

## RULES

1. All essays must be original. If quotations from other sources are used, the writer must cite the source in footnotes.
2. Essays must not exceed 1,000 words.
3. Essay must be typewritten and double-spaced.
4. All entries must depict the current year Law Day theme.
5. Essays must have a cover page that contains the following information:
  - (a) Writer's full name
  - (b) Writer's home address and telephone number
  - (c) Name of the writer's school
  - (d) Writer's grade level
6. The writer's name must be on the cover page, but must not be on any other page or part of the essay.
7. All essays must be submitted to the appropriate district representative and postmarked no later than April 9, 2010.
8. Essays will be judged primarily on content and originality; however, incorrect grammar, spelling and/or punctuation, if excessive, will be taken into consideration.
9. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification of the entry.

## ABOUT LAW DAY

Law Day was first celebrated in 1958. Now, each May, state and local bar associations, in conjunction with the American Bar Association, sponsor Law Day programs around the country. The purpose of celebrating Law Day is two-fold: (1) to instill in students an appreciation for the law and foster a greater understanding of the American judicial system, and (2) provide an opportunity for attorneys to serve their local communities.

**Questions?** Call the TBA YLD Director at (615) 383-7421 or (800) 899-6993.

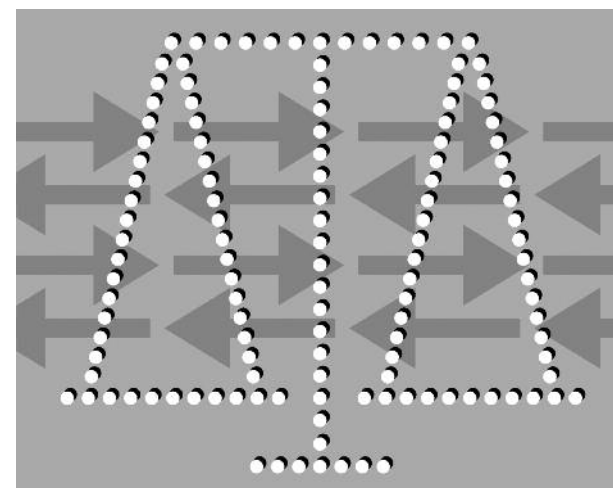
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## 2010 Law Day Essay Contest

# Law in the 21st Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges



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## ANNOUNCING THE 2010 LAW DAY ESSAY CONTEST

The 2010 Law Day Essay Contest is sponsored by the Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and is open to all Tennessee students in 9th through 12th grade. The contest is a great way for students to creatively express their ideas about living in a society that is governed by the rule of law.

The 2010 competition theme, "Law in the 21st Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges," provides an opportunity for students to consider how society can honor long-standing traditions in the law while addressing new issues and situations that might challenge "old ways" of doing things. As society stands on the threshold of a new decade, dramatic change is all around: economic markets have become global, business transactions now require cultural understanding and adaptation, populations are more mobile, and communication technologies erase miles and time zones. On a social level, issues such as human rights, criminal justice, intellectual property, dispute resolution, human migration and environmental regulation now affect not just nations but communities and individuals. Adapting to these new conditions may require that we become knowledgeable of other legal systems, acquire new cultural understandings, alter practices or even alter the law. In the midst of this change, however, it is important not to forget legal traditions that have endured the test of time. Students are asked to depict these concepts and how society can balance long-held traditions with changing realities.

The annual Law Day contest provides an opportunity for writers to achieve statewide recognition for their efforts. Whether teachers choose to incorporate the project into social studies or civics curriculum, or encourage students to submit pieces on their own, it is our hope that all Tennessee students will gain a greater appreciation for America's legal system and will be empowered to be active citizens.

## PRIZES

**First place:** \$300 and a certificate of achievement  
**Second place:** \$200 and a certificate of achievement  
**Third place:** \$100 and a certificate of achievement  
**Honorable Mention:** a certificate of achievement

Please submit your essay to the district representative in your area by April 9, 2010. See the list below for names and mailing addresses.

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