

2023 LAW DAY ARTWORK CONTEST



The Public Outreach Committee of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut cordially invites students to help us celebrate Law Day 2023 by creating artwork relating to this year's theme:

Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration

In recent years, tensions in our democratic system have revealed deep divisions in American society. These divisions are aggravated by incivility in public discourse and insufficient understanding among many people about the Constitution and the way American government works. Together, however, we can collaborate to overcome our differences, resolve our disputes, and preserve our democracy and republic.

Our goal is to help students and the public better understand the importance the law has in our daily lives, and the role the legal system—including the courts—plays in protecting the rights we cherish, which include equal protection of the laws; the right not to be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; and the freedoms of speech, the press, and religion. To that end, we ask the students participating in the art exhibit to create a piece of art relating to this year's theme. You can be as creative as you would like but some suggestions to consider are as follows:

- (1) Illustrate or depict what society might look like if as citizens we did not perform our "civic duties";
- (2) Illustrate or depict the role that courts play in the community; or
- (3) Create an advertisement that expresses the importance of civics education, performing our civic duties and being an informed citizen.

A Certificate of Recognition will be awarded to all artists. Students in grades 3-12 are invited to participate. Artwork may be in the form of drawings, photographs, digital photographs, digital art forms, posters, or a similar medium. The poster size should be 8.5" x 11" or larger. All entries will be on display in the federal courthouses in New Haven, Hartford, and Bridgeport through the month of May, so they can be viewed by the general public, as well as courthouse employees. Digital entries may be displayed during a Zoom session for artists and their families.

By no later than **May 2, 2023**, please submit all artwork to Public_Outreach@ctd.uscourts.gov, or submissions may be mailed to:

U.S. District Court, Office of the Clerk
Attn: Public Outreach Committee
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New Haven, CT 06510