

MAY 1ST LAW DAY CELEBRATION 2015



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CELEBRATE THE RULE OF LAW



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Onondaga County Bar Association & Onondaga County Bar Foundation
2015 LAW DAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015



We cordially invite you and your students to attend this year's Law Day Celebration

THIS YEAR WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM FORMAT:

- 9:00 AM Law Day Ceremony and Bell Ringing | Appellate Division Justice Edward D. Carni presiding
Onondaga County Courthouse
- 10:00 AM Criminal, County & Federal Courthouse Tours and Presentations by local judges, FBI agents and
public officers
- 12:00 PM Law Day Luncheon | Sky Armory, Downtown Syracuse
Law Week DEBATE where we will be joined by special guest **Dan Cummings** from NewsChannel9
and Newsmakers as moderator

This event is sponsored by the **Onondaga County Bar Association, Onondaga County Bar Foundation and Local Law Firms, Colleges, Law Schools, and other businesses** who are committed to advancing the law within our local community.

The luncheon honors the students, educators, attorneys, and judges who participated in the Law Day Programs.

Luncheon TICKETS for students and teachers are **\$10 ea.** | *Scholarships may be available*

MAGNA CARTA | SYMBOL OF FREEDOM UNDER LAW

Courthouse Presentations | No Charge | Number of Guests _____ Criminal County Federal

Luncheon - Number of Guests _____ at \$10 each | Total \$ _____

School Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____

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LET FREEDOM RING



ONONDAGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION Debate Competition

DEBATE OVERVIEW: The DEBATE COMPETITION is to encourage students to demonstrate their public-speaking skills and creatively find ways to help others understand the law. The debate theme centers around the 2015 Law Day theme: No one, no matter how powerful, is above the law. In the eight centuries that have elapsed since the Magna Carta was sealed in 1215, it has taken root as an international symbol of the rule of law and as an inspiration for many basic rights Americans hold dear today, including but not limited to due process, habeas corpus, trial by jury and the right to travel.

The Sixth Amendment gives criminal defendants the right to a trial by an impartial jury. The concept of the presumption of innocence is also one of the most basic rights in our system of justice.

DEBATE TOPIC: Does a juror’s access to social media prior to a criminal trial, to online social media about a defendant’s alleged participation in a crime, prejudice the defendant’s right to a fair trial?

WHO MAY ENTER: Each debate team consists of two students in an Area School in GRADES 9 - 12.

PRELIMINARY DEBATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at the OCBA offices from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.

FINAL DEBATE: The 1st and 2nd place debate teams of the preliminary debate rounds will proceed to the final debate round to be held on May 1, 2015 at the Law Day Luncheon at Sky Armory in Downtown Syracuse before an audience of high school students and members of the legal community. Dan Cummings from NewsChannel9 will be moderating the final debate. Students and other audience members will be permitted to vote on the winners.

WIN \$200 PRIZE – 1st Place DEBATE TEAM

WIN \$100 PRIZE – 2nd Place DEBATE TEAM

Contest Entry Form DEADLINE: April 17, 2015

RULES:

The debate will follow the general rules of the ProQuest Mini-Debate Format which can be found on the Onondaga County Bar Association’s website at onbar.org. General rules are as follows:

1. Two speakers for each side of the issue
2. Moderator determines which students are pro and con on the debate topic
3. Each speaker is to use note cards synthesized from their research on the debate topic
4. Teams may flip a coin to determine sides and speaker order
5. Speakers should take notes during opposing speaker presentations for Crossfire questions

Student’s Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Student’s Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher’s Name: _____ Teacher’s Phone: _____

School Contact Person Email: _____

Thank you for your interest in the 2015 Debate Competition. Please return by no later than **Thursday, April 17, 2015**

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SHOW YOUR SKILLS | JUDGED BY SUPREME COURT JUSTICES



ONONDAGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION Creative Freelance & Video Contest

The **CREATIVE FREELANCE & VIDEO CONTEST** is designed to encourage students to think about the theme and express their understanding of the law through a variety of artwork mediums.

THEME: Perhaps more than any other document in human history, the Magna Carta has come to embody a simple but enduring truth: No one, no matter how powerful, is above the law. In the eight centuries that have elapsed since the Magna Carta was sealed in 1215, it has taken root as an international symbol of the rule of law and as an inspiration for many basic rights Americans hold dear today, including but not limited to due process, habeas corpus, trial by jury and the right to travel.

WHO MAY ENTER: Any student in an **Area School** in **GRADES 6 - 12**

WINNERS: Will be honored & receive prizes at the Law Day Luncheon at Sky Armory in Downtown Syracuse on Friday May 1, 2015, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

WIN CASH PRIZES

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\$50 Prize – 1st Place ENTRY by a **6 - 8 grader**

\$25 Prize – 2nd Place ENTRY by a **6 - 8 grader**

\$50 Prize – 1st Place ENTRY by a **9 - 12 grader**

\$25 Prize – 2nd Place ENTRY by a **9 - 12 grader**

Contest Entry Form DEADLINE: April 24, 2015

RULES:

- Any **ORIGINAL** piece of artwork from any medium may be used (i.e., poetry, photography, collage, poster, drawing, painting, brochure, slide show, sculpture, diorama).
- Videos should be submitted and shared through YouTube and must be 3 minutes in length or less.
- The submissions must be relevant to the Law Week theme.
- All submissions must be completed by the contestant.
- Only one entry per contestant will be accepted.
- A panel drawn from Onondaga County lawyers and judges will determine the winners.
- Print your name with complete address, phone number, school, grade and teacher’s name on the Creative Freelance Contest Entry Form and attach to entry. (Please retain a copy for your records)

Creative Freelance & Video Contest Entry Form

Student’s Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Student’s Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher’s Name: _____ Teacher’s Phone: _____

School Contact Person Email: _____

THANK YOU for your interest in the 2015 Law Week Creative Freelance & Video Contest. Please attach this form to your entry. Entrants do not need to be in attendance to win.

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ONONDAGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION Essay Contest

Law Week prompts us to listen to the voices of young people and consider how the law can better serve their needs and interests. The **ESSAY CONTEST** is held each year to encourage students to think and write about laws and justice. It provides an opportunity for students to test their creativity and writing ability with others throughout the County. .

THEME: Perhaps more than any other document in human history, the Magna Carta has come to embody a simple but enduring truth: No one, no matter how powerful, is above the law. In the eight centuries that have elapsed since the Magna Carta was sealed in 1215, it has taken root as an international symbol of the rule of law and as an

inspiration for many basic rights Americans hold dear today, including but not limited to due process, habeas corpus, trial by jury and the right to travel.

WHO MAY ENTER: Any student in an **Area School** in **GRADES 6 - 12**

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\$25 Prize – 2nd Place ENTRY by a **9 - 12 grader**

Contest Entry Form DEADLINE: April 24, 2015

RULES:

- **Essays** should be 500 words or less & should be written neatly or typed.
- The submissions must be relevant to the Law Week theme.
- All submissions must be completed by the contestant.
- If the contestant relies upon or quotes from a secondary source, the source must be cited to in, or at the end of, the essay. Failure to do so will result in automatic disqualification.
- Only one entry per contestant will be accepted.
- A panel of readers drawn from **Onondaga County lawyers and judges** will determine the winners.
- Print your name with **complete** address, phone number, school, grade and teacher’s name on the **Essay Contest Entry Form and attach to essay.** (Please retain a copy for your records)

Essay Contest Entry Form

Student’s Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Student’s Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher’s Name: _____ Teacher’s Phone: _____

School Contact Person Email: _____

THANK YOU for your interest in the 2015 Law Week Essay Contest. Please attach this form to your entry. Entrants do not need to be in attendance to win.

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Liberty Bell Award Nomination

According to the American Bar Association, the Liberty Bell Award is the most prestigious award given by lawyers to a non-lawyer. The Award honors a person who has strengthened the American system of freedom and justice under law through their extraordinary contributions in the community. The announcement of the Award is one of the highlights of Law Day, a day set aside by the Congress to celebrate our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law.

The Liberty Bell Award is given for outstanding service in one of these areas: promoting a better understanding of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights; encouraging greater respect for law and the courts; stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; contributing to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and fostering a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

In local bar tradition, the Award is given to an Onondaga County resident to recognize that person for contributions **OUTSIDE OF THE PERSON'S REGULAR EMPLOYMENT**. For example, a police officer or a bailiff would not be recognized for those things which he/she has done in the line of duty but outside of work, such as organizing and handling a scout troop.

Non-lawyers of any age are eligible to receive this award. Judges, lawyers, or other members of the State Bar of New York are not eligible. Persons holding or seeking public office, and previous Liberty Bell Award recipients, are not eligible.

The Law Day Committee accepts nominations and traditionally meets in late April to discuss the nominees and vote. The person who has made the nomination traditionally is the one to introduce the recipient on Law Day but it could be any member of the Bar.

Nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2015. Submit the application and any supporting materials to:

Joseph J. Bufano, Esq. | Co-Chair, OCBA Law Day Committee
c/o Onondaga County Bar Association
431 East Fayette Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
Email: jjbufano@ferrarafirm.com

The Liberty Bell Award will be presented at the Onondaga County Bar Association Law Day morning ceremony on May 1, 2015. If you have any questions about the nomination form or process, please contact Joe Bufano at jjbufano@ferrarafirm.com or 315-437-7600.

Recent OCBA Liberty Bell Award Recipients

2014: John F.X. (Jack) Mannion
2012: Agnes McCray
2010: Joseph Vargo
2009: Angela DeSantis
2008: Nodesia Hernandez
2007: Joanne Sawmiller
2006: Sidney Oglesby
2010: Joseph Vargo

2005: Larry Baerman
2003: Barbara Romeo
2002: Dr. Martin Irwin
2001: Barbara Benedict
2000: Mary Bonner
1999: Rev. Harold Garman
1998: Mary Winter
1997: Marsha Weisman



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Liberty Bell Award 2015 Entry Form

Nominator Information

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

This form shall be completed in its entirety with a concise but thorough description of the nominee's qualifications. Please use additional pages when completing the questions asked. The nomination package shall be strictly limited to no more than 5 total pages, including this entry form and all supporting documentation.

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Company Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Background Information

Provide background/biographical information concerning the nominee.

2. Contribution to the American System of Justice

Describe how the nominee meets the award criteria. In detail, provide the service, length of time involved, and overall impact.

3. Other Relevant Information

Additional information and supporting materials, such as letters of support, curriculum vitae or resumé, are welcome but not required.