



## News Release

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### LAW DAY U.S.A. 2008

Fifty years ago President Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day, that is celebrated annually on May 1<sup>st</sup>, a day of national dedication to the principle of government under law." In observance of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Chief Judge Dave Hall is pleased to announce the activities planned for Law Day 2008 sponsored by the Judges of the Circuit Court of Lake County. This year's theme is entitled, "The Rule of Law – What It Means To Me."

The following court related events and competitions have been coordinated by the Court's Public Relations Committee. Any student enrolled in a Lake County public or private school or anyone home schooled may enter. All entries must be received by Friday, April 11, 2008.

- A photo contest for college and high school students. Photo may be black and white or color and no larger than 8" by 10". The subject must be related to the Law Day theme.
- A 500 word essay competition for all seventh and eighth grade students based on this year's Law Day theme, "The Rule of Law – What It Means To Me." Three finalists will be chosen from each grade level.
- A poster contest for students in grades 4-6 illustrating the Law Day theme. The illustration must be done freehand and be the exclusive work of the student. First, second, and third place winners will be selected from each grade level.
- A coloring contest for students in grades K-3. Students in grades 2 and 3 will color people around the globe. Students in K and 1 will color the statue of liberty. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen from each grade level.

The winners of the contests and their parents and teachers will be invited to attend an awards ceremony at the Courthouse on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 12:30 p.m. At that time, the students will be presented with an award and a certificate of appreciation.

In addition, Lake County high school students are invited to attend a program at the Courthouse in Waukegan from 8:30 a.m.—Noon on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The program will include a mock trial involving student participation; a mock sentencing hearing involving a defendant who was found guilty of multiple counts of reckless homicide; a presentation by the County Clerk's office on the voting process; topics of cyber crimes and identity theft addressed by representatives from the State's Attorney's office; and a tour of the jail.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the Law Day activities, please contact Diane Flory at 847.377.3818 or e-mail at [dflory@co.lake.il.us](mailto:dflory@co.lake.il.us).

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