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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 Thursday, May 4, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Courtroom 307 West at the Monmouth County Courthouse, 71 Monument Park, Freehold.

The program will focus on this year's national theme "Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, Collaboration."

Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton will give opening remarks. Municipal Court Judge Susan Schroeder Clark will present the keynote address on the impact of social media in schools. Monmouth Bar Association President F. Bradford Batcha will speak and join Judge Thornton in the presentation of awards to the student winners of the Law Day art, poetry, and essay contests. The Daniel J. O'Hern Mock Trial Award will be presented to the Colts Neck High School Mock Trial Team. The Abraham Zager Award for Professionalism will be presented to past bar association president James M. McGovern Jr.

The ceremony is cosponsored by the Monmouth Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Foundation and is made possible with funding from the IOLTA Fund of the state bar.

A livestream of the program can be viewed here.

Other Monmouth Vicinage Law Day activities include a student Law Day symposium to be held on Wednesday, May 31 at the Monmouth County Courthouse. The program will feature keynote remarks on social media in our community by Municipal Court Judge Susan Schroeder Clark, an interactive mock trial, and a session on collaboration among the three branches of government on the issue of social media.

To learn more about the Monmouth Vicinage Law Day activities, please visit the vicinage's Law Day page.

For more information contact Ombudsman Lauren Wicke at 732-358-8700, ext. 87260 or Lauren. Wicke@njcourts.gov.

### LAW DAY STUDENT ART, POETRY AND ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

## **Grades K-2 Art Contest Winners**

First Place: Adriana L., Clark Mills School, Manalapan Englishtown Regional School District

Second Place: Giovanni L., John I. Dawes Early Learning Center, Manalapan Englishtown Regional School District

Third Place: Avery J., John I. Dawes Early Learning Center, Manalapan Englishtown Regional School District

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

First Place: Jasmine C., Taylor Mills School, Manalapan Englishtown Regional School District

Second Place: Olivia J., Taylor Mills School, Manalapan Englishtown Regional School District

Third Place: Harper J., Leonardo Elementary School, Middletown Township School District

## **Grades 3-5 Poetry Winners**

First Place: Isabella V., Leonardo Elementary School, Middletown Township School District

Second Place: Liana K., Leonardo Elementary School, Middletown Township School District

Third Place: Harper J., Leonardo Elementary School, Middletown Township School District

## **Grades 6-8 Poetry Winners**

First Place: Miguel T., Long Branch Middle School, Long Branch School District

Second Place: Kyle S., Long Branch Middle School, Long Branch School District

Third Place: Anettie S., Long Branch Middle School, Long Branch School

District

### **Grades 9-12 Poetry Winners**

First Place: Joseph C., Colts Neck High School, Freehold Regional High School

District

Second Place: Ananya V., Marine Academy of Science and Technology,

Monmouth County Vocational School District

Third Place: Siena D., Colts Neck High School, Freehold Regional High School

District

### **Grades 3-5 Essay Winners**

First Place: Kynaat K., Frank J. Dugan Elementary School, Marlboro Township

**School District** 

Second Place: Annaelle S., Sisters Academy of New Jersey, Asbury Park

Third Place: Jack U., Spring Lake Heights Elementary School, Spring Lake

Heights School District

# **Grades 6-8 Essay Winners**

First Place: Maricarmen M., Long Branch Middle School, Long Branch School

District

Second Place: Madelyn C., Long Branch Middle School, Long Branch School

District

Third Place: Cooper B., Spring Lake Heights Middle School, Spring Lake

**Heights School District** 

# **Grades 9-12 Essay Winners**

First Place: Taleen M., Trinity Hall, Tinton Falls

Second Place: Elisa G., Holmdel High School, Holmdel Township School District

Third Place: Kayley H., Colts Neck High School, Freehold Regional High School

District