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### **Court System's Office for Justice Initiatives, Historical Society of NY Courts Announce Law Day 2025 Art Contest**

**NEW YORK**—In celebration of Law Day 2025—commemorated annually in May to highlight our nation's rule of law—the courts' Office for Justice Initiatives' Division of Access to Justice and the Historical Society of the New York Courts invite high school students statewide to participate in an art contest inspired by the American Bar Association's 2025 Law Day theme, "The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One."

"I am pleased to announce the Law Day 2025 Art Contest, with this year's theme underscoring our collective responsibility as citizens and the importance of bridging our differences to unite as a nation," said Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives Edwina G. Richardson. "The Office for Justice Initiatives and the New York State Unified Court System, under the leadership of Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson and Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas, are deeply committed to the creation and expansion of programs to promote civic engagement and community outreach, especially among our young people. We are grateful to the Historical Society of the New York Courts for its continued partnership and support of this important initiative and continue to be awed and inspired by the creative works submitted by previous years' contestants. We strongly encourage budding artists of high school age statewide to participate this year and look forward to the submissions to come."

"The Historical Society of the New York Courts is delighted to continue our collaboration with the Office for Justice Initiatives as co-sponsor of this Law Day Art Contest and showcase our commitment to empowering New York's students to understand the law and the role of New York's courts in our democracy," said Allison Morey, Executive Director of the Historical Society of the New York Courts. "The U.S. Constitution unites us as Americans, and the New York Constitution unites us as New Yorkers. This contest provides students with the opportunity to explore the rights and protections afforded to them and how these rights and protections impact their everyday lives. We are excited to see how the students interpret this theme through art."

Submissions should be original pieces of art that depict what the Law Day 2025 theme means to the artist. All submissions must be received by **February 25, 2025**. The winners will be announced on May 1, 2025.

This year, the contest will consist of two rounds. In the first round, entries will be judged against others within the same judicial district. The first-place winners in each judicial district will then advance to the second round to compete statewide. First, second, and third-place statewide prize winners will be selected from the second round and awarded cash prizes, courtesy of the Historical Society of the New York Courts, and have their artwork featured on the court system's website.

For more information, including links to the contest rules and the entry registration form, go to [https://ww2.nycourts.gov/ip/ny2j/Courts\\_Community\\_Center/lawday.shtml](https://ww2.nycourts.gov/ip/ny2j/Courts_Community_Center/lawday.shtml) or see the attached flyer.

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