

2021 Law Day



Justice Parker Lee McDonald Law Library
and the Highlands County Bar Association

The Justice Parker Lee McDonald Law Library and the Highlands County Bar Association are pleased to announce that Law Day 2021 will be held on **May 6, 2021**, celebrating the theme,

“ADVANCING THE RULE OF LAW NOW”

As an annual series of events celebrating our legal system, Law Day has great significance and has become a special day for Highlands County. Our courts are in recess as we hold our day-long program, and our focus turns entirely to our students and their civic education. Many county, circuit, and district judges, as well as Florida Supreme Court justices have attended the Law Day program.

Information and entry forms for each contest are enclosed with this packet. The prizes for these contests include monetary awards of \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place in each respective category, which will be awarded by Highlands County Administrative Judge Angela J. Cowden at our Law Day ceremony in May. At that time, each teacher will be asked to stand together with their student and be recognized, allowing parents and the press an opportunity for photographs.

All submitted posters will be displayed on the windows in front of the Highlands County Government Center.

Public schools: Please note that the School District has approved this activity. Feel free to contact us to confirm the approval if needed.

In conjunction with Law Day, members of the Highlands County Bar Association are available to come or present virtually to your individual classes to speak to your students about the importance of our nation’s legal system and this year’s Law Day theme:

"ADVANCING THE RULE OF LAW NOW"

Please contact Shannon Nash, President-Elect of the Highlands County Bar Association, at (863) 385-1549 or shannon@heartlandlaw.com to schedule a time and date for the attorneys to meet with your students. All efforts will be made to schedule an attorney speaker with your class on your desired date and time, provided you notify Ms. Nash as soon as possible.

2021 Law Day Entry Form

Essay and Poster Contest



PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's E-mail: _____

*If submitting a poster: PLEASE GLUE this form to the back of the poster.

*If submitting an essay: PLEASE STAPLE this form to the back of the essay.

******DO NOT PUT STUDENT'S NAME ON THE FRONT OF THE ESSAY OR POSTER******

The Law Day Committee welcomes all entries that relate to the contest theme; however the Committee reserves, within its discretion, the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed to be offensive, not related to the theme of the contest, or fails to comply with the rules, guidelines, and criteria provided.

Teacher verification:

I have reviewed the contest entry and to the best of my knowledge. I verify that it reflects the above-named student's original work.

Signature _____

This entry form must be attached to your contest entry. Please mail or deliver to:

*Justice Parker Lee McDonald Law Library, Room 302,
430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870*

Please direct any questions to Ray Hancock at (863) 402-6621.

2021 Law Day Essay Contest

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PRIZES: First, second and third place winners will receive cash prizes along with gold, silver, or bronze Olympic style medals, and be recognized at Law Day's award ceremony at the Highlands County Government Center.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual student enrolled in a Highlands County public, private, virtual, or home school in Grade Levels K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

ESSAY THEME: "ADVANCING THE RULE OF LAW NOW"

CRITERIA: All entries must be the student's individual, original work. If you are quoting someone, please give proper credit. The age of the participant will be considered.

Essays will be judged on:

- Content
- Adherence to the theme
- Personal reflection
- Originality

Essays must be typed and double-spaced on one side of 8½" x 11" paper. (Elementary entries may be hand written.) **A completed registration form must be stapled to each essay. Do not put your name on the front of the essay.**

All essays may be published and will remain the property of the Justice Parker Lee McDonald Law Library.

The Law Day Committee welcomes all entries that relate to the contest theme. However, the Committee reserves within its discretion the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed to be offensive or not related to the theme of the contest.

DEADLINE: Completed essays must be delivered to the Law Library no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, March 12, 2021** or they will be disqualified.

CONTEST MATERIALS: Contest forms can be found at www.HighlandsBar.com

Students can find additional information on Law Day at the American Bar Association site: www.lawday.org, but please be aware that the contest rules for Highlands County are not the same as national contests.

For more information, contact:

Ray Hancock
Law Librarian
Telephone: (863) 402-6621
E-mail: rhancock@hcclerk.org

Address:
430 South Commerce Avenue, Room
302 Sebring, Florida 33870

2021 Law Day Poster Contest

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- THEME:** **POSTER THEMES MUST BE ORIGINAL AND MUST HARMONIZE WITH THE THEME:**
“ADVANCING THE RULE OF LAW NOW”
- GUIDELINES:**
1. Only individual student entries are allowed.
 2. Original posters must be submitted on a single sheet of **white 12” x 18” poster board**—no foam core or plain paper, please.
 3. Any non-smearable medium is acceptable such as colored pencils, markers, crayons, or paints (no glitter please).
 4. No loose or hanging materials are permitted.
 5. Each poster must depict the Law Day theme. A **one paragraph statement describing how the poster reflects the theme** is required on the back of the poster.
 6. All entries must be accompanied by the **attached Student Entry Form, glued to the back** of the poster.
- CRITERIA:**
- CONTENT:**
1. Must reflect the theme.
 2. Must be the student’s individual work.
- LETTERING:** Lettering should be clearly legible
- JUDGING:** The age of the participant will be considered. Other criteria for the selection of the award-winning posters are:
1. Clarity and readability of the work
 2. How well the theme was expressed
 3. Artwork and execution
 4. Visual impact of the poster design
- Legal Disclaimer:** The Law Day Committee welcomes all entries that relate to the contest theme, however, the committee reserves within its discretion the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed to be offensive, not related to the theme of the contest, or fails to comply with ALL of the above stated guidelines and criteria. All due care will be used to protect the posters while they are on display, but the Law Day sponsors will not be held responsible in the event of lost, stolen or damaged posters. All posters may be published and/or displayed, and will remain the property of the Justice Parker Lee McDonald Law Library.
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