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Tiffany Rangel Fader

February 15, 2019

Re: 2019 Law Day

Greetings:

This May 2019, the Corpus Christi Bar Association will be celebrating Law Day, which is a nationally recognized event. This year our Law Day focus is on the "Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society."

We wish to involve your students in our celebration of Law Day by affording them the opportunity to participate in our Law Day Contests by entering a poster, photograph, and/or editorial reflecting the student's interpretation of the 2019 Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt **Explain or depict how today's society is impacted by freedom of speech and freedom of the press.** Participants will not only enhance their knowledge of our nation's laws, but the winners will also receive cash prizes and recognition by the Corpus Christi Bar Association at a special awards reception. The first-place winner in each of our contests will be entered into the State Bar of Texas' Contests where they can receive additional cash prizes and recognition.

Please note, local entries and release forms must be received no later than **4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, 2019** at the Corpus Christi Bar Association office:

Corpus Christi Bar Association  
555 N. Carancahua Street, Ste. 260  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Attached to this letter is further information on the Law Day theme, rules for each contest poster, photography, and editorial, and an entry and release form for the contests. If you have any questions concerning the Law Day contests or need additional information, please contact Lisa Huerta at [LHuerta@CorpusBar.com](mailto:LHuerta@CorpusBar.com) or myself, at [Tiffany@RangelFaderLaw.com](mailto:Tiffany@RangelFaderLaw.com).

Very truly yours,

  
Tiffany Rangel Fader

Attachments Enclosed

## **Editorial Contest Winners:**

### Corpus Christi Bar Association Awards:

1st Place: \$100.00

2nd Place: \$50.00

3rd Place: \$25.00

The first-place winner in the Corpus Christi Bar Association Editorial Contest will be submitted to the State Bar of Texas for entry in the State Bar of Texas' Law Day Editorial Contest. The first, second and third place winners of the Corpus Christi Bar Association's Law Day Editorial Contest and their immediate family and sponsoring teacher will be invited to the Corpus Christi Bar Association's Law Day Reception.

The first-place winner and one guest of their choosing will be invited to the Corpus Christi Bar Association's Law Day Luncheon as guests of the Corpus Christi Bar Association (they may invite additional guests to attend, but any additional guests will be required to pay the cost of their own Law Day Luncheon meal). The date for the Reception and Luncheon will be announced shortly but will be held in May 2019.

### State Bar of Texas Awards:

1st Place: \$1,000.00 and Certificate

2nd Place: \$500.00 and Certificate

3rd Place: \$250.00 and Certificate

The first, second and third place winners of the State Bar of Texas contests in each category will be invited to the State Bar of Texas Law Day Luncheon in Austin which will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association host the luncheon and present the awards to the winners. Each winner may invite two guests to attend. The State Bar of Texas will only reimburse travel expenses for the winner and two guests. Reimbursement amounts are determined by the student's location in the State.

## **Photography Contest Winners:**

### Corpus Christi Bar Association Awards:

1st Place: \$100.00

2nd Place: \$50.00

3rd Place: \$25.00

The first-place winner in the Corpus Christi Bar Association Photography Contest will be submitted to the State Bar of Texas for entry in the State Bar of Texas' Law Day Photography Contest. The first, second and third place winners of the Corpus Christi Bar Association's Law Day Photography Contest and their immediate family and sponsoring teacher will be invited to the Corpus Christi Bar Association's Law Day Reception.

The first-place winner and one guest of their choosing will be invited to the Corpus Christi Bar Association's Law Day Luncheon as guests of the Corpus Christi Bar Association (they may invite additional guests to attend, but any additional guests will be required to pay the cost of their own Law Day Luncheon meal). The date for the Reception and Luncheon will be announced shortly but will be held in May 2019.

### State Bar of Texas Awards:

1st Place: \$400.00 and Certificate

2nd Place: \$200.00 and Certificate

3rd Place: \$100.00 and Certificate

The first, second and third place winners of the State Bar of Texas contests in each category will be invited to the State Bar of Texas Law Day Luncheon in Austin which will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association host the luncheon and present the awards to the winners. Each winner may invite two guests to attend. The State Bar of Texas will only reimburse travel expenses for the winner and two guests. Reimbursement amounts are determined by the student's location in the State.

## **Poster Contest Winners:**

### Corpus Christi Bar Association Awards for EACH Category:

1st Place: \$100.00

2nd Place: \$50.00

3rd Place: \$25.00

The first-place winner in the Corpus Christi Bar Association Poster Contest will be submitted to the State Bar of Texas for entry in the State Bar of Texas' Law Day Poster Contest. The first, second and third place winners of the Corpus Christi Bar Association's Law Day Poster Contest and their immediate family and sponsoring teacher will be invited to the Corpus Christi Bar Association's Law Day Reception.

The first-place winner and one guest of their choosing will be invited to the Corpus Christi Bar Association's Law Day Luncheon as guests of the Corpus Christi Bar Association (they may invite additional guests to attend, but any additional guests will be required to pay the cost of their own Law Day Luncheon meal). The date for the Reception and Luncheon will be announced shortly but will be held in May 2019.

### State Bar of Texas Poster Awards:

1st Place: \$200.00 Gift Certificate

2nd Place: \$100 Gift Certificate

3rd Place: \$50.00 Gift Certificate

The first, second and third place winners of the State Bar of Texas contests in each category will be invited to the State Bar of Texas Law Day Luncheon in Austin which will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association host the luncheon and present the awards to the winners. Each winner may invite two guests to attend. The State Bar of Texas will only reimburse travel expenses for the winner and two guests. Reimbursement amounts are determined by the student's location in the State.

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*Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society*

## 2019 LAW DAY CONTESTS

Sixty-one years ago, in 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a way to challenge Americans to understand how the rule of law impacts their lives and to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to participate in a democracy. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association celebrate the importance of the rule of law and its impact on our nation and local communities by hosting statewide editorial, photo, and poster contests based on the American Bar Association Law Day yearly theme. The State Bar sponsors the statewide editorial and photo contests and co-sponsors the statewide poster contests with the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

Local bars and young lawyer affiliates are encouraged to hold local contests and submit their first-place winners in each category to the State Bar for the statewide contest. **The State Bar will accept only one entry per category from each local bar association, and entries must place in a local contest to be allowed submission into the statewide contest. The deadline for statewide submissions is Wednesday, March 27, 2019.**

### 2019 LAW DAY THEME FREE SPEECH, FREE PRESS, FREE SOCIETY

In the United States and around the world, freedom of speech and the press are among the most important foundations for a free society. Free speech and free press are prominent topics in public discourse and litigation. It is impossible to imagine a free society without these individual liberties, yet historical and current debates surrounding them continually challenge us to consider their boundaries and resilience. Changes in technology have reshaped how free speech and free press work in the everyday world.

Law Day 2019 offers the opportunity to explore this pair of freedoms by probing their history and considering their future. Should all speech be “free?” What is the role of government in regulating or protecting the press? Should speech or the press be constrained through laws or norms? Can a free society exist without free speech and free press?

The 2019 Law Day theme—Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society—focuses on these cornerstones of representative government and calls on us to understand and protect these rights to ensure, as the U.S. Constitution proposes, “the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity.”

All entries should reflect the student’s interpretation of the 2019 Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt:

**Explain or depict how today’s society is impacted by freedom of speech and freedom of the press.**

### STATEWIDE PRIZES AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

The first-, second-, and third-place winners of the statewide contests in each category will be invited to the State Bar of Texas Law Day Luncheon on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association will host the luncheon and present the awards to the winners. The State Bar of Texas will reimburse travel expenses for the winner and two guests. Reimbursement amounts are determined by the student’s proximity to Austin.

Below is an explanation of the prizes.

#### EDITORIAL CONTEST

1st Place: \$1,000 and certificate; 2nd Place: \$500 and certificate; 3rd Place: \$250 and certificate

#### PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

1st Place: \$400 and certificate; 2nd Place: \$200 and certificate; 3rd Place: \$100 and certificate

#### POSTER CONTEST

1st Place: \$200 gift certificate; 2nd Place: \$100 gift certificate; 3rd Place: \$50 gift certificate

*The prizes above represent a scholarship award from the State Bar of Texas. In order to remain tax free for IRS purposes, this scholarship award must be used for education-related expenses. It will be up to the individual receiving the award to furnish documentation in case of an IRS audit.*

## 2019 STATEWIDE LAW DAY STUDENT CONTEST RULES

Local bar associations or young lawyer affiliates will submit their local first-place contest entries into the statewide Law Day contests. Statewide entries must be received by the State Bar of Texas by **Wednesday, March 27, 2019**. Entries must place in a local contest to be allowed submission into the statewide contest.

### EDITORIAL CONTEST

1. Students from 9th grade to 12th grade are invited to take part in the editorial contest.
2. All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an entry are the entrant's and/or the local bar association's responsibility.
3. The editorial must be the student's original work.
4. The editorial must be written in response to the following prompt: **Explain or depict how today's society is impacted by freedom of speech and freedom of the press.**
5. The editorial must be no longer than 500 words.
6. The editorial must be typewritten and double-spaced.
7. The editorial must include a cover page with the following information: name of student, the title of the editorial, name of high school, and city of residence.
8. Each page of the editorial submission must include a header with the title and page number only.
9. The editorial must show critical analysis and be based on historical evidence.
10. The editorial must be accompanied by the entry form. The entry form must be fully completed and signed by the student's parent or guardian.
11. By entering, the student gives the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes.
12. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association bear no responsibility for lost or damaged statewide entries.

### PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

1. Students from 6th grade to 12th grade are invited to take part in the photography contest.
2. All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an entry are the entrant's and/or the local bar association's responsibility.
3. Photographs must be the student's original work.
4. Photographs must reflect the 2019 Law Day theme and prompt: **Explain or depict how today's society is impacted by freedom of speech and freedom of the press.**
5. Color and black and white photographs are eligible.
6. Photographs should not have been published in any medium and should have been taken after June 1, 2018.
7. Photographs larger than 8 x 10 inches, or those that are mounted or framed, are not eligible for the contest.

8. The entrant must submit two exact duplicates of the photograph.
9. The photographs must be accompanied by the entry form. The entry form must be fully completed and signed by the student's parent or guardian.
10. The back of the photograph must include a typewritten label with the following information: name of student, the title of the photo, name of school, and city of residence.
11. By entering, the student gives the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes.
12. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association bear no responsibility for lost or damaged statewide entries.

## **POSTER CONTEST**

1. There are multiple categories for the poster contest: K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, and 9th-12th grade.
2. All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an entry are the entrant's and/or the local bar association's responsibility.
3. The poster must be the student's original work.
4. The poster must reflect the 2019 Law Day theme and prompt: **Explain or depict how today's society is impacted by freedom of speech and freedom of the press.**
5. The poster must be a two-dimensional drawing, painting, or collage. No computer-generated work will be eligible.
6. Entries can be color copies if the original poster is being displayed by a local bar association.
7. Posters larger than 25 x 32 inches are not eligible.
8. The poster must be accompanied by the entry form. The entry form must be fully completed and signed by the student's parent or guardian.
9. The back of the poster must include a typewritten label with the following information: name of student, the title of the poster, name of school, and city of residence.
10. By entering, the student gives the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association the right to reproduce material submitted in any medium without time, use, or territorial limitation as long as it is for non-commercial purposes.
11. The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association bear no responsibility for lost or damaged statewide entries.

## 2019 LAW DAY AWARDS ENTRY AND RELEASE FORM

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

This entry is for (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Editorial Contest    \_\_\_\_\_ Photography Contest    \_\_\_\_\_ Poster Contest

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENTAL PERMISSION

I hereby grant my child permission to participate in the statewide 2019 Law Day contests. I have read the contest rules, and my child's entry complies with the rules.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Local Bar Use Only*

**Instructions:** This form should be submitted by the local bar association or young lawyer affiliate on behalf of each student entrant for the statewide Law Day contests. Please ensure that this form is fully completed and accompanies each entry before sending it to the State Bar of Texas. Entries must be received by **Wednesday, March 27, 2019**. The State Bar will only accept one entry per category from each local bar association. Please provide an electronic version of the editorial entry attached in an email. Please send entries to the following address:

**State Bar of Texas**  
**Local Bar Services**  
**1414 Colorado, Austin, TX 78701**  
**Tel: (800) 204-2222, ext. 1514**  
**Email: [localbars@texasbar.com](mailto:localbars@texasbar.com)**

Name of Local Bar Association Submitting Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if you require the entry to be returned to your association after the conclusion of the State Bar of Texas Law Day Luncheon, May 1, 2019

*\*Photography and poster submissions will not be returned to the local bar association or young lawyer affiliate until after the conclusion of the State Bar of Texas Law Day Luncheon, May 1, 2019. If your association wishes to display the entries prior to this date, please provide a full-size color copy for statewide judging.*



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## GENERAL TIMELINE FOR 2019 LAW DAY

October – November	Local bars organize and plan local contests.
December – February	Determine which schools or extracurricular groups will participate in your local contest and distribute your local contest materials.
March	Hold judging for local contests and submit first-place winners in each category to the State Bar of Texas for the statewide contest by <b>Wednesday, March 27, 2019.</b>
April – May	Recognize winners at local Law Day festivities.
Mid-April	Statewide winners and their bar associations notified.
May 1	Law Day celebrated nationally.
May 1	State Bar of Texas Law Day Ceremony at the Texas Law Center in Austin where statewide winners are recognized.

Please visit our website at [texasbar.com/lawday](http://texasbar.com/lawday) to view our 2019 Law Day Tool Kit and more information.

Or, visit the American Bar Association's website at [americanbar.org](http://americanbar.org).

For additional information, please contact:

State Bar of Texas

Tel: (800) 204-2222, ext. 1514

Email: [localbars@texasbar.com](mailto:localbars@texasbar.com)