

**16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit**  
**County of Kane**  
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March 26, 2025

**National Law Day 2025**  
**Essay Contest**

Kane County High School Guidance Counselors and Student Success Supporters,

As Chief Judge of Kane County's 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit I am excited to announce that **March 24-May 1**, we will be hosting our first annual National Law Day Essay Contest!

What is Law Day? Law Day is the American Bar Association's annual opportunity to celebrate the rule of law, as well as understand how law and the legal process protects our liberty, strives to achieve justice, and contributes to the freedoms that all Americans share. For full details of the event, please visit: [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_education/law-day/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day/).

Our Law Day Essay Contest is open to all Spring 2025 Sophomores and Juniors in Kane County. We are delighted to have this occasion to showcase Kane County student talent. The best submissions will be rewarded with a certificate given to each finalist and, for the winners, a Law Day "swag bag" and cash awards generously donated by the **Kane County Bar Foundation**. Cash prizes in the amount of \$500 for first place and \$250 dollars for second and third place will be awarded for each of the Sophomore and Junior categories.

**Directions for schools:**

- The attached prompt and flyer may be distributed to students beginning Monday, March 24.
- All submissions must be sent to Alana Policastro by email at: [PolicastroAlana@16thCircuit.IllinoisCourts.gov](mailto:PolicastroAlana@16thCircuit.IllinoisCourts.gov) no later than **4:30pm on Monday, April 21**.
- Winners will be notified **April 24 and 25** via email, and will be publicly awarded, with your permission, at their schools by a Kane County Judge on National Law Day, May 1.

If your school would like to participate, or if you have any questions about the Law Day Essay Contest, please contact our office via the information listed below. We look forward to celebrating National Law Day with you and your students!

*Robert K. Villa*

Chief Judge Robert K. Villa

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