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For Law Day 2010, the theme is Law in the 21st Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges. As we begin the second decade of the twenty-first century, the law is changing dramatically as it seeks to shape and adapt to new conditions. Law Day 2010 provides us with an opportunity to understand and appreciate the emerging challenges and enduring traditions of law in the 21st century. Feel free to visit the ABA website:
<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.shtml>

The GCBA is inviting students to compose an original essay or poster and submit it for consideration in the Law Day Contest. I am enclosing Law Day 2010 information sheet, flyers and a sample announcement regarding this contest. **We ask that this Law Day contest invitation be read once a week during daily announcements to encourage participation.**

The categories for this contest are as follows:

Posters: Students in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in the poster contest where students can depict an enduring tradition of the laws of the United States and our country's legal system.

Essays: Students in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in the essay contest where students are asked to write an essay expressing his/her views on how the enduring legal traditions of the United States have adapted to the emerging legal challenges that our society has encountered in the last decade.

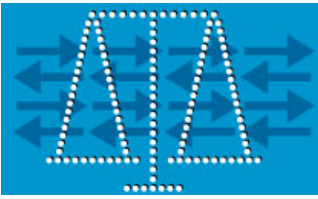
First place winners of the essay and poster contest will receive a \$100.00 U.S. savings bond. Second place winners of the essay and poster contest will receive a \$50.00 U.S. savings bond. All winners will be invited to join the GCBA's annual Law Day luncheon on Friday April 30, 2010 at noon at Auburn Career Center along with his/her teacher or advisor where there will be a presentation of awards to the winners. The class or group with the most participants will also win a pizza voucher.

Please have all posters and essays completed and delivered by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010 to the Geauga County Bar Association, c/o Law Day Poster & Essay Contest, P.O. Box 750, Chardon, Ohio 44024. Please have the teacher name and student name, address, grade, school and telephone number on the entry. If necessary, we can arrange for posters to be picked up from your school if you contact me at 440-564-5525 before the deadline.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for playing an important role for our local youth and thank you in advance for your encouragement regarding this project.

Very truly yours,

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LAW DAY 2010

LAW IN THE 21st CENTURY: ENDURING TRADITIONS, EMERGING CHALLENGES



As we begin the second decade of the twenty-first century, the law is changing dramatically as it seeks to shape and adapt to new conditions. Economic markets are becoming global, transactions require cultural adaptation and understanding, populations are more mobile, and communication technologies such as the Internet bridge distances and time zones to form new communities around the world. In such a world, all of us must renew our commitment to the enduring principles of law, become knowledgeable about other legal systems, recognize the need to adapt our practices, and acquire new cultural understandings. 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 international issues—between nations—but shared concerns. Law Day 2010 provides us with an opportunity to understand and appreciate the emerging challenges and enduring traditions of law in the 21st century.



LAW DAY FACTS

WHAT IS LAW DAY?

A national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law, Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that all Americans share.

WHEN IS LAW DAY CELEBRATED?

May 1st is the official date, but celebrations often take place either before or after that date. Some bar associations celebrate Law Week or Law Month. Law Day also provides an opportunity to recognize the role of courts in our democracy.

HOW DID LAW DAY BEGIN?

1957 American Bar Association President Charles S. Rhyne, a Washington D.C., attorney, envisions a special national day for celebrating our legal system.

1958 President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law.

1968 May 1st is designated by joint resolution of Congress as the official date for celebrating Law Day.