



Law Day 2019 Art Poster Contest: Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society

The Maine State Bar Association invites all Maine students in grades 4-8 to participate in its Law Day art poster contest. Established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958, Law Day honors the rule of law. Law Day, which is held annually on May 1, provides an opportunity to understand how law and the legal process protect our liberty, strive to achieve justice, and contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share.

Law Day Theme: The 2019 Law Day theme – Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society – focuses on these cornerstones of representative government and calls on us to understand and protect these rights to ensure, as the U.S. Constitution proposes, “the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity.” In the United States and around the world, freedom of speech and the press are among the most important foundations for a free society. It is impossible to imagine a free society without these individual liberties, yet historical and current debates surrounding them continually challenge us to consider their boundaries and resilience. Changes in technology have reshaped how free speech and free press work in the everyday world. Law Day 2019 offers the opportunity to explore this pair of freedoms by probing their history and considering their future. Should all speech be “free?” What is the role of government in regulating or protecting the press? Should speech or the press be constrained through laws or norms? Can a free society exist without free speech and free press?

Art Prompt: In the context of the Law Day theme above, create a poster to illustrate how you believe free speech and free press are part of the foundation of a free society, and how these freedoms impact your daily life.

Eligibility: This contest is open to Maine students in grades 4-8.

Criteria: Students may use any medium (watercolor, acrylic, oil, crayon, chalk, collage, pen & ink); no frame is necessary; no sculpture or 3-D pieces. Entries should be no larger than 18”x24” and will be judged on originality, design, craft/technique, content, and appeal.

Identification

of Art: On the back lower right corner of the art poster, each contestant must include: Name of student, school of student, grade of student, and name of teacher.

Deadline: Mail posters with entry form to **Kathryn Holub, Maine State Bar Association, 124 State St., Augusta, ME, 04330**. Posters may also be hand-delivered no later than **4 p.m. on May 15, 2019**. Mailed entries must be **postmarked by May 15, 2019**, or they will be disqualified.

Prizes: One winner from each of the following grade categories will win \$50: 4-5 and 6-8. The winning students’ teachers will also receive \$50 each. The winning posters will be published in the *Maine Bar Journal* and at www.mainebar.org.

Materials: More information about Law Day and this contest can be found at www.mainebar.org under **For the Public > Law Day 2019**.

Contact MSBA Communications Director Kathryn Holub at kholub@mainebar.org with questions.



2019 Maine State Bar Association Law Day Art Poster Contest Student Entry Form

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Please type or print legibly.

Student's Name & Grade: _____

Student's Email: _____

Student's Home Address: _____

Student's Telephone/Cell: _____

School Name & Telephone: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

I affirm I am a student in 4-8th grade and the enclosed art poster is the result of my own work.

Student's Signature

I affirm the enclosed art poster is solely the work of the student named above.

Teacher's Signature

I hereby grant my child permission to participate in the 2019 Law Day contest.

Parent's Name (Print)

Parent's Signature

Students give the Maine State Bar Association the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or any other limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes. Posters may not be returned to contest entrants. Winners will be notified by May 31, 2019.

All entries must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2019 at:

Kathryn Holub
2019 Law Day Essay Contest
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