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TO: All Students in Grades Kindergarten through Twelve

FROM: Attorney Lauren J. Mashe and The Fairfield County Bar Association

DATE: February 1, 2018

RE: ***The Fairfield County Bar Association's Annual Law Day  
School Art and Essay Contest***

On behalf of the Fairfield County Bar Association, Inc., I am pleased to invite you to participate in the annual School Art & Essay Contest in recognition of Law Day, May 1, 2018. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law. This year's theme is "**Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom.**"

The three branches or parts of the government are: the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch. The delegates of the Constitutional Convention wanted this division of power within the federal government to avoid the risk of dictatorship or tyranny. The executive branch is led by the president of the United States. The legislative branch is led by Congress. The judicial branch is headed by the Supreme Court. With three branches, no one person or group has too much power, and each branch serves as a check on the power of the others.

To learn more about this year's theme log onto the American Bar Association's website [www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org) to access a wealth of ideas and topics tailored to this year's theme.

Students who wish to participate in the contest should submit an original essay or artwork (in the medium of their choice) portraying *their individual interpretation* of the meaning of the Law Day theme. Class projects may also be submitted. Entries will be judged in various categories for grades Kindergarten through Twelve. A first, second and third place winner will be selected from each category. The winning entries will be displayed at the Superior Court in Stamford. All winners and their families are invited to attend the Law Day ceremony to receive their award from a Superior Court Judge.

All entries must be received by **April 6, 2018**. Entries may be mailed or delivered to The Fairfield County Bar Association, Inc., 970 Summer Street, Stamford, CT 06905 or my office: 1200 Summer Street, Suite 201C, Stamford, CT 06905. We look forward to receiving your entries.

**Each entry must include the student's name, grade, school and teacher or it will be disqualified.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (203) 357-1330.

You may also call the office of the Fairfield County Bar Association at (203) 327-7041.