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TO: School Principals, Administrators, and Teachers

FROM: Attorney Lauren J. Mashe and The Fairfield County Bar Association

DATE: February 1, 2019

RE: ***The Fairfield County Bar Association's Annual Law Day  
School Art and Essay Contest***

On behalf of the Fairfield County Bar Association, Inc., I am pleased to invite your school to participate in the annual School Art & Essay Contest in recognition of Law Day, May 1, 2019. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law. This year's theme is "**Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society.**"

These topics are discussed regularly and litigated often. This theme raises many questions. Should all speech be free? Should speech or the press ever be constrained? Can we have a free society without free speech and free press? President Thomas Jefferson asserted, "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost." This year's Law Day theme provides the opportunity to explore these individual liberties by researching their history and contemplating their future.

To learn more about this year's theme log onto the American Bar Association's website [www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org) to access a wealth of ideas and topics tailored to this year's theme.

Students who wish to participate in the contest should submit an original essay or artwork (in the medium of their choice) portraying *their individual interpretation* of the meaning of the Law Day theme. Class and group projects may also be submitted. Entries will be judged in various categories for grades Kindergarten through Twelve. A first, second, and third place winner will be selected from each category. The winning entries will be displayed at the Superior Court in Stamford. All winners and their families are invited to attend the Law Day ceremony to receive their award from a Superior Court Judge.

All entries must be received by **April 5, 2019**. Entries may be mailed or delivered to The Fairfield County Bar Association, Inc., 970 Summer Street, Stamford, CT 06905 or my office: 1200 Summer Street, Suite 201C, Stamford, CT 06905. We look forward to receiving your entries.

**Each entry must include the student's name, grade, school and teacher or it will be disqualified.**

Please post this notice and advise the teachers in your Art and English Departments of the Contest. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (203) 357-1330. You may also call the office of the Fairfield County Bar Association at (203) 327-7041.