

# POLK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION & ARAG® LAW DAY COMMITTEE

## 2019 LAW DAY STUDENT COMPETITION

Dear Educator:

Our annual Law Day celebration is almost here! Every year the Polk County Bar Association (PCBA) and ARAG sponsor educational activities and a competition for your students in honor of national Law Day. This is an opportunity for your students to showcase their creative talents, learn about important issues relating to the law and win prizes! This year's competition will include coloring, poster and essay categories for kindergarten through fifth grade students in Polk County. You will have a chance to win a prize as well based on most classroom participation, so consider getting your students involved today!

### What is Law Day?

Law Day is recognized annually on May 1 as a national day of celebration aimed to strengthen the American heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. Each year the American Bar Association chooses a theme for Law Day to help foster education and a deeper understanding of the legal system. **This year's theme: Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society.**

[Learn more about Law Day and this year's theme.](#)

### Why Should Your Students Participate?

- Your students learn more about the law and our legal system.
- Curriculum opportunity for you –
  - we would be happy to **come out and talk to your students about Law Day** and the theme.
- Fun competition with great prizes valued up to \$100!
- Opportunity for your students to meet judges and attorneys in Polk County.
- All entries will be displayed on the PCBA website.
- If you get the most students to participate, **you could also win a prize for your classroom!**

### How is the Competition Judged?

- Judges will be looking for creativity that demonstrates a basic understanding of the theme and its main concepts.
- Entries are judged by attorneys and judges in Polk County.
- The entries will be judged in two classes: (1) Kindergarten, first, and second grades and (2) third, fourth and fifth grades. Each category will be evaluated separately.

Winners will be honored at the PCBA and ARAG Law Day Awards Celebration on **May 1, 2019**. We will notify you of the winners and provide more information about the celebration at that time

### What Are the Types of Entries?

- **Coloring:**
  - Only the coloring picture page included in these materials may be submitted and must be the exclusive work of the student. Crayons, markers, pens, pencils and/or paints are acceptable. Artwork may be done in school or at home.
  - The judges will be looking for:
    - Use of Color (variety of color, shading and texture), and
    - Neatness (staying within the lines and showing attention to detail).
- **Poster**
  - The entry may be any original illustration, done freehand and the exclusive work of the student. Crayons, markers, pens, pencils and/or paints are acceptable. Artwork may be done in school or at home.
  - The poster must be illustrated on an 8x10 sheet of paper or larger and can include computer paper, construction paper and/or poster board.
  - The judges will be looking for:
    - Use of color (variety of color, shading and texture), and
    - Creativity (originality, use of imagination and artistic qualities).
- **Essay**
  - All essays should be between 200 and 500 words and either typed or hand written.
  - The judges will be looking for:
    - Technical writing ability (correct grammar, punctuation, spelling and sentence structure), and

- Structure (clarity, strength of beginning, transitions and strength of ending).
- **Visual Arts entries** must include:
  - A title, and
  - Short description of how the entry relates to the theme.
  - **Visual Arts** may be submitted in the form of any original two or three-dimensional medium, including painting, sculpture, graphic design and photography.

**What Else Do We Need to Know About the Competition?**

- All entries must include the student’s name, teacher’s name and school on the back.
- All entries must include a completed entry form and release of liability form below.
  - **Each entry must be signed by a parent, guardian or teacher.**
- Deadline for all entries is **March 29, 2019.**
  - Entries may be emailed to [kala.anderson@araglegal.com](mailto:kala.anderson@araglegal.com) OR mailed to/dropped off at the ARAG, 500 Grand Avenue, Suite 100, Des Moines Iowa 50309
  - We will be happy to pick up entries as well, just email [kala.anderson@araglegal.com](mailto:kala.anderson@araglegal.com) or call (515) 246-1200 ext. 362 to arrange a pick up time.
- Teachers may submit all of their students’ entries together.

**Questions?**

Email [kala.anderson@araglegal.com](mailto:kala.anderson@araglegal.com) or Stephanie Marett @ [slm@nyemaster.com](mailto:slm@nyemaster.com)  
 Contact Kala at (515) 246-1200 ext. 362

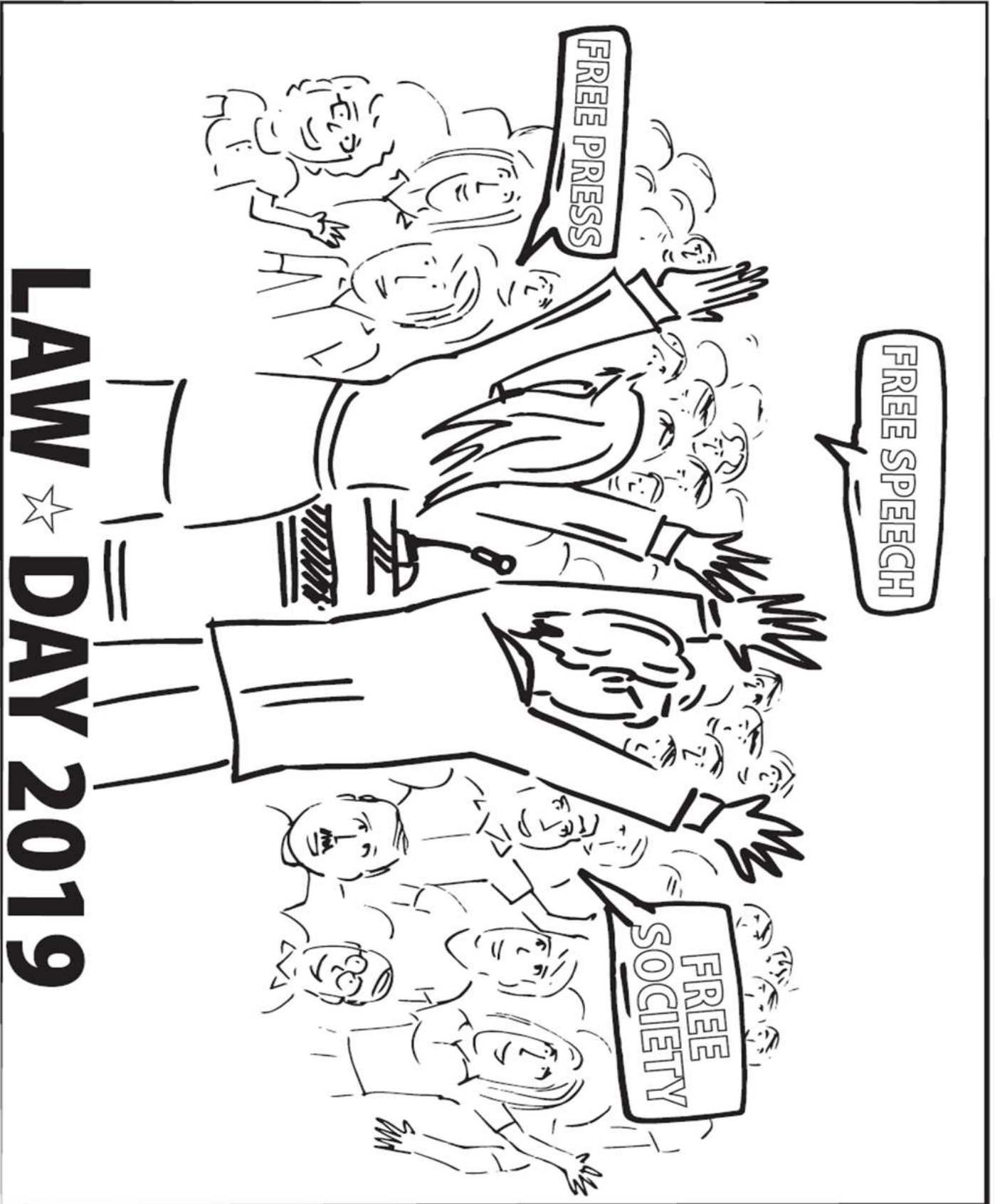
We’re excited to see creative contest entries from your students! Thank you for your Time and we look forward to talking with you soon about this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kala Anderson and Stephanie Marrett, PCBA Law Day Committee Co-Chairs

**About Polk County Bar Association:** The Polk County Bar Association is the largest local bar association in the state of Iowa. We provide continuing legal education, social and networking opportunities to our members. We are a non-profit, volunteer organization working to serve and improve the legal and judicial system while providing public service to the community.

**About ARAG:** ARAG® ([www.ARAGlegal.com](http://www.ARAGlegal.com)) provides affordable legal solutions through trusted service to help people protect what matters most. ARAG’s North American headquarters are based in Des Moines, Iowa. We are committed to providing our customers a choice of legal solutions to help them live a life full of opportunities. For more news and information about ARAG, visit [ARAGlegal.com](http://ARAGlegal.com).



**ENTRY FORM, RELEASE AND CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY**  
**2019 LAW DAY STUDENT COMPETITION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
First and Last Name (Please Print or Type)

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Grade Level

\_\_\_\_\_  
Competition Category

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address (Street, City, State and Zip Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

**CONSENT AND RELEASE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), agree to allow the Polk County Bar Association and ARAG's Law Day Committee to use and display my artwork, music, video, essay or poetry entry wherever, whenever and however it sees fit to do so, including, but not limited to, display in various public places in and around Polk County and publication in a newsletter or other printed or electronic medium. I release the Polk County Bar Association and ARAG, along with its officers, employees, agents, volunteers or others associated with this competition, from and against any liability for any damages that may occur in connection with this competition.

Signature of Student Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree and consent to the above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY**

I/We certify that this entry is the original work created by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Student)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Teacher, Parent or Guardian)

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Name of Teacher, Parent or Guardian (Please Print or Type)

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Teacher's Telephone number

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Teacher's E-mail Address

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Parent's/Guardian's Telephone Number

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Parent's/Guardian's E-mail Address