



SYMBOLS OF FREEDOM UNDER LAW

Our nation's flag, a county courthouse, and a voting booth are all symbols that represent important American freedoms that are protected by the rule of law and enshrined in the Constitution of the United States of America.



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Contest Rules

Challenge: Contest entrants may choose any symbol and illustrate how it represents one or more of our American freedoms protected by the rule of law.

- Contestants may use the symbol selected by the American Bar Association for 2015, the Magna Carta.
- Or, contestants may choose one or more symbols commemorated in the Michigan Legal Milestones located across our state.
- Or, contestants may create a new symbol that represents one or more of our freedoms.
- Or, contestants may depart from the theme and submit an entry on the rule of law in America generally.

A complete list of Milestones and links is available at www.michbar.org/programs/milestones.cfm.

Submissions may include but are not limited to the following mediums: videos, plays, musical compositions, essays, photography, game designs, web or mobile phone applications, blogs, social media/interactive web projects, reenactments, mock trials, short documentaries, etc. Electronic submissions are highly encouraged. Only one entry per group is allowed. View previous winning entries at www.michbar.org/programs/lawday.

Eligibility: Schools, colleges, universities, and other community groups must partner with members of the Michigan legal community, including local, county, or specialty bar associations, State Bar sections or committees, and licensed attorneys and judges, to be eligible to enter. This contest is suitable for those in middle school through higher levels of education. State Bar of Michigan employees and members of the Bar's Law-Related Education and Public Outreach Committee are not eligible to enter.

Judging: A panel of judges selected by the State Bar of Michigan in cooperation with the Law-Related Education and Public Outreach Committee will choose the winners based on the following criteria: originality, creativity, illustration or dramatization of the theme, and overall quality. The judges' decisions are final.

Prizes: Monetary awards will be given to the top finalists and distributed as follows: First place award: \$1,000. Second place award: \$750 (two awards). Third place award: \$500 (three awards). Winners should use awards funds for civic educational purposes or to highlight Law Day in their communities.

Notification: Winners will be notified by e-mail or phone. The State Bar will post the winning entries online.

Deadline: Entries must be received by 5 p.m. May 15, 2015.

Copyright: We reserve first-time publication/online and broadcast rights for the winning entries. All entrants maintain the original copyright to their materials.

Submission: Read the contest rules and submit a signed contest entry form and permission forms for each minor involved in your project. Forms are available online and can be submitted to lawday@mail.michbar.org or State Bar of Michigan 2015 Law Day Contest, State Bar of Michigan, Michael Franck Building, 306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933-2012. Entries will not be accepted without a completed and signed official entry form. Flash drives, CDs, or DVDs accompanying the forms can also be mailed to the above address. Please make sure any materials to be judged are in working order. Defective materials will not be judged. Materials submitted for this competition will not be returned.



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Entry Form

Each group entering this contest is required to have at least one Michigan attorney as a member. We highly encourage entrants to partner with larger groups of attorneys.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local bar association | <input type="checkbox"/> SBM committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County bar association | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Michigan attorney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law school | <input type="checkbox"/> Judge or magistrate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty bar association | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-legal partner, e.g., schools, universities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SBM section | |

Name (attorney/project sponsor)

Contact person

Address

City

State

Zip

E-mail

Daytime phone

Non-legal partners (individuals/organizations)

Project title

Please submit a cover letter explaining your Law Day entry.

Briefly describe how the award funds will be used for educational purposes to honor participants and to promote public awareness of Law Day:

We give the State Bar of Michigan complete and exclusive first-time publication, online, and broadcast rights to our Law Day entry. We certify this submission is an original work and nothing in it is defamatory, obscene, profane, or invades the rights or privacy or infringes copyrights of any person or entity. Further, we agree to indemnify the State Bar, and to hold it harmless from liability arising out of any copyright infringement claims based on the publication/broadcast of our entry. We agree not to sue the State Bar of Michigan, and waive all claims against it, arising from or in connection with this Law Day contest. We permit this entry to be reproduced for publication and distribution as the State Bar of Michigan sees fit.

Eligible individuals or groups are solely responsible for obtaining all required rights, releases, consents, clearances, licenses, or other authorizations necessary to use in this contest entry. Required clearances include but are not limited to location releases; releases from any person whose name, voice, likeness, or persona is used in the entry; and permission from a parent or guardian for appearances and participation by individuals under 18 years of age.

_____ (Please check) I have read, understand, and agree to the official contest rules, clearances, releases, and consents.

Signature of entrant(s)

Please submit this form with the contest entry by email to lawday@mail.michbar.org or mail to Law Day Contest, State Bar of Michigan, 306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933-2012.



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Parent/Guardian Permission Form

This form must be submitted with the official entry form for each individual under the age of 18 at the time of contest entry.

I grant my child/ward permission to participate in the State Bar of Michigan 2015 Law Day Contest.

Parent/guardian name (please print)

Parent/guardian signature

Date

Parent/guardian address

Parent/guardian e-mail

Daytime phone

Name of child/ward under 18 years of age (please print)

Title of entry

- **Please** submit this form to lawday@mail.michbar.org or Law Day Contest, State Bar of Michigan, 306 Townsend Street, Lansing MI 48933-2012.
- **Questions** about the 2015 Law Day Contest can be directed to Samantha Meinke, smeinke@mail.michbar.org or (517) 346-6332.