2013 Law Day Art Contest
Texas Eastern Federal Court

Prizes/Scholarships: 1st Place = $1000; 2nd Place = $750;
3rd Place = $500; 4th Place = $250.

LAW DAY (May 1st) was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958. It celebrates and strengthens the American heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. It provides an opportunity to help students and the public understand how the law protects our freedoms through programs and activities conducted by schools, courts, bar associations, and civic groups.

THEME: All submittals should be positive messages promoting the theme of "American Tradition." While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, it should be appropriate for display at the United States Courthouse. Accordingly, partisan political works or works depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or of a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.

CRITERIA: The contest is open to high school students only (Grades 9-12) in Southeast Texas public and private schools within the boundaries of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division, encompassing the following counties: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, and Orange. Art entries will be judged on the following criteria: (1) originality; (2) design; (3) technique; (4) content; and (5) appeal.

The entry form must be signed by the teacher and the student certifying the originality of the art piece. Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. The original and one copy of the form must be submitted with the art work.

Students may use any medium (water color, acrylic, oil, crayon, chalk, collage, pen & ink, tempera, and charcoal). No frame is necessary. No sculpture or three dimensional pieces are allowed. All works must be one of the following dimensions: 24" x 30", 24" x 36", 30" x 40", 32" x 40", 24" x 48", and 36" x 48". Because the wall spaces are vast at the federal courthouse, students are encouraged to submit larger works, if possible.

PRIZES/SCHOLARSHIPS: 1st Place = $1,000, 2nd Place = $750, 3rd Place =$500, 4th Place = $250.

DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. Winners will be announced no later than March 29, 2013. Judges, court personnel, attorneys, and other dignitaries will honor prize winners, their parents, and teachers at a ceremony to be held at the U.S. Courthouse in Beaumont on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

DISPLAY AT COURTHOUSE: All winning and honorable mention entries will be framed and then displayed for twelve months at the United States Courthouse in Beaumont, located at 300 Willow Street. The framed works will be returned to contest participants at the end of the twelve-month period.

American Tradition