



LAW WEEK 2003



ESSAY, POSTER, AND PHOTO CONTESTS

POSTMARK ESSAY AND POSTER ENTRIES BY: MARCH 7, 2003
Guidelines Attached

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Theme: Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties

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2003 LAW DAY/LAW WEEK CONTESTS

The attached guidelines and registration forms are everything you will need to enter the 2003 Law Week poster, essay, and new photography competitions. This year's theme is "Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties".

Law Day, U.S.A. was designated the first day of May each year by Congressional Resolution in 1961. It is a day that is set aside as a special day of celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States of America; of their rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under the law; and for the cultivation of respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of life.

This year's theme allows us to learn more about the concept of judicial independence. Independent courts are fair, impartial, and dedicated to the rule of law. Courts enforce the Constitution, protect our rights as Americans, and make the rule of law a reality.

In a democracy, no one – no matter how powerful – is above the law, as long as judges have the authority to apply the law impartially, fairly, and free from political interference. We encourage you to help your students learn more about this "most essential characteristic of a free society" which is included in Florida's Sunshine State Standards under civics and government.

Annually, our Law Week winners, their families, and teachers come to Tallahassee in May to meet our Florida Supreme Court justices and participate in an educational program and awards ceremony. We hope one of your students will be there this year. Please note the deadline for entries. Please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions.

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LAW WEEK ESSAY CONTEST

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Theme: “Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties”

Categories:

Elementary Categories:	K-2 nd grades	350 word maximum
	3-5 th grades	500 word maximum
Middle School:	6-8 th grades	1,000 word maximum
High School:	9-12 th grades	1,000 word maximum

(Entries will be judged on content, personal reflection, originality, craftsmanship, and adherence to the theme.)

Postmark Deadline: March 7, 2003

Guidelines:

- Only individual student entries allowed. Entries may be typed or handwritten.
- All entries should be postmarked no later than March 7, 2003 for state judging and submitted to:

**The Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc.
1625 Metropolitan Circle, Suite B
Tallahassee, Florida 32308**

- Each entry must contain the student's full name, telephone and address, age, grade level, and parents' names, as well as the school, county, and teacher's name, class, and address. A Law Week essay registration form is attached to include with your entry.

Note: Teachers may submit entries from one or several students or classes. Last year's winners can be viewed on our website. Go to www.flrea.org and look under What's New.

Research: Visit the Law Day section of the American Bar Association website at:
<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.html>.

Awards: One state level winner in each category will be selected. A special ceremony and educational program will be held at the Supreme Court of Florida.

**For additional information contact:
The Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc.
Local (850) 386-8223 or Toll-Free 1-877-826-8167
www.flrea.org**

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LAW WEEK POSTER CONTEST

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Theme: "Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties"

Categories:

Elementary Categories:	K-2 nd grades, 3-5 th grades
Middle School:	6-8 th grades
High School:	9-12 th grades
Computer Generated:	K-12 th grades

(Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, and adherence to the theme.)

Postmark Deadline: March 7, 2003

Guidelines:

- Only individual student entries allowed.
- Original posters must be submitted on **white 8 " x 11 " paper or poster board**.
- Any non-smearable medium is acceptable such as colored pencils, markers, crayons, paints, etc.
- A separate category for original computer generated art has been included, which should be submitted as a color printout. We will publish the winning entries, so students must own all rights to reproduce and publish photos and images they utilize in developing the **computer generated** poster.
- No loose or hanging materials permitted.
- Each poster must depict the theme.
- A **one paragraph statement describing how the poster reflects the theme** is required to be affixed to the back of the poster along with the student's name, telephone and address, age, grade level, parents' names, as well as the school address, teacher's first and last name and county. A Law Week poster registration form is attached to include with your entry.
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NEW LAW WEEK PHOTO CONTEST

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Theme: “Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties”

Who May Enter: The contest is open to any student age 12-18 who has not graduated from high school and who is a citizen or resident of Florida.

Postmark Deadline: _____ February 1, 2003

Photographic Requirements:

To enter, submit two (2) exact duplicates of a black-and-white or color print made either from a transparency (slide) or negative. Prints may be any size up to 8 1/2” x 11”. Framed or mounted photographs are not eligible. Photographs taken with a digital camera will be accepted; however, all submissions must be in the form of exact duplicate prints. We will not accept digital files. Photographs submitted must have been taken by the entrant, must never have been published in any other medium, and must have been taken on or after August 15, 2002.

An original transparency or negative must be available so that winning entries can be reprinted with the highest quality. Transparencies submitted for reprinting must be mounted in standard 2” x 2” cardboard or plastic side mounts. Failure to produce an original transparency or negative if requested may result in disqualification.

Additional Entry Requirements:

On the back of each photographic submission, a written, clearly legible label must appear with the following information: the entrant’s name and signature, the title of the photograph, and a signature from the parent or guardian of the entrant if the entrant is under 18 years of age. In addition to the label affixed to the back of the photograph, each entrant must complete and submit with the photographs an official entry form as published by the FLREA and any required release forms for individuals appearing in the photograph.

If the photograph label, entry form, and any required release forms are not fully completed, signed, and submitted with the entry, it will be disqualified. Submission by entrants of the photographs with their labels, the entry form, and the required release forms constitutes acceptance of all conditions set forth in these rules.

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Additional Entry Requirements (continued):

Entrants must own all rights to reproduce entries in any medium without restriction. Winner (and winner's parent or legal guardian if winner is a minor) will be required to sign a release and written assignment assigning all rights in the winning photograph, including copyright, to the FLREA. Failure to sign release will lead to disqualification and an alternate winner will be selected. Only one entry is allowed per student.

All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an entry are the entrant's responsibility. Entries will not be returned. To avoid damage, entries should be packed in cardboard for mailing. The FLREA bears no responsibility for lost, late, illegible, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, or postage-due entries. All entries submitted to the FLREA become the property of the FLREA.

Judging:

Entries will be judged on the basis of effectiveness and originality in representing the theme (40%), creative impact of the photograph (20%), and use of technical elements including lighting, exposure, and focus (20%). A first-, second-, and third-place winner, plus honorable mentions, will be selected. All decisions made by the judges are final.

Awards:

The winning entry will be submitted for the national competition. A trophy and savings bond will also be provided.

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2003 LAW WEEK CONTEST ESSAY AND POSTER ENTRY FORM

Please attach this form to each Law Week essay or poster entry. The postmark deadline: is **March 7, 2003**.

Student Name: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Age of Student: _____ **Grade of Student:** _____

School: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Class: _____ **Grade Level:** _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Poster Summary Statement: _____

Note: Teachers may submit entries from one or multiple students or classes.

Return to:

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2003 FLORIDA LAW WEEK PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Theme: "Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties"

Postmark Deadline: February 1, 2003

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Age of Student: _____ **Grade of Student:** _____

School: _____

School Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Title of Photo Entry: _____

Photo Summary (Where was the photo taken? When? What were you trying to depict?):

Postmark with photo and release form by February 1, 2003 to:

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2003 FLORIDA LAW WEEK PHOTO CONTEST RELEASE FORM

Theme: "Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties"

RELEASE FOR INDIVIDUALS APPEARING IN THE PHOTOGRAPH

(Required from ALL IDENTIFIABLE PERSONS APPEARING IN THE PHOTOGRAPH. Submit one release for each person appearing in the photograph.)

I, _____, being duly sworn on this ____ day of _____, 200__, state as follows:
[Name of Person Appearing in Photograph]

My name, likeness, picture, photograph, or portrait appears in the photograph submitted by _____ (hereinafter the "Entrant") to the Florida Law Week Photo Contest
[Entrant's Name]

(hereinafter the "Competition") sponsored by The Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc. and the American Bar Association. I hereby consent to the FLREA's and the ABA's use of my name, picture, portrait, photograph, or likeness as contained in the photograph submitted by the Entrant in any medium for editorial, advertising, promotional, or trade purposes. I release the ABA and FLREA from all liabilities arising out of distortion, optical illusions, or faulty mechanical reproductions of my likeness. I acknowledge that I have no right to approve the editorial, advertising, promotional, or trade materials that include the photograph. I warrant and represent that I am 18 years of age, or if I am not 18 years of age, I have obtained my parent's or guardian's signature as described below.

Name (printed): _____ Date of birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN RELEASE FOR ABOVE IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL

(Required of the PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE APPEARING IN THE PHOTOGRAPH)

I, _____ hereby represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of
[Name of Above Identified Individual's Parent or Guardian]

the above identified individual and that I accept the same legal obligations in connection with the Competition, including but not limited to, the use of the minor's name, likeness, and photograph as stated above. I also hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless FLREA and the ABA and its successors, assigns, officers, employees, and agents associated with the Competition from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, claims, settlements, or judgments of any kind whatsoever, including attorney's fees, whether in contract or in tort, which I or my heirs, executors, or administrators may have arising directly or indirectly as a result of the minor's participation in the Competition.

Name (printed): _____ Date of birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____