



## BALTIMORE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION Law Day 2010 Essay Contest

**LAW DAY BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958, Law Day celebrates and strengthens the American heritage of Liberty, Justice and Equality under the law. It provides an opportunity to

help students and the public understand how the law protects our freedoms through programs and activities conducted by schools, bar associations, courts and civic groups.

More information, planning resources and materials are available for teachers and students at [www.lawday.org](http://www.lawday.org), and a Google® search will certainly generate many results.

**Theme:** *Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges.* Our world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is changing. Economic markets are becoming global, transactions require cultural adaptation and understanding, populations are more mobile, and communications technologies, such as the internet, bridge distances and time zones to form new communities around the world. The law, too, is changing. In a global era, matters such as human rights, criminal justice, intellectual property, business transactions, dispute resolution, human migration, and environmental regulation become not just issues within and between nations but concerns we all share. Law Day 2010 provides us with an opportunity to understand and appreciate the emerging challenges and enduring traditions of law in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Identification of Submitted Essay:** The cover sheet must be attached to the front of the essay, completed in full. DO NOT put any identifying information on the essay. It will be numbered when received for judging.

**Prizes -**  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$500.00 Savings Bond  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$250.00 Savings Bond  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$100.00 Savings Bond

**Criteria:** Essay entries will be strictly judged on the following criteria:

1. 500 words or less
2. Typed, or written legibly
3. Focus is on the theme and does not deviate
4. Spelling, punctuation and grammar
5. References to sources (Constitution, Bill of Rights, cases, etc.) are correct



**Deadline:** APRIL 16, 2010

*Please remind teachers to review the cover sheet for accuracy and completion. Students must not place their name or any other identifying information on the essay itself.*

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BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# The Baltimore County Bar Association, Inc.

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Dear Educator:

Once again, the Baltimore County Bar Association is sponsoring an essay contest to commemorate Law Day. Law Day will be celebrated on Friday, April 30, 2010.

The theme for this year's essay is *Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges*. This topic is related to content and issues that are addressed in many of your courses, and at many grade levels.

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Essays will be strictly judged on the following criteria:

Five hundred (500) words or less;

Typed or written legibly;

Focus is on the theme **and does not deviate**;

Spelling, punctuation, and grammar;

References to sources (Constitution, Bill of Rights, cases, etc.) are correct; and,

Cover sheet is attached to front of essay containing student's name, address, telephone number, school, grade, and name of social studies teacher.

**Please remind teachers to review the cover sheet for accuracy and completion.**

Students must not place their name or any other identifying information on the essay itself.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries. **This year's prizes will be: \$500 U.S. savings bond for first place; \$250 U.S. savings bond for second place; and, \$100 U.S. savings bond for third place.** All prizewinners, their parents, and their social studies teachers are invited to the Law Day Ceremonies, to be held in the Courtyard Plaza between the Old Courthouse and the County Courts Building in Towson on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> to be publicly honored by the Baltimore County Bar Association and the attending dignitaries.

Essays are due in the Baltimore County Bar Office by 4:30 P.M. on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Please mail (or deliver) all entries to:

Doris D. Barnes, Executive Director  
Baltimore County Bar Association  
100 County Courts Building  
401 Bosley Avenue  
Towson, Maryland 21204-4491

We are looking forward to this year's competition. If I can be of any additional assistance please contact me. Thank you for permitting your students to participate in this educational experience.

Very truly yours,

*Rebecca A. Fleming*

Rebecca A. Fleming, Chairperson  
Law Day Committee

Enclosures

ENTRY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
Will be assigned by BCBA Law Day Committee

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete this cover sheet and ATTACH it to your essay. DO NOT place any of this information directly on your essay, as we will be conducting a blind evaluation.

### STUDENT ENTRY

*Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges*

**PLEASE PRINT (or type) LEGIBLY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Social Studies Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Mail the completed cover sheet, ATTACHED to your essay, to:

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LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010.**