

# We the People

## 2023 Law Day Essay 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:

### **The Importance of Civics, Civility, and Collaboration in a Democracy**

In recent years, tensions in our democratic system have revealed deep social divisions over many issues – including voting rights, climate change, and reproductive rights, to name just a few. These divisions are aggravated by incivility in public discourse and a general lack of knowledge about our Constitution. Together, however, we can collaborate to overcome our differences, resolve our disputes, and preserve our democracy and republic. This year's Law Day theme invites all the people of the United States to join together in rebuilding trust in our institutions, and respect for one another. Through collaboration, we can address the challenges that face our nation.

All entries shall reflect a student's interpretation of the Law Day 2023 theme by responding to the following two questions:

- Why are civics, civility, and collaboration considered cornerstones of democracy?
- Why is it important for citizens with differing views to collaborate to support the rule of law?  
(Please feel free to include personal experiences.)

#### **ESSAY DIRECTIONS**

To enter, write an essay of 500 words or less that addresses this year's theme.

- Essays should be typed or handwritten in ink.
- When you are ready to submit, attach a cover sheet that includes a number assigned to the student, the student's school, grade, and teacher.
- Do not include your name on the essay.
- Entries will be judged on accuracy of information, clarity of expression, content, and originality.
- Essays with the attached cover sheet should be emailed to [Public\\_Outreach@ctd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Public_Outreach@ctd.uscourts.gov) by **May 2, 2023**.