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19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAW DAY: "YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE, OUR DEMOCRACY: THE 19TH AMENDEMENT AT 100"

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the high school courthouse tour portion of Law Day and the contest award ceremony have both been cancelled. However, the contest will still take place, remotely. The new extended deadline for contest entries is Monday, April 27, 2020. Contest winners will be notified, and awards will be mailed to winners. Chief Judge Diane Winter and the Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit are hopeful that the Lake County students will feel inspired to partake in the contests; the judges are looking forward to receiving the entries.

To submit via mail:
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Lake County Courthouse
Attn: Arminda Badgerow
18 North County Street
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To submit electronically, please email entries to: ABadgerow@lakecountyil.gov

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th U.S. President, established Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law. In 1961 by a joint Congressional resolution, May 1st was designated as the official date for celebrating Law Day in the United States.

On behalf of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Lake County, Chief Judge Diane E. Winter is pleased to announce the activities planned for Law Day 2020. This year's theme is "**Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100.**" The United States is commemorating the centennial of the transformative constitutional amendment that guaranteed the right of citizens to vote, would not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex. American women fought for, and won, the vote through their voice and action. The women's suffrage movement forever changed America, expanding representative democracy and inspiring other popular movements for constitutional change and reform. Yet, honest reflection on the suffrage movement reveals complexity and tensions over race and class that remain part of the ongoing story of the 19th Amendment and its legacies.

For more information on the Law Day Kindergarten through Third Grade Coloring Contest, Fourth through Sixth Grade Poster Contest, and Seventh and Eighth Grade Essay Contest, please visit <http://19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/1446/Law-Day-Activities>

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