

MONROE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

LAW DAY 2018 CREATIVITY CONTEST

Framework for Freedom: Separation of Powers

James Madison, a Founding Father and our country's fourth President, wrote "ambition must be made to counteract ambition." Why? Why is the separation of powers in our government so essential to democracy and what is our role, as citizens, in ensuring that this fundamental principle continues to endure.

Monroe County high school students are invited to submit an original, creative project (i.e. essay, poem, short story, news article, a short video or poster etc.) regarding this year's theme, Separation of Powers, to be presented at the Monroe County Bar Association Law Day Ceremony, which will be held on Friday, April 27, 2018.

Written submissions should be typewritten, double spaced, 12 point font, one inch margins, and no longer than three (3) pages in length. Video presentations must be no longer than 5 minutes and must be submitted with a waiver signed by the student(s) and parent(s). Poster presentations must be no larger than 24" x 24".

The deadline for submission is **Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.** Please submit projects to the Monroe County Bar Association: 913 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 or email to dburdge@monroebar.org. Please list your name, email, phone number and school on all submissions. The projects will be judged by a panel of members of the Monroe County Bar Association and will be judged on creativity, clarity, originality, composition, accurate references to the law and how effectively the presenter conveys the ideals of America with adherence to the theme.

The following prizes will be awarded: first place - \$300.00, second place - \$200.00, and third place - \$100.00. Additionally, the winning students and their guest(s) will be invited to attend the Monroe County Bar Association's Annual Law Day Ceremony, which will be held in courtroom 1 of the Monroe County Courthouse, 610 Monroe Street, Stroudsburg, on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The 1st place winner will be invited to present their project during the ceremony.