

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY MONMOUTH VICINAGE



LAW DAY 2022 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST GRADES 9-12

What is Law Day? Monmouth Vicinage's observance of "Law Day 2022" is part of a nationwide celebration coordinated by the American Bar Association. This year's Law Day theme is "Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change."

ESSAY PROMPT: The original Articles of Confederation said that Congress only had those powers "expressly delegated" to it by the states. In June 1788, the U.S. Constitution was adopted; Article II only outlined Congressional powers. In December 1791 the 10th Amendment was ratified and adopted. It states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Write an essay discussing how the 10th Amendment has been applied by the states during the pandemic and give examples.

Contest Rules:

- The contest is open to grades 9 through 12.
- **EACH SCHOOL IS LIMITED TO 10 ENTRIES PER GRADE.**
- The essay must clearly address the topic and cannot exceed 600 words.
- Only original essays can be submitted. Essays must be typed in Microsoft Word and submitted via email to MonLawDay.Mailbox@njcourts.gov.
- Submissions must include the student's name, grade, school, teacher's name and email.

DEADLINE: Essays must be received by April 22, 2022.

PHYSICAL SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Submit essays by email to

MonLawDay.Mailbox@njcourts.gov

For more information contact: (732) 358-8700 x87251.

HONORING THE WRITERS:

1st – 3rd place Winners from each group will be chosen.

All winners will:

- Be honored by Monmouth Vicinage.
- Receive a recognition plaque.
- Receive a gift card.
- Be asked to consent to publication of their entries on the Monmouth Vicinage Law Day website.

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