



# Washington County Bar Association

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** **Law Day Contests & Programs Announced**

March 27, 2025. Washington, PA. Washington County students grades 2 through 12 — and adults — are invited to submit entries for this year's Law Day Contests sponsored by the Washington County Bar Association, the Washington County Bar Foundation, and the Observer-Reporter newspaper. The entry deadline is 4pm on Monday, April 21.

New this year is a billboard contest for 9th through 12th graders, with a top prize of \$200. The bookmark contest for grades 2-5 has prizes ranging from \$15 to \$50; and the editorial essay, creative arts, and box diorama contests for grades 6-12 have prizes from \$100 to \$225. All place winners and honorable mentions for all contests will receive a certificate which will be presented at the Public Law Day Celebration at 6pm on May 1, 2025, at the Washington County Courthouse. Place winners will be featured in the pages of the Observer-Reporter on May 1, and the billboard contest winner featured on an area billboard.

This year's national Law Day theme is "The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One." Visit [www.washcobar.org](http://www.washcobar.org) for a brochure with complete guidelines for this year's contests.

The Law Day committee is also seeking submissions of Law Day Citizenship Projects the promote democracy, human rights, the law, or responsibilities and roles of citizens, such as voting and jury duty. Washington County residents or an organization with its primary office address in Washington County are eligible to apply for the \$250 prize, which will be donated to the winner's charity of choice.

Digital entries including essays, photographs of box dioramas, and, if possible, creative arts submissions such as films or videos should be emailed to [kathy@washcobar.org](mailto:kathy@washcobar.org). Bookmarks and other non-digital entries should be hand-delivered during office hours or mailed to the Bar Association office at 119 South College Street, Washington, PA 15301. Call 724-225-6710 to confirm time for hand-deliveries.

Law Day U.S.A. was established in 1958 by President Eisenhower to strengthen our nation's heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law. Law Day is officially on May 1; however, the Washington County Bar Association provides educational resources and activities for schools throughout the spring months as part of its "law day season" of programming and in the fall for Constitution Day. One of these programs, "Time to Adult! Turning 18: Legal Issues in the Real World," which can be provided online, is geared toward those who will experience dramatic changes in their rights and responsibilities when they turn 18 and become, legally, adults.

For more information about Law Day or other programs offered by the Washington County Bar Association and Washington County Bar Foundation, contact WCBA Executive Director Kathy Sabol at [Kathy@washcobar.org](mailto:Kathy@washcobar.org) or 724-225-6710.

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