

## **2021 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day Contest**

**Law Day Theme: “Advancing the Rule of Law, Now”**

**\$1,000 AWARDS  
AND  
WINNERS PRESENT TO CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT JUSTICES**

***Entry Deadline: April 9, 2021***

**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.

**2021 Law Day Theme:** As stated by the American Bar Association, the 2021 Law Day theme is “Advancing the Rule of Law, Now.” As explained by the ABA: “The rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties-in times of calm and unrest alike. The 2021 Law Day theme - Advancing the Rule of Law, Now - reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice.”

The Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society’s Law Day competition focuses on this theme and asks students to submit either an (1) essay or (2) an art piece that discusses or incorporates the 2021 Law Day theme.

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

1. **ART:** Two-dimensional art pieces should not exceed 24” x 36” (including, but not limited to, drawings, paintings, photographs, comics, etc.).
2. **WRITTEN:** Written essay limited to 250 words.

Submissions should reflect on, discuss and/or incorporate the 2021 Law Day theme.

**Contest Criteria:** the submissions will be evaluated based on originality, quality, creativity and clarity of expression related to the 2021 Law Day theme.

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**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.

**Recognition and Awards:** One winner for each category will receive a prize of \$1,000 (to an individual or a team). The winners will be recognized at the Law Day celebration to be held **virtually** on May 3, 2021 in conjunction with the Connecticut Supreme Court, where the winners will have the opportunity to present to the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Submissions should be emailed to:

[jmurray@hdblfirm.com](mailto:jmurray@hdblfirm.com)

Or Hand-Delivered to:

Jillian Murray  
Horton Dowd Bartschi & Levesque, P.C.  
90 Gillett Street  
Hartford, CT 06105

**Resource:** [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_education/law-day/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day/)

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**Questions?** If you have any questions in relation to the contest, please contact:  
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## **2021 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: Official Contest Rules**

### **\$1,000 AWARDS AND WINNERS PRESENT TO CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT JUSTICES**

**Contest Prizes:** One winner for each category will receive a cash award of \$1,000 (to an individual or a team), and will present to the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court at the Connecticut Supreme Court Virtual Law Day Ceremony on May 3, 2021. Entry Deadline: April 9, 2021

### **Contest Theme:**

**Background:** The Law Day Contest asks participants to explore the Rule of Law in the United States and Connecticut. As stated by the American Bar Association: The 2021 Law Day theme is “Advancing the Rule of Law, Now.” As explained by the ABA: “The rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties-in times of calm and unrest alike. The 2021 Law Day theme - Advancing the Rule of Law, Now - reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice.”

For more information on the Law Day theme, please see the following website:  
[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_education/law-day/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day/).

**Contest Focus:** The Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society’s Law Day competition focuses on this theme and asks students to submit either an (1) essay or (2) an art piece that discusses or incorporates the 2021 Law Day theme.

**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.

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

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**Contest Eligibility Requirements:** Qualified participants may enter a submission under either of the following categories (each submission may only be submitted in one category):

1. **ART:** Two-dimensional art pieces are not to exceed 24" x 36" (including, but not limited to, drawings, paintings, photographs, comics, etc.).
2. **WRITTEN:** Written essay limited to 250 words (including, but not limited to, short story, essay, poetry, etc.).

**Sponsors:** The 2021 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.

**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 submission and Entry Form via email, mail or hand-deliver to:

*Mail or email:* Horton Dowd Bartschi & Levesque, P.C.  
90 Gillett Street  
Hartford, CT 06105  
jmurray@hdblfirm.com

*Hand delivery:* 90 Gillett St., Hartford, CT 06105, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

3. To be eligible for prizes, all entries must be received by April 9, 2021.

**Contest Description:**

1. Selection of winners will be based on originality, quality, creativity and clarity of expression related to the 2021 Law Day 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 two categories from among the Eligible Entries that meet minimum quality standards and best reflect the theme. Winners will be contacted by email or phone and their names and essays or photos of their artwork will be posted on the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society website.
3. By completing and signing the Entry Form, each Participant assents 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. Each Law Day

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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.

**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 (for purposes of these rules, “participant(s)” mean the parent or guardian signing the entry form if applicable and the student.**

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 principals, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, members, and agents from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the contest or as a result of receiving participants' submissions and/or misuse of any prize.

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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.
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 in its absolute discretion, remove any submitted pieces at any time.
6. The participant releases the sponsor and sponsor's principals, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, members, and agents 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.

**Questions?** If you have any questions in relation to the contest, please contact:

Jillian Murray at (860) 522-8338 or [jmurray@hdblfirm.com](mailto:jmurray@hdblfirm.com)



**2021 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society  
Law Day: Entry and Release Form**

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\* What is the name of your submission?

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**For a team submission, each participant must submit a separate entry and release form.  
For a team submission, please check the following box and list other team members.**

Team Member Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Student Email and telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please circle preferred contact)

\* Student Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Student Anticipated Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

**Under 18 Years Only  
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 the above named 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. I have read and agree to the Official Contest Rules in all respects including the provisions applicable to me, and I agree to the Official Contest Rules on behalf of the minor for whom I am the parent/legal guardian.

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Parent/Legal Guardian

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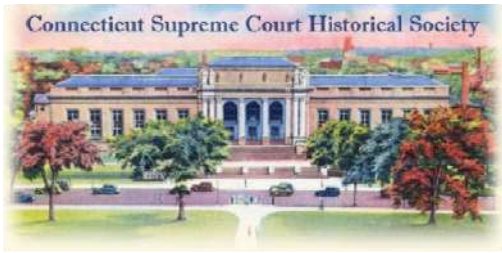
90 Gillett Street

Hartford, CT 06105

Hand-delivery only Monday-Friday, 9-5 p.m.

For more details please visit: <http://www.jud.ct.gov/historicalsociety/>





February 12, 2021

**STUDENT ESSAY AND ART CONTEST FOR LAW DAY 2021**

**\$1000 AWARDS FOR TWO WINNERS**

**WINNERS PRESENT TO CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT JUSTICES**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 9, 2021**

Dear High School Principal and High School Guidance Counselor/Teacher:

We cordially invite your students to participate in the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society's Annual Law Day celebration and competition. This year's Law Day theme is "Advancing the Rule of Law, Now" and again has cash prizes of \$1,000 for each of the winners.

As stated by the American Bar Association, the 2021 Law Day theme is "Advancing the Rule of Law, Now." As explained by the ABA: "The rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties-in times of calm and unrest alike. The 2021 Law Day theme - Advancing the Rule of Law, Now - reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice."

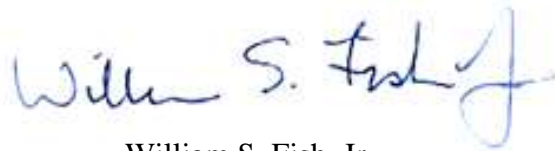
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We invite your students to submit either an (i) essay or (ii) art piece that discusses or incorporates the Law Day theme. The deadline for submissions is April 9, 2021. Winners will be recognized during the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society's Law Day Celebration on May 3, 2021. There will be one winner in each category as described in the contest rules, each of whom will receive a cash award of \$1,000. **If you could assist us by publicizing this information, we would greatly appreciate it.**

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The Law Day celebration normally takes place at the Connecticut Supreme Court, with the attendant formalities of a court proceeding in front of the Justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court. This year because of the pandemic, the event will be virtual. The winners still will have an opportunity to present their art piece or recite their essay to the Supreme Court during the proceeding.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William S. Fish, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

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. 2021 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: About the Contest
2. 2021 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: Official Contest Rules
3. 2021 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: Contest Entry Form

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