

The Houston Bar Association's Annual

Law Day Essay Contest

Deadline for contest entry: Friday, March 6, 2009

The Law Day Celebration is 51 years old.

LAW DAY is celebrated across the country each year on May 1st. Its purpose is to reserve a "special day of celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and to provide an occasion for rededication to the ideas of equality and justice under law."

In recognition of Law Day, the Houston Bar Association is sponsoring an Essay Contest. We hope that the contest will allow students to recognize the importance of law in our society. The theme for this year is "A Legacy of Liberty: Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial." All essays should represent the students' interpretations of this theme.

Grade Levels

9 - 12th grades may participate

All entries should be labeled with:

- 1) The student's name, address, phone number, and grade level;
- 2) The school's name, phone number and school district;
- 3) The principal and teacher's names.

All essays should be no longer than three 8 1/2" x 11" double-spaced pages, typewritten preferred. All entries become the property of the Houston Bar Association. Judges provided courtesy of the Houston Bar Association Law Week Committee.

Prizes:

First Place Winner - \$600.00
2 Second Place Winners - \$300.00 each
2 Third Place Winners - \$125.00 each
Teacher of First Place Winner - \$200.00
Courtesy of The Pratz Simmons Group at Smith Barney

In addition, the first place and second place winners and one guest each, and the first place winner's teacher will also be invited to attend an awards luncheon. The winning essay will be submitted to the State Bar contest and will be printed in an upcoming issue of *The Houston Lawyer* magazine.

Send entries to:

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