

## LAW DAY COLORING AND POSTER CONTEST

January 26, 2007

Dear Educator:

The Genesee County Bar Association is sponsoring our Annual Law Day Coloring and Poster Contest, **open to all 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Genesee County**. This year's local theme is "*Celebrate Your Freedom – From Sea To Shining Sea.*" We invite teachers of these grades to encourage participation and include the Coloring/Poster Contest in their lesson. Additionally, the American Bar Association's web page, [www.abanet.org](http://www.abanet.org), has a variety of lesson plans for all age groups about freedom, justice, and democracy.

A poster is enclosed for use by all 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students for the coloring contest and is also available on our web page at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org). We are asking 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to submit their own *original* poster designs based upon this year's theme on democracy. Some suggestions could include the following:

- ◆ World/state map
- ◆ Statue of Liberty
- ◆ Bill of Rights
- ◆ Pilgrims, immigrants
- ◆ Constitution
- ◆ The Mayflower
- ◆ A Courthouse
- ◆ Military, law enforcement

Enclosed are Coloring/Poster Contest requirements and an entry form for your use. You may make the number of photocopies necessary for all interested teachers and students. **A WINNER FROM EACH GRADE LEVEL WILL BE SELECTED AND WILL RECEIVE A \$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE.** Winning posters will be displayed at the Genesee County Bar Association's Annual Law Day Luncheon, at the Genesee County Circuit Courthouse, on our website at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org), and in the June/July issue of our bimonthly magazine *Bar Beat*. Other submissions will be displayed at the Flint Public Library during the month of May. Posters will not be returned. Additionally, EVERY student who submits an entry will receive a certificate of participation.

**ALL POSTERS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007** and should be sent to:

Genesee County Bar Association  
315 East Court Street  
Flint, MI 48502

We do hope you will lend your support in helping us achieve maximum participation in **Law Day 2007**. Should you have any questions regarding the contest, please contact me at (810) 232-6012.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ramona L. Sain, Executive Director  
Genesee County Bar Association

**ENTRY FORM FOR  
GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**LAW DAY 2007**

**COLORING/POSTER CONTEST**

(Please print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of this sheet MUST accompany each submission to the 2007 Law Day Coloring/Poster Contest. If not, the entry will be disqualified and the student will not receive a certificate of participation. This information is to appear ONLY on this cover sheet. Attach to back of entry facing out. This poster will not be returned. Posters could be used for publication purposes relating to Law Day 2007.**

**Deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2007**

**LAW DAY U.S.A. - 2007**  
**GCBA ANNUAL COLORING & POSTER CONTEST INFORMATION**

**SPONSOR:** Genesee County Bar Association

**LOCAL THEME:** *Celebrate Your Freedom – From Sea To Shining Sea*

The purpose of Law Day is education. The GCBA is attempting to solicit a student's conception that will reflect the above theme.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Coloring Contest for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades  
Original Poster Design Contest for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades

**REQUIREMENTS:** Coloring poster for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students is enclosed. For 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student entries must be on an 8 ½ x 11 inch sheet of paper or poster board. The words **Law Day 2007 “Celebrate Your Freedom – From Sea To Shining Sea”** should be a part of the overall design. Media and color used in the design is left to the discretion of the student.

Simple designs and bright colors are suggested. Judging is based on the student's ability to make a statement about the theme.

Please fill out the enclosed **entry form** and attach to the back of **each** entry. Posters **will not** be returned.

**PRIZE:** One winner in each grade level **receives a \$25.00 gift certificate.**

**CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:** Originality, expression of theme, visual appeal, ability to follow above-listed requirements.

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## **GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAW DAY**

**2007 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of Law Day.**

**In 1957, the American Bar Association (ABA) president, Charles S. Rhyne, a Washington, D.C. attorney, envisioned a special day for celebrating our legal system. He promoted the concept of an annual recognition of law, culminating in 1958 with President Dwight D. Eisenhower establishing “Law Day, U.S.A.” to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law. In 1961, May 1<sup>st</sup> was designated by joint resolution of Congress as the official date for celebrating Law Day U.S.A.**

**Now, although every year May 1<sup>st</sup> remains the official day, Law Day often becomes Law Week as the ABA is joined by national organization, state and local Bars, businesses and schools, in conducting thousands of programs celebrating the rule of law in our constitutional democracy.**

**Each year, Law Day is an opportunity to expand awareness of our laws and justice system and their valuable impact on our lives. More than just a single day to reflect on our legal heritage, it is a call to action that often encompasses weeks of programs and activities. Often it is the culminating event in programs of law-related education in the schools.**

**The Genesee County Bar Association celebrates Law Day with a Mock Trial involving local high school students. Middle school students participate in an essay contest and elementary students participate in a poster contest. Other activities include Teen & The Law, Senior Outreach and our Annual Law Day Luncheon featuring a prominent guest speaker. Annual awards are also a large part in celebrating Law Day. Each year a Law Day teacher receives the Golden Apple Award from those schools participating in the Mock Trial. The Liberty Bell Award is bestowed upon three local residents who make a difference in the community about a law-related concern and the Genesee County Prosecutor honors a Crime Victim’s Advocate of the Year for their work on behalf of victims of crime.**

**Law Day gives us tools to build citizenship and a shared concept of justice. To maintain the strength and vitality of our legal system, we need to understand the law and believe in its ability to protect our individual rights, settle disputes and bring us together. The vitality of our legal system depends on the rigor with which Americans pursue the rights and duties of citizenship. Through special presentations and educational activities, Law Day can help citizens focus on their rights and responsibilities in this, the oldest democratic government in existence.**

**Much has changed since President Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day, but American’s thirst for liberty remains unslaked – and the law remains its best bastion.**