

16th Judicial Circuit County of Kane

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National Law Day 2025 Essay Contest

“The Preamble to the Constitution boldly asserts that the Framers established the Constitution as representatives of “We the People, in Order to Form a More Perfect Union.” On this Law Day, we explore and renew our duties to one another under the Constitution and our democratic norms. The Constitution establishes a framework for government that unites us as one citizenry, through means such as our representative government, jury service, and a regular Census. And through this commitment to our Union, we each provide for the common good through government responses to national crises and natural disasters, and through community and advocacy programs for students and adults.” – *American Bar Association, Law Day 2025*

Prompt:

Write an essay, 500-words or less, on the National Law Day 2025 theme, “The Constitution’s Promise: Out of Many, One”. Essays should be professionally written in nature and tone, and avoid political commentary. The use of AI and any other forms of plagiarism are strictly prohibited. Winners will be selected based on writing quality and originality.

Submissions will be accepted until 4:30 pm on Monday, April 21. Submissions must be sent to Alana Policastro by email at PolicastroAlana@16thCircuit.IllinoisCourts.gov. Winners will be selected through the Chief Judge’s Office.

Award Opportunity:

On top of an excellent college application boost, “swag bag”, and certificate given to each winner, the Kane County Bar Foundation has generously donated the following: A cash prize in the amount of \$500 for the first place prize, and a cash prize of \$250 dollars for the second and third place prizes. Prizes will be awarded in each of the categories, Sophomore and Junior.

For helpful information, see the following links:

[“The Constitution”](#) – The National Constitution Center

[“Constitution of the United States: Primary Documents in American History”](#) – Library of Congress

[“U.S. Constitution & Related Sources”](#) – Gallagher Law Library, University of Washington

[The Constitutional Sources Project \(ConSource\)](#)