



SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY – ESSEX VICINAGE

2024 LAW DAY

ART CONTEST RULES

Instructions:

Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Law Day Art Contest.
Please register online at <https://www.njcourts.gov/essex-law-day>.

Theme:

"Voices of Democracy"

"The 2024 Law Day theme "Voices of Democracy" recognizes that in democracies, the people rule. For nearly 250 years, Americans have expressed their political views and wishes by speaking their minds and voting in elections. In 2024, the United States will hold its 60th presidential election, and Americans will address fundamental questions about democracy and the rule of law.

The Voices of Democracy Law Day theme encourages Americans to participate in the 2024 elections by deepening their understanding of the electoral process; discussing issues in honest and civil ways; turning out to vote; and, finally, helping to move the country forward after free and fair elections. In this way, Americans ensure that our government remains responsive to the wishes of the people. We invite all Americans to join us on May 1, 2024, to celebrate Law Day by lifting their voices to strengthen our democracy."

The above information was retrieved from the American Bar Association (ABA) website [Law Day \(americanbar.org\)](https://www.americanbar.org/law-day).

Resources:

Teachers, coordinators, or students may visit the following websites to obtain additional information regarding the 2024 Law Day theme. These resources and instructional guidance will aid students in gaining an understanding about the roles of citizens in the democratic process. How voting allows citizens to express their voice, influence policy, hold leaders accountable, protect their rights and promote change.

- ABA 2024 Law Day Guide at [Law Day \(americanbar.org\)](https://www.americanbar.org/law-day)
- www.constitutioncenter.org
- <https://www.learningforjustice.org/moment/voting-elections>
- <https://njsbf.org/publications/>

Content:

The Art Contest is open to **all Essex County students**. Submissions should incorporate the 2024 Law Day theme and depict images pertaining to the theme as it relates to the court through the students' artistic expression. Submissions should be the students' original work. Artwork should refrain from using threatening, offensive, or abusive imagery. Listed below is some suggested content to get the students started. Submissions are not limited to the suggestions below.

- 1) Illustrate a political cartoon that expresses your views on democracy and highlight how citizens have the power to shape democracy.
- 2) Illustrate or depict a landmark event in U.S. history that incorporates this year's theme. Illustrations can depict a current or historic event. Think of events involving landmark cases, and the people who are now known because of these events. Think of images related to the responsibility as citizens and rights people have fought for.
- 3) Illustrate or depict what society might look like if as citizens we did not have the right to vote.
- 4) Create an advertisement that expresses the importance of voting, participating in rallies and engaging in civic activities.

- Format:** Acceptable forms of submissions include:
- 1) Poster (**any size**)
 - 2) Sculpture (**any size**)
- Art Contest submissions may include mixed media such as magazine, newspaper, fabric, paint, marker, pencil or computer-generated images.
- Judging:** Submissions will be judged on the incorporation of the 2024 Law Day theme, overall presentation, and originality. First place, second place, third place and honorable mention(s) may be selected. Winners will be acknowledged at an awards ceremony in May 2024. Any submission found to not be the student's original work may be disqualified.
- Identification:** Include the following information for each submission:
- (1) Title of artwork (if applicable)
 - (2) Student's name and mailing address
 - (3) Student's grade and age
 - (4) School or group name
 - (5) Teacher or group coordinator name (if applicable)
 - (6) Parent or guardian name, telephone number and email address.
- Deadline:** Submissions will be accepted **between March 1 to March 15, 2024.**
- Disclaimer:** All entries become the property of the Superior Court of New Jersey - Essex Vicinage. Students that submit a photo of their entry are encouraged to keep original entries until the contest has concluded. Images from selected submissions may be displayed in Judiciary publications and/or website. Entries will not be used for commercial purposes.
- Submissions:** **ELECTRONICALLY** - Take a clear photo of the artwork in a well-lit area, add the information from the "Identification" section above to the body of the email and submit electronically to EssexLawDay.Mbx@njcourts.gov.
- MAIL to the address listed below.**
Superior Court of NJ – Essex
Veterans Courthouse
50 West Market Street, Room 132,
Newark NJ 07102
Attn: Office of the Ombudsman – Law Day Contest
- DROP OFF** – During office hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. between the dates of **March 1 to March 15, 2024** at the address listed above.
- Questions or concerns:**
Email the Essex Vicinage Office of the Ombudsman at EssexLawDay.Mbx@njcourts.gov or call (973) 776-9300 ext. 56886 during office hours.