

Law Day 2016

MIRANDA

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LAW DAY 2016

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NOTICE:

All participants must register. Schools must obtain permission from their administrative authority prior to registering. Submissions must be based on the Law Day theme and comply with the applicable contest rules and deadlines.

Theme:

Miranda: More than Words

“In 2016, the nation marks the 50th anniversary of perhaps the nation’s best-known U.S. Supreme Court case, *Miranda v. Arizona*. The Miranda Warning has become ingrained in law enforcement and has permeated popular consciousness through countless recitations in films and television shows. Yet Miranda is only part of the story when it comes to the procedures for ensuring justice. The 2016 Law Day theme — **Miranda: More than Words** — will explore the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution, how these rights are safeguarded by the courts, and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty.”

2016 American Bar Association Law Day website

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/initiatives_awards/lawday2016.html

Mock Trial Program:

Participation is open to all Essex County **students, grades 3 through 12**. Students stage a mock trial to resolve a hypothetical dispute outlined in a court prepared fact pattern. This activity develops students’ analytical abilities and self-confidence while furthering an understanding of the content, processes and roles of courtroom staff as well as the legal system. Mock trials also demonstrate the significance of our constitutional protections and promotes trust in the courts.

The Law Day Committee in partnership with the Office of The Ombudsman and the Essex County Bar Association (ECBA) coordinates the mock trials. On Friday, May 6, 2016, judges and members of the ECBA will visit participating schools to assist, mentor and participate in the mock trials. Registration form is available online. Schools must register to participate. **All mock trials** will be held on *Friday, May 6, 2016*. To ensure that presenters and attendees have sufficient time to interact with each other, it is recommended that schools allot at least two class periods to conduct mock trials.

The mock trial fact patterns are available online at www.njcourts.com/essex/lawday.

Art Contest:

This contest is open to all Essex County students of **all grade levels**. Submissions may include artistic renditions that relate to the law day theme. This includes mixed media of magazine, newspaper, fabric, paint, marker, pencil or computer generated images and sculpted art. Contest rules and registration available online. Submissions for the art contest may be mailed or hand delivered between *March 1- 15, 2016*. For additional information, please visit the [Art Contest Rules](#) page.

Writing Contest:

This contest is open to Essex County **middle and high school** students. Acceptable forms of submission are essays and poems. Contest rules and registration available online. Writing submissions should be formatted in MSWord and emailed to EssexLawDay.Mbx@judiciary.state.nj.us, between *March 1- 15, 2016*. However, mailed or hand delivered submissions will also be accepted. For additional information, please visit the [Writing Contest Rules](#) page.

Rap Contest:

This contest is open to all Essex County students in **all grade levels**. Contest rules and registration available online. Rap submissions may be mailed or hand delivered between *March 1- 15, 2016*. Written lyrics must be submitted along with a recording of the vocal performance. Performances may be submitted on audio CD, video DVD or flash drive (3 minutes maximum). For additional information, please visit the [Rap Contest Rules](#) page.

Contest rules and registration available online for participation in any of the Law Day activities on the Essex Vicinage Law Day website www.njcourts.com/essex/lawday. Please direct questions or concerns to the Essex Vicinage Office of the Ombudsman at (973) 776-9300 ext. 56886 or via email at EssexLawDay.mbx@judiciary.state.nj.us