

LAW DAY 2025

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The City Attorney's Office of Sacramento is celebrating this year's Law Day on May 1, 2025, with an invitation to students in our community to participate and learn about this great day.

What is Law Day?

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th U.S. President, established Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law. In 1961 by a joint Congressional resolution, May 1st was designated as the official date for celebrating Law Day in the United States.

The 2025 Law Day theme "The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One," urges us to take pride in a constitution that bridges our differences to bring us together as a united nation. Our civil lives tie us together as one "We", whether through legislative efforts that serve the common good, through military service, or by working together, every day, to fulfill the promise of *E pluribus unum*, or "Out of many, one".

The Sacramento City Attorney's Office is excited to include our local youth in the recognition of this year's Law Day and the message of unity.



SACRAMENTO CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE LAW DAY ESSAY/ILLUSTRATION COMPETITION

Essay/Illustration Competition will open on March 3, 2025, and will close on April 7, 2025.

Essays/Illustrations may be entered by mailing an original copy to Sacramento City Attorney's Office:

**Sacramento City Attorney
915 I Street, Room 4010
Sacramento, CA 95814-2608**

GUIDELINES:

Participants: Students from grades 7 and 8

A winner will be selected from each grade. Judging will be based on content, creativity, clarity of expression, punctuation, grammar, spelling, and originality. City Staff will select the winners.

The winners will be recognized and receive an award at the Sacramento City Council's meeting on April 22, 2025, at 5pm. Prizes will also be given as follows: \$100 to 1st place, \$75 to 2nd place, and \$50 to 3rd place.

Essay/Illustration Requirements:

- 1. Essays must be typed on 8 ½ x 11 standard copy paper or legibly written on lined notebook paper, with a limit of 500 words.**
- 2. Illustrations can be in the form of video, slideshow, painting or drawing.**
- 3. Illustrations in video/slideshow form must be no more than 2 minutes in length.**

- 4. Essays/Illustrations must be the exclusive work of the student entering the contest; duplicate entries will not be accepted.**
- 5. Plagiarized essays composed using Artificial Intelligence will be disqualified.**
- 6. Each essay/illustration must represent our 2025 Law Day theme. Inspiration can be found with online research. The American Bar Association website has a Law Day page that is very helpful.**
- 7. Judging will be based on content, creativity, clarity of expression, punctuation, grammar, spelling, and originality.**
- 8. Content of entries must follow school rules of conduct for appropriateness. In addition, no foul language, depictions of acts of violence, or depictions of discrimination will be permitted.**
- 9. Each essay/illustration submitted must contain the following information on a cover sheet attached to the essay, either typed or clearly handwritten by the teacher/parent (see the label below).**
Any entries that do not follow the above guidelines may be disqualified.

Student Name (First & Last) _____

School _____

Grade _____

Teacher or Parent name _____

Teacher or Parent telephone number _____

Teacher or Parent email address _____

***Please substitute parent's home, home address, phone number, and email address if homeschooled or activity was completed at home.**

Students are encouraged to be creative and have fun with this project. We appreciate the support and participation from local students in this competition!

