
4. Any derogatory characterization of any person or group based on age, race, color, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, marital status, mental or physical disability, citizenship, creed, national origin, physical appearance, political affiliation, union membership, or other unethical or unlawful factors;
5. By submitting entries, participants warrant that the contents of the submitted piece do not infringe on any copyright owned by another, and/or that the content of the piece is within the bounds of the fair use doctrine. Participants also confirm that to the best of their knowledge, any statements made in the submitted piece are true and do not violate or infringe on the rights of third parties.

## **Conditions of Participation:**

1. By entering, participants agree to defend and indemnify sponsor(s) and sponsor's principles, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the contest as a result of receiving participants' submissions and/or misuse of any prize.
2. Each participant agrees that the sponsor(s) may retain a copy of the submission and also consents, approves and authorizes the sponsor the right to use, broadcast, webcast, or otherwise exhibit or display the submitted pieces.

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3. Each participant grants the sponsor(s) the unqualified right to use his or her name and submission entries, in connection with promoting or marketing the contest or its theme, and future contests, materials or as the sponsor(s) determine.
4. The rights described in these official rules begin immediately upon submission.
5. The sponsor has no obligation to post or display any submitted piece and may at its discretion remove any submitted pieces at any time.
6. The participant releases the sponsor from any and all claims by third parties or the participant in connection with the submitted piece.

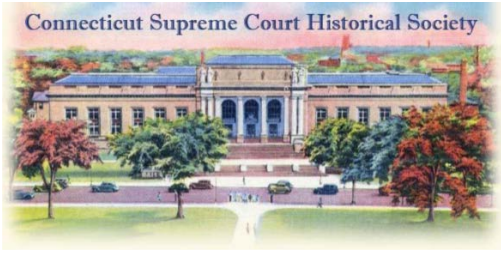
### **General Conditions:**

1. The Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society is and shall be the final arbiter of the contest and applicability of these rules.
2. The sponsor reserves the right to void entries it deems associated with any form of tampering.
3. Should technical or other difficulties arise that compromise the integrity of the contest the sponsor may cancel, modify or suspend the contest without notice. In that case, the sponsor reserves the right to award the prizes from eligible entries received before the cancellation.
4. The sponsor is not responsible for any technical malfunction or service outage related to the contest.

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## 2018 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: Entry and Release Form

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\* What is the name of your submission? **For a team submission, each participant must submit his/her own entry and release form.**

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\* School Name

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\* Student Name

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\* Student Email Address

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\* Student Year of Birth

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\* Student Grade(s)

By signing below, I acknowledge that I agree to the Law Day Contest Official Contest Rules located at <http://www.jud.ct.gov/historicalsociety/>

Student Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### Parental Permission Release

\* I am the parent/legal guardian responsible for this submission to the Law Day Contest sponsored by the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society. I grant permission for my student to participate in the Contest. I assent to the republication, reproduction or other use of the submission and the likeness and persona of the minor for whom I am the parent/legal guardian.

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Parent/Legal Guardian or Student, if 18 years or older, Signature

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