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and the Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association present:***

2022 LAW DAY ESSAY CONTEST



“The 2022 Law Day theme is “Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change.” Commemorated annually on May 1, Law Day is an opportunity to host or participate in discussions about law and its role in society. Resources are available for schools, state and local bar associations, civic organizations, and others to plan programs, lessons, and activities for a variety of public audiences, in-person and virtually”

All Area High School Students Are Encouraged To Participate!

2022 Law Day Essay Prompt

Given the recent explosion of social media use in the last ten years, should the right to free speech under the First Amendment be interpreted differently to address the particular dangers of social media? In light of the Supreme Court's recent cases on speech rights, discuss the extent that the First Amendment can and should limit the right to speak freely on social media.

Consider the recent landmark Supreme Court case, Elonis v. U.S.

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/13-983_7148.pdf

CONTEST RULES:

1. Minimum of 750 words but no more than 1250 words, double spaced, and conforming to Times New Roman font size 12, with a one-inch margin on all sides.
2. Minimum of one (1) primary source (i.e. constitutions, statutes, regulations, and case law) and two (2) secondary sources (i.e. law journals, encyclopedias, and treatises). Primary sources should be in addition to the U.S. Constitution. **All references and sources must be cited appropriately.**
3. The **2022 Law Day Essay Contest Cover Sheet** completed in its entirety and attached to the front of the student's essay.
4. Submit by e-mail in PDF or MS Word format to 2ndvp@nwfpa.com with subject reference: **2022 Law Week Essay Contest** [*insert student's first and last name*].
5. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Wednesday, April 20, 2022!**

JUDGING CRITERIA

Critical Thinking
Historical Accuracy
Argument Development
Originality
Grammar
Punctuation
Structure
Format

AWARDS

- **First Place:** \$300.00 to the student and \$150.00 to the student's sponsoring teacher.
- **Second Place:** \$200.00 to the student.
- **Third Place:** \$100.00 to the student.
 - The author of the winning essay will be honored at the 2022 Law Day Luncheon, tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2022, at The Pensacola Yacht Club, during which the winning essay will be published and provided to all attendees.
 - The author of the winning essay, their sponsoring teacher, and their parent(s) will be invited to attend the Law Day Luncheon as guests.
 - The winning essay will be published in the Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association's quarterly (June) magazine, the *Summation*.

The NWFPA reserves the right not to issue any one or more of the prizes should the submissions received violate the rules set forth herein.

Additional information and resources about 2022 Law Day can be found at:
<https://www.esrba.com/calendar-events/law-week/>
https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day/