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**Law Day Message from the Monroe County Bar Association Law Day Chair**

The 2026 Law Day Theme, The Rule of Law and the American Dream, honors the rules that ensure citizens have the right to pursue their individual American Dream. The American Dream is a fundamental concept that hard work, responsibility and hope can lead to a better future. Our laws help ensure the American Dream for every citizen by creating accountability and access to justice.

Enclosed is the creativity flyer announcing the theme and scope of the Law Day 2026 creativity contest. We kindly ask that you distribute the flyer to your students. We are excited to see how our local students embrace this theme and create their own version of the American Dream.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact Lori Siegle, Executive Director of the Monroe County Bar Association at 570.424.7288 Option 3 or [Lori@monroebar.org](mailto:Lori@monroebar.org).

On behalf of the Monroe County Bar Association and the Law Day Committee, I want to thank you for your continued dedication to teaching our students the importance of the law in today's society.

Very Truly Yours,

Hillary A. Madden, Esq.  
Law Day Chair

# MONROE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAW DAY 2026 CREATIVITY CONTEST The Rule of Law and the American Dream

The 2026 Law Day theme - "The Rule of Law and the American Dream," recognizes how the rule of law protects our right to obtain our own individual version of the American Dream. Each citizen has their own unique version of the American Dream but the concept itself is deeply rooted in the idea that hard work, responsibility, and hope can lead to a better future.

This year Monroe County high school students are invited to submit an original, creative project (i.e. essay, poem, short story, news article, a short video or poster etc.) focusing on the student's own individual American Dream and how the rule of law supports equal access to opportunity and safeguards individual liberties.

Written submissions should be typewritten, double spaced, 12 point font, one inch margins, and no longer than three (3) pages in length. Video presentations must be no longer than 5 minutes and must be submitted with a waiver signed by the student(s) and parent(s). Poster presentations must be no larger than 24" x 24".

The deadline for submission is **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.** *Please submit projects to the Monroe County Bar Association: 913 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 or email to [Lori@monroebar.org](mailto:Lori@monroebar.org).* Please list your name, email, phone number, school name and grade on all submissions. The projects will be judged by a panel of members of the Monroe County Bar Association and will be judged on creativity, clarity, originality, composition, accurate references to the law and how effectively the presenter conveys the ideals of America with adherence to the theme.

The following prizes will be awarded:

- First place - \$500.00
- Second place - \$300.00
- Third place - \$200.00.

Additionally, the winning students and their guest(s) will be invited to attend the Monroe County Bar Association's Law Day Reception on May 22, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. at Vault 636, and to the Law Day Ceremony on May 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Monroe County Court of Common Pleas.