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## Monmouth Vicinage to Celebrate Law Day

The Monmouth Vicinage, in partnership with the Monmouth Bar Association, will host its annual Law Day ceremony on Wednesday, May 5 from 4-5 p.m. The virtual program will focus on this year's national theme, "Advancing the Rule of Law Now."

Jessica Lewis Kelly, special assistant to acting administrative director Glenn A. Grant, will give the keynote address on "Trailblazing with Technology: Maintaining Transparency and Citizen Involvement in Jury Trials During a Pandemic." The presentation will discuss the methods used to convert the New Jersey Judiciary to remote operations and to engage the public in decision-making processes.

Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton and Monmouth Bar Association President Christine Hanlon will present the Daniel J. O'Hern Mock Trial Award to the Colts Neck High School Mock Trial Team. Awards also will be presented to the student winners of the vicinage's art, essay and poetry contests.

The virtual ceremony is sponsored by the Monmouth Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Foundation and the IOLTA Fund of New Jersey. The program is free and open to the public. Registration is required by May 5. For more information, to request an ADA accommodation, or for interpreting services contact Ombudsman Rebekah Heilman at 732-358-8700, ext. 87251 or [Rebekah.heilman@njcourts.gov](mailto:Rebekah.heilman@njcourts.gov). For press inquiries, contact Janet Slocum at 732-358-8700, ext. 87025 or [Janet.slocum@njcourts.gov](mailto:Janet.slocum@njcourts.gov).

Registration for the Law Day ceremony is at this link:  
[https://njcourts.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_IRBm-QoySMOygYCKjrPeMg](https://njcourts.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IRBm-QoySMOygYCKjrPeMg).

**Grades K –2 Art Contest Winners:**

1. Sasha Ganthier, St. Jerome School, West Long Branch
2. Anna Martin, St. Jerome School, West Long Branch
3. Kaylee Widdis, St. Jerome School, West Long Branch

**Grades 3-5 Art Contest Winners:**

1. Jeff Jiju, Fairview Elementary School, Middletown School District
2. McKenzie Trump, Swimming River School, Tinton Falls School District
3. Presley Greenleaf, Millstone Township Elementary School, Millstone Township School District

**Grades 3-5 Poetry Contest Winners:**

1. Abhingna Chittiboina, Fairview Elementary, Middletown Township Public Schools
2. Olivia Lopusznick, New Monmouth Elementary School, Middletown Township Public Schools
3. Emily Helwig, New Monmouth Elementary School, Middletown Township Public Schools

**Grades 6-8 Essay Contest Winners:**

1. Lindsey Winters, New Monmouth Elementary School, Middletown Township School District
2. Logan Bavaro, Middle School North, Howell Township School District
3. Zack Metzger, Middle School North, Howell Township School District

**Grades 6-8 Poetry Contest Winners:**

1. Shreya Raman, William Satz Middle School, Holmdel Public Schools
2. Grace Clark, Spring Lake Heights Elementary School, Spring Lake Heights School District
3. Molly Bennett, Spring Lake Heights Elementary School, Spring Lake Heights School District

**Grades 9-12 Essay Contest Winners:**

1. Alexis Anderson, Matawan Regional High School, Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District
2. Matthew Moffa, St. Rose High School, Belmar
3. Noor Alli, Matawan Regional High School, Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District

**Grades 9-12 Poetry Contest Winners:**

1. Michaela Henderson, Colts Neck High School, Freehold Regional High School District
2. Ananya Vuppala, Marine Academy of Science and Technology, Monmouth County Vocational School District
3. Averie Engel, Colts Neck High School, Freehold Regional High School District

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