



SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY – ESSEX VICINAGE

2023 LAW DAY

ART CONTEST RULES

Instructions:

Thank you for your interest in the 2023 Law Day Art Contest.
Please register online at <https://www.njcourts.gov/essex-law-day>.

Theme:

Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility and Collaboration

"In recent years, tensions in our democratic system have revealed deep divisions in American society. These divisions are aggravated by incivility in public discourse and insufficient understanding among many people about the Constitution and the way American government works. Together, however, we can collaborate to overcome our differences, resolve our disputes, and preserve our democracy and republic. To that end, we call on members of the legal profession to lead the way in promoting civics, civility, and collaboration—the cornerstones of our democracy.

The above information was retrieved from the American Bar Association 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 2023 Law Day theme. These resources and instructional guidance will aid students in gaining an understanding to why civics education is essential, learning how the government works, understanding the structures of government, our roles as citizens and the processes of legislation.

- ABA Cornerstones of Democracy Conversation Guide
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/public_education/Lawday/2023/ccc-program-book-final.pdf
- <https://civiced.rutgers.edu/>
- <https://ourwhitehouse.org/civic-education-websites/>
- <https://njsbf.org/publications/>

Content:

The Art Contest is open to **all Essex County students**. Submissions should incorporate the 2023 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 or depict images of the role that the courts play in the community.
- 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 where civics are the center of public debate, landmark cases, and the people who are now known because of these events. Think of images related to responsibility as citizens and rights people have fought for.
- 3) Illustrate or depict what society might look like if as citizens we did not perform our "civic duties."
- 4) Create an advertisement that expresses the importance of civics education, performing our civic duties and being an informed citizen.

- 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 2023 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 2023.
- 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 15 to March 31, 2023.**
- 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. For bulk submissions please include a copy of registration form.**
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 15 to March 31, 2023** 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.