



CALL TO ARTISTS

To Celebrate Law Day - May 1, 2014

the Courts in Ottawa County are hosting an
Art Competition for adults and students

Submission Information & Guidelines:

- Art must reflect this year's Law Day theme (see description of theme listed below).
- Any medium is acceptable, yet be conscious of limited display space.
- 2 Dimensional art must be framed and wired for hanging.
- Art will be displayed at Court locations in Ottawa County from April 28 - May 2, 2014
- Winning art work will be juried by a panel of current Ottawa County Judges, including Chief Circuit Court Judge Edward R. Post, and "Fire Barn Gallery" Director/Curator Chris Protas.
- There will be separate adult and student categories. Student under 18 years old will be required to have parental consent to participate.
- Winner's art work will be prominently displayed for one year in a select court building in Ottawa County.
- Art must be submitted by April 14, 2014 to the Grand Haven Courthouse, 414 Washington Room 225 at the Friend of the Court office. **If delivery is an issue, volunteers are available to pick up submissions at students' school office. For any questions or for a pick up request please contact:

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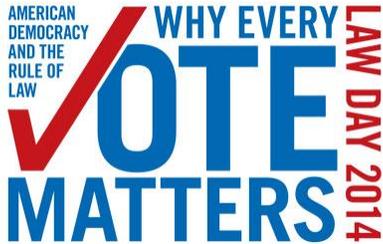
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Law Day 2014 Theme:

American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters



One of our most cherished national ideals, expressed eloquently by Abraham Lincoln, is “government of the people, by the people, for the people.” It is a principle enshrined in our Nation’s founding documents, from the Declaration of Independence’s assurance that governments derive their powers from the consent of the governed, to the opening three words of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, “We the People.”

The right to vote is the very foundation of government by the people. For this reason, striving to establish and protect every citizen’s right to vote has been a central theme of American legal and civic history. Much of the struggle on voting rights began decades ago, but the work is far from complete, and a citizen’s right to cast a ballot remains at risk today.

As we approach the 50th anniversaries of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the 2014 Law Day theme, **American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters**, calls on every American to reflect on the importance of a citizen’s right to vote and the challenges we still face in ensuring that all Americans have the opportunity to participate in our democracy.