



# *Polk County Bar Association*

## *Law Day Celebration Luncheon*

*Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

*Judicial Branch Building  
1111 East Court Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa  
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*



*Lunch in Light Court*

*Welcome and Introduction of Dignitaries*

*Speakers*

*Justices Brent Appel, Edward Mansfield, Bruce Zager*

*Senator Jack Whitver*

*Iowa Senate*

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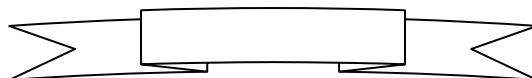
*PCBA and ARAG® Law Day Contest Winners*

*Awards Ceremony in Courtroom*

*and Photos with Sponsors*

*Closing Remarks*

*Optional Tour of the Building and Grounds*



# Polk County Bar Association & ARAG® 2018 Law Day Competition

Each year the American Bar Association and the Polk County Bar Association recognizes Law Day to help foster education and a deeper understanding of the legal system. This year's theme, "Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom," provides the opportunity for students to explore the three branches of government at the federal and state levels.

The U.S. Constitution established a system of government with distinct and independent branches—legislative, executive, and judicial—and it gave Congress, the Presidency, and a Supreme Court separate and distinct powers. Similarly, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Iowa distributes power between Legislative, Executive, and Judicial departments. The three separate branches share power and serve as checks on the powers of the others, preventing any one branch from becoming too powerful, thus providing a framework for freedom. Students were encouraged to express, through poetry, essay, visual art, technology, or music and performing arts, the impact of the separation of powers in our democracy.

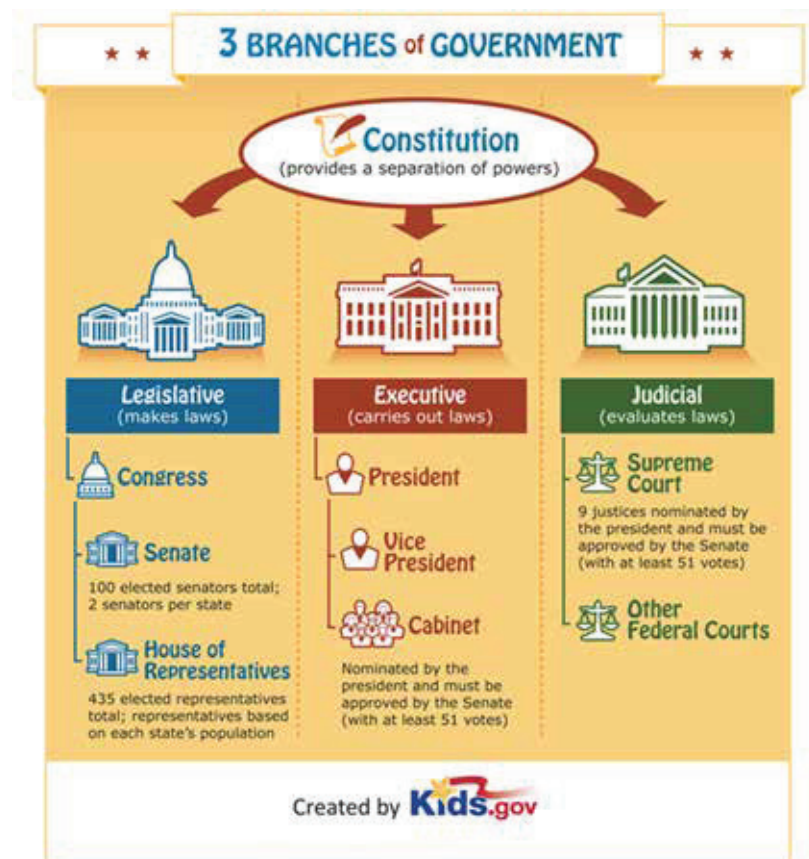
The Law Day Committee consistently focuses its efforts on reaching a wide variety of students in order to educate them about the law and nurture their creative expression. Again this year, the Law Day Committee teamed up with ARAG Insurance Co. for this event. In doing so, we were able to incorporate elementary school students from Polk County into our competition. We wish to express our deep appreciation to the Polk County Bar Association for its continuing support of the Law Day program. We would like to thank the following committee members:

Kala Anderson, James Bryan, Emily Chafa, Sonja Diener, Tara Hall, Margaret Johnson, Vicky Long Hill, Stephanie Maret, Carol Phillips, Cynthia Rybolt, Daniel Saar, Judge Gail Sheridan-Lucht, Judge Mary Tabor. Special thanks to Iowa Legal Aid AmeriCorps members Alexis Vargas and Anthony Pawnell for creating the PowerPoint presentation we are viewing today.

In addition ARAG® and the PCBA requested Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds to formally proclaim May 1st as Law Day in Iowa. The proclamation will be signed on May 16, 2018, in her office at the State Capitol with representatives of both organizations present.

Enjoy the fruits of the students' creative labors!

Shanon Hounshell and Nicolle Schippers, Co-Chairs  
Polk County Bar Association Law Day Committee  
Kala Anderson, ARAG Law Day Committee Member



*The Polk County Bar Association Law Day Committee*  
*presents*  
*Polk County Bar Association & ARAAG® 2018 Law Day Competition*

*High School Poetry Competition*

*1st Place – Grace Lincoln – Valley High School, West Des Moines*  
*2nd Place – Lawrence Deng – Northview Middle School, Ankeny*  
*3rd Place – Allison Su – Northview Middle School, Ankeny*

*High School Visual Arts Competition*

*1st Place – Elizabeth LeMar – Valley High School, West Des Moines*  
*2nd Place – Allison Su – Northview Middle School, Ankeny*  
*3rd Place – Elizabeth Phan – North High School, Des Moines*

*High School Essay Competition*

*1st Place – Elizabeth Overberg – Northview Middle School, Ankeny*  
*2nd Place – McKenzie Friedman – North Polk High School, Alleman*  
*3rd Place – Josiah DeValois – North Polk High School, Alleman*

*High School Technology Competition*

*1st Anna Correa – Valley High School, West Des Moines*

*High School Music and Performing Arts Competition*

*1st Anna Correa – Valley High School, West Des Moines*

*Law Day Scholarship Winner*

*Anna Correa – Valley High School, West Des Moines*

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*Middle School Essay Competition*

*1st Place – Kate Bergan - Prairie Ridge Middle School, Ankeny*  
*2nd Place – Elizabeth Clark – Parkview Middle School, Ankeny*  
*3rd Place – Nick Cox - Prairie Ridge Middle School, Ankeny*

*Middle School Poetry Competition*

*1st Place – Chloe Bredice – Prairie Ridge Middle School, Ankeny*  
*2nd Place – Mackenzie Gruhlke – Prairie Ridge Middle School, Ankeny*  
*3rd Place – Julia Yount – Prairie Ridge Middle School, Ankeny*

*Middle School Visual Arts Competition*

*1st Place – Maddie Carleton – Northview Middle School, Ankeny*  
*2nd Place – Sophie Giles – Prairie Ridge Middle School, Ankeny*  
*3rd Place – Ana Wombacher - Northview Middle School, Ankeny*

*Best Teacher Participation Prizes, Middle School*

*Kathryn Cooper, Northview Middle School, Ankeny*

*Best Teacher Participation Prizes, High School*

*Dan Kelly, Valley High School, West Des Moines*

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*Elementary School Coloring Competition, Grades K-2*

*1st Place/2nd Grade – Ethan Hall, Hanawalt Elementary School, Des Moines*  
*2nd Place/Kindergarten – Gia Guerra, Waukee Elementary School*  
*3rd Place/Kindergarten – Owen Kipp, Waukee Elementary School*  
*4th Place/Kindergarten – Claire Ledvina, Waukee Elementary School*  
*5th Place/Kindergarten – Gemma Stenger, Waukee Elementary School*

*Elementary School Coloring Competition, Grades 3-5*

*1st Place/5th Grade – Holly Fess, Fairmeadows Elementary School, West Des Moines*  
*2nd Place/5th Grade – Lillian Konen, Fairmeadows Elementary School, West Des Moines*  
*3rd Place/5th Grade – Nardeen Sabri, Fairmeadows Elementary School, West Des Moines*

*Best Teacher Participation Prizes, Grades K-5*

*Ms. Rhonda Koerselman, Fair Meadows Elementary School, West Des Moines*  
*Ms. Kim Magee, Waukee Elementary School*  
*Ms. Janine Roode, Westwood Elementary School, Ankeny*



*Legislative Branch*



*Executive Branch*



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**Elementary School Poster Competition**

*1st Place – Olivia Madison, Westwood Elementary School, Ankeny*  
*2nd Place – Claire Nefzger, Ashland Ridge Elementary School, Ankeny*  
*3rd Place – Anastasia Bohall, Westwood Elementary School, Ankeny*  
*4th Place – Owen Marett, Perkins Elementary School, Des Moines*  
*5th Place – Averie Couvillon & Emma Morlock, Timber Ridge Elementary School, Johnston*

**Elementary School Essay Competition**

*1st Place – Sylvi Ross, Fairmeadows Elementary School, West Des Moines*  
*2nd Place – Keira Moore, Fairmeadows Elementary School, West Des Moines*  
*3rd Place (tie) – Harper Cope, Timber Ridge Elementary School, Johnston*  
*3rd Place (tie) – Joey Zambreno, Bergman Academy, Des Moines*

**Elementary School Visual Arts**

*1st Place Jaxon Harken – Ashland Ridge Elementary School, Ankeny*  
*2nd Place Avery Bacon – Southeast Elementary School, Ankeny*  
*3rd Place Meghan Wolf – Ashland Ridge Elementary School, Ankeny*



*U.S. Supreme Court Building*



*U.S. Supreme Court Justices*

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