

The Houston Bar Association's

Law Day

Video Contest



Deadline for contest entry: Friday, April 4, 2008

The Law Day Celebration is 50 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 a Video Contest for high school students. We hope that the contest will allow students to recognize the importance of law in our society, The theme for this year is "The Rule of Law: Foundations for Communities of Opportunity & Equity." All videos should represent the students' interpretations of this theme.

All entries should be labeled with:

- The students' name, address, phone number, and grade level;
- The school's name, phone number and school district;
- The principal's and teacher's names.

Rules for submittal

- Videos may be submitted by individuals or by teams of up to five people. (All members must be 18 or younger.)
- Videos must be the student's or students' interpretation of the Law Day theme.
- Videos must be a minimum of 1 minute but no more than 5 minutes and with a file size no larger than 100 megabytes.
- Videos must be submitted on DVD in .AVI or .MPG format, to the Houston Bar Association office, 1001 Fannin, Ste. 1300, Houston, Texas 77002.

Each video must include at least three of the following five elements:

- A written rule from the U.S. Constitution, federal law, Texas state law, or written school rule or code of conduct.
- An image, live appearance or likeness of an authority figure in federal, state or local government.
- An image of the United States flag, Texas flag, or school flag.
- Your explanation of why or how the rule of law promotes opportunity and equity.
- A reference to your school, group or club.

Prizes

First Place Video - \$700

Second Place Video - \$400

Third Place Video - \$200

2 Honorable Mention Videos - \$100 each

The teacher of the first place winner will receive \$200.

Awards Courtesy of Innovative Legal Solutions.

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.

Send entries to:

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