

# LAW DAY U.S.A. - April 28, 2023

## Essay Competition - Grades 7-8



### Essay Competition Guidelines

1. **Who may enter:** Any student in grades 7 or 8 in a public, parochial or private school or anyone receiving home schooling.
2. The essay may be typed or legibly handwritten, with a limit of 500 words. The essay must be original and the exclusive work of the student.
3. The essay must represent our 2023 Law Day theme: **“Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility and Collaboration”**.
4. Judging will be based on content, clarity of expression and originality. Three finalists will be chosen from both grade levels.
5. Please email essays to [avivacqua2@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:avivacqua2@lakecountyil.gov) or mail by the **deadline** date of **Friday, April 7, 2023** to:  
Angela Vivacqua  
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit  
Lake County Courthouse  
18 North County Street  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085
6. Each essay submitted **must** contain the following information:
  - Printed name and signature of student;
  - Home address and telephone number;
  - School name and telephone number;
  - Teacher's name, email address and student's grade level.

We would like to post the winning entries on the court's website and, therefore, request the student's permission to do so. The student may request one of the following: have the essay posted without student's or teacher's name or name of school; or the first name of the student with teacher's name and school; or the full names of the student, teacher and school.

7. Please contact Angela Vivacqua at [avivacqua2@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:avivacqua2@lakecountyil.gov) or 847.377.3724 with any questions.