



February 26, 2025

RE: 2025 Law Day Contest for Elementary, Middle, and High School Students

Dear Parents, Principals, and Teachers,

The Mobile Bar Association is excited to announce its 2025 Law Day Contest. Law Day is an annual national event celebrating the role of law in our society. The 2025 Law Day theme (chosen by the American Bar Association) is ***The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One.*** This year's theme encourages Americans to take pride in a Constitution that bridges our differences to bring us together as a united nation.

This year's contest includes three categories:

- Elementary (K-5th) Art Contest
- Middle School (6th-8th) Essay Contest
- High School (9th-12th) Essay Contest

Please email all essay submissions and entry forms to the 2025 Law Day Chair, Virginia Powell, by **Friday, April 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** at vpowell@starneslaw.com. To ensure your email is received by Ms. Powell, please cc your email to Julie Galbreath at jgalbreath@starneslaw.com. Further details and rules regarding ESSAY submissions are included in the attached Contest Guidelines.

All participants are invited to a special Law Day Judicial Event on **Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.** at the Mobile Federal Courthouse. We will circulate additional information via email, but please mark your calendars!

Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) applicants from each category. The First Place Winner from each category will receive \$100, the Second Place Winner will receive \$50, and the Third Place Winner will receive \$25. In addition, the teacher of each First Place Winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate. Winners will be notified by Friday, May 9, 2025. Winners and their parents and teachers will be invited to attend our 2025 Law Day Membership Luncheon at the Battle House Hotel on Friday, May 16, at 11:45 p.m., as honorary guests of the Mobile Bar Association.

Please feel free to contact me with questions. I can be reached at the above email address or by phone at 251-445-4707. I look forward to your students' participation!

Sincerely,

Virginia Powell
Law Day Chair, 2025



2025 Law Day Essay Contest Guidelines – Middle and High School

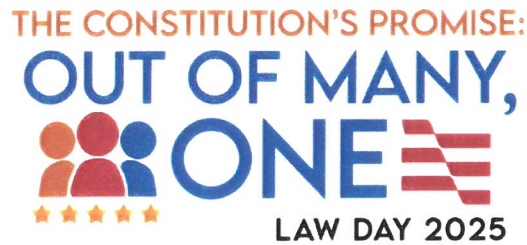


Law Day, celebrated throughout the month of May, has been a visible part of American legal culture since President Dwight D. Eisenhower established it in 1958 to celebrate the rule of law in a free society. The 2025 Law Day theme is *The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One.*

1. **Grade Range:** This competition is open to all students enrolled in 6th-12th grade in **Mobile County**, with two categories of judging: Middle School (6th-8th) and High School (9th-12th).
2. **Essay Prompt:** Participants must critically interpret the Law Day theme – *The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One* – in response to the following prompt:

To be an effective judge, it is important to be fair, impartial, and independent each time he or she enters the courtroom. Decisions made are to uphold the Constitution and Rule of Law. *In your essay, please examine the importance of a judge and what qualities and skills a judge must possess and use to be effective.*

3. **Limit:** Only one entry of original work per student will be accepted.
4. **Format:** All entries must be typewritten and **must not exceed 500 words**, not including title or citations (citations, when relevant, are encouraged but not required). Entries must be submitted through Word or PDF. *All entries must include a fully completed Entry Form.*
5. **Submission:** Essays and Entry Forms must be submitted via email to Virginia Powell at vpowell@starneslaw.com and Julie Galbreath at jgalbreath@starneslaw.com. If you have not received an email confirming receipt 48 hours after submission, please contact Ms. Powell at 251-445-4707. Entries may be submitted by students, parents, or teachers. The Mobile Bar Association bears no responsibility for lost or undelivered entries.
6. **Judging:** Entries will be judged by a committee composed of Mobile Bar Association members. The Committee will review entries based on responsiveness, grammar, and creativity.
7. **Prizes:** Prizes and recognition will be given to each Category's first, second, and third place winners.
8. **Deadline:** All entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 11, 2025.**
9. By entering, the student gives the Mobile Bar Association the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes.



2025 Law Day Entry Form (All Grades)

Please include this cover sheet with your submission.
Write or type ALL information.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CURRENT GRADE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL TELEPHONE: _____

TEACHER'S NAME: _____

TEACHER'S E-MAIL: _____

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, April 11, 2025

SUBMIT TO: Virginia Powell at vpowell@starneslaw.com and Julie Galbreath at jgalbreath@starneslaw.com.