

ARAG and Polk County Bar Association Announce Law Day 2019 Competition for K-12 Students in Polk County

Des Moines, IA (October 10, 2018) — ARAG and the Polk County Bar Association (PCBA) announced today that they will again be holding an annual Law Day competition for K-12 students in Polk County.

Law Day is held on May 1 every year to celebrate the role of law in our society and to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal profession. The Law Day competition encourages students to use visual arts, essays and poetry to illustrate the Law Day theme. Winners of the competition are invited to the Judicial Building on May 1 for a luncheon, prizes and tour of the building.

Law Day 2019's 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.”

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 students 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?

ARAG and PCBA invite all educators interested in having their students participate in the Law Day 2019 competition to join us for an informational meeting, cocktails and appetizers on November 8, 2018, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Iowa State Bar Association Building, 625 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines. Contact Sonja at PCBA with any questions or RSVP at sdiener@pcbaonline.org or (515) 697-7880.

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