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Monmouth Vicinage Celebrates Law Day

The Monmouth Vicinage, in partnership with the Monmouth Bar Association, will host its annual Law Day Ceremony on Wednesday, May 5 from 4-5 p.m. The virtual program will focus on this year's national theme as established by the American Bar Association: "Advancing the Rule of Law - Now."

Jessica Lewis Kelly, Esq., special assistant to the administrative director, will give the keynote address on "Trailblazing with Technology: Maintaining Transparency and Citizen Involvement in Jury Trials During a Pandemic." This presentation will discuss innovative methods being used to convert the Superior Court of New Jersey to remote operations and to engage the public in decision-making processes.

Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton and Monmouth Bar Association President Christine Hanlon will present the Daniel J. O'Hern Mock Trial Award to the Colts Neck High School Mock Trial Team. Awards also will be presented to the student winners of the Monmouth Vicinage Art, Essay and Poetry Contest.

The virtual ceremony is sponsored by the Monmouth Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Foundation and the IOLTA Fund of New Jersey. The program is free and open to the public. Registration is required by May 5. For more information, to request an ADA accommodation, or for interpreting services contact Ombudsman Rebekah Heilman at 732-358-8700, ext. 87251 or Rebekah.heilman@njcourts.gov. For press inquiries, contact Janet Slocum at 732-358-8700, ext. 87025 or Janet.slocum@njcourts.gov.

To register to view the Law Day Ceremony remotely, please use this link:
https://njcourts.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IRBm-QoySMOygYCKjrPeMg

Winners of the 2021 Law Day Art, Essay and Poetry Contest

The winners of each contest category are as follows:

Grades K –2 Art Contest:

1. Sasha Ganthier, Saint Jerome School, West Long Branch

2. Anna Martin, Saint Jerome School, West Long Branch
3. Kaylee Widdis, Saint Jerome School, West Long Branch

Grades 3-5 Art Contest:

1. Jeff Jiju, Fairview Elementary School, Middletown School District
2. McKenzie Trump, Swimming River School, Tinton Falls School District
3. Presley Greenleaf, Millstone Township Elementary School, Millstone Township School District

Grades 3-5 Poetry Contest:

1. Abhigna Chittiboina, Fairview Elementary, Middletown Township Public Schools
2. Olivia Lopusznick, New Monmouth Elementary School, Middletown Township Public Schools
3. Emily Helwig, New Monmouth Elementary School, Middletown Township Public Schools

Grades 6-8 Essay Contest:

1. Lindsey Winters, New Monmouth Elementary School, Middletown Township School District
2. Logan Bavaro, Middle School North, Howell Township School District
3. Zack Metzger, Middle School North, Howell Township School District

Grades 6-8 Poetry Contest Winners:

1. Shreya Raman, William Satz Middle School, Holmdel Public Schools
2. Grace Clark, Spring Lake Heights Elementary School, Spring Lake Heights School District
3. Molly Bennett, Spring Lake Heights Elementary School, Spring Lake Heights School District

Grades 9-12 Essay Contest Winners:

1. Alexis Anderson, Matawan Regional High School, Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District
2. Matthew Moffa, St. Rose High School, Belmar
3. Noor Alli, Matawan Regional High School, Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District

Grades 9-12 Poetry Contest Winners:

1. Michaela Henderson, Colts Neck High School, Freehold Regional High School District
2. Ananya Vuppala, Marine Academy of Science and Technology, Monmouth County Vocational School District
3. Averie Engel, Colts Neck High School, Freehold Regional High School District

Additional events will be held in May and June as part of the vicinage's observance of Law Day and Pride Month. More information about upcoming events will be provided in a separate press release.

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