



SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY – ESSEX VICINAGE

2025 LAW DAY

ART CONTEST RULES

Instructions: Thank you for your interest in the 2025 Law Day Art Contest. Please register online at <https://www.njcourts.gov/essex-law-day>.

Theme: The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One

“The Constitution enshrines our collective responsibility to one another, and the 2025 Law Day themes urges us to take pride in a Constitution that bridges our differences to bring us together as united nation. Our civic lives tie us together as one “We,” whether through legislative efforts that serve the common good, through military service, or by working together, every day, to fulfill the promise of E pluribus unum, or Out of many, one. The Constitution boldly asserts “We the People, in Order to Form a More Perfect Union,” and on this Law Day, we explore and renew our obligations to one another under the Constitution and our democratic norms. The Constitution establishes a framework for government that provides limits and guardrails, including our representative government, jury service, and a regular Census. And through this commitment to unity, we all provide for the common good through government responses to national responses to crises and natural disasters, and through community and advocacy programs for students and adults.”

The above information was retrieved from the American Bar Association website [Law Day \(americanbar.org\)](http://www.americanbar.org).

Resources: Teachers, coordinators, or students may visit the following websites to obtain additional information regarding the 2025 Law Day theme. These resources and instructional guidance will encourage students to reflect on the Constitution’s role in promoting unity and justice, while also addressing the challenges that diversity presents in a democratic society. It invites exploration of how the U.S. Constitution serves as a unifying force for the diverse population of the United States, emphasizing equality, liberty, and justice.

- ABA 2025 Law Day Guide at [Law Day \(americanbar.org\)](http://www.americanbar.org)
- bensguide.gpo.gov
- www.constitutioncenter.org
- <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org>
- <https://www.icivics.org>

Content: The Art Contest is open to **all Essex County students**. Submissions should incorporate the 2025 Law Day theme and depict images pertaining to the theme as it relates to the court through the students' artistic expression. Submissions should be the students' original work. Artwork should refrain from using threatening, offensive, or abusive imagery. Listed below is some suggested content to get the students started. Submissions are not limited to the suggestions below.

- 1) Illustrate or depict a landmark event in U.S. history that incorporates this year's theme. Illustrations can depict a current or historical moment in the U.S. that helped shape the nation. Think of events involving landmark cases, and the people who are now known because of these events. Think of images symbolizing how people unite despite their differences.
- 2) Illustrate people from all parts of the U.S. (rural, urban, from various cultures, etc.) working in collaboration across differences for a common goal focusing on equality and unity.
- 3) Create an advertisement that expresses how the Constitution has influenced and protected a diverse range of citizens.

Format: Acceptable forms of submissions include:

- 1) Poster (**any size**)
- 2) Sculpture (**any size**)

Art Contest submissions may include mixed media such as magazine, newspaper, fabric, paint, marker, pencil or computer-generated images.

Judging: Submissions will be judged on the incorporation of the 2025 Law Day theme, overall presentation, and originality. First place, second place, third place and honorable mention(s) may be selected. Winners will be acknowledged at an awards ceremony in May 2025. Any submission found to not be the student's original work may be disqualified.

Identification: Include the following information for each submission:

- (1) Title of artwork (if applicable)
- (2) Student's name and mailing address
- (3) Student's grade and age
- (4) School or group name
- (5) Teacher or group coordinator name (if applicable)
- (6) Parent or guardian name, telephone number and email address.

Deadline: Submissions will be accepted **between February 24 to March 14, 2025.**

Disclaimer: All entries become the property of the Superior Court of New Jersey - Essex Vicinage. Students that submit a photo of their entry are encouraged to keep original entries until the contest has concluded. Images from selected submissions may be displayed in Judiciary publications and/or website. Entries will not be used for commercial purposes.

Submissions: **ELECTRONICALLY** - Take a clear photo of the artwork in a well-lit area, add the information from the “Identification” section above to the body of the email and submit electronically to EssexLawDay.Mbx@njcourts.gov.

MAIL TO:

Superior Court of NJ – Essex
Veterans Courthouse
50 West Market Street, Room 132,
Newark NJ 07102
Attn: Ombudsman’s Office -Law Day Contest

DROP-OFF – During office hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the address listed above, between **February 24 to March 14, 2025.**

Questions or concerns:

Contact the Essex Vicinage Ombudsman’s Office

Email: EssexLawDay.Mbx@njcourts.gov

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