



March 2, 2026

RE: 2026 Law Day Contest for Elementary, Middle, and High School Students

Dear Parents, Principals, and Teachers,

The Mobile Bar Association is excited to announce its 2026 Law Day Contest. Law Day is an annual national event celebrating the role of law in our society. The 2026 Law Day theme (chosen by the American Bar Association) is *The Rule of Law and the American Dream*. This year's theme encourages Americans to reflect on how the rule of law ensures that all citizens have the opportunity to fulfill their dreams.

This year's contest includes three categories:

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

Submissions and entry forms are due **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026.**

Additional details and rules regarding submissions are included in the attached Contest Guidelines.

All participants are invited to a special Law Day Judicial Event on **Monday, May 4, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.** in the Ceremonial Courtroom at Government Plaza. 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 card. Winners will be notified by Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Winners and their parents and teachers will be invited to attend our 2026 Law Day Membership Luncheon at the Battle House Hotel on Friday, May 15, 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 valynda.jeromewilliams@gmail.com or by phone at 850-321-8166. I look forward to your students' participation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Valynda Jerome-Williams'.

Valynda Jerome-Williams
Law Day Co-chair, 2026

2026 Law Day Art Contest Guidelines – Elementary School

The Rule of Law and the American Dream



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 2026 Law Day theme is *The Rule of Law and the American Dream*.

1. **Grade Range:** All students enrolled in kindergarten – 5th grade in **Mobile County**.
2. **Art Theme:** The artwork must be the student's interpretation of the Law Day theme – *The Rule of Law and the American Dream* – in response to the following prompt:

Draw a picture of what the American Dream means to you.
3. **Limit:** Only one entry of *original* work per student will be accepted.
4. **Format:** Art must be a two-dimensional drawing, painting, or collage constructed on a standard size piece of paper (8.5 x 11 inches). *No AI-generated or other computer-generated work (i.e. photos from the Internet) will be accepted. All entries must include a fully completed Entry Form.*
5. **Submission:** Submissions may be made electronically or via mail; submissions through a Google link will not be accepted. Electronic copies (scanned or photographed) of the student's art and the entry form must be submitted via email to jmorgan@mobilebarassociation.com by Friday, April 17, 2026. Physical copies of the art and entry form must be postmarked by April 17, 2026, and mailed to Mobile Bar Association, 150 Government Street, Suite 1000-A, Mobile, Alabama 36602. If you have not received an email confirming receipt 48 hours after submission, please contact Ms. Jerome-Williams at 850-321-8166. 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 response relative to the prompt and creativity.
7. **Prizes:** Prizes and recognition will be given to the first, second, and third place winners.
8. **Deadline:** All entries must be received or postmarked **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026**.
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.

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2026 Law Day Entry Form (Art Contest)

You must include this cover sheet with your submission.
Please write or type in ALL information.

Student's name: _____

Current grade: _____

School name: _____

School address: _____

School telephone: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Teacher's email: _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's email: _____

Parent's address: _____

Parent's phone: _____

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, April 17, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.