

The 2024 Law Day theme “Voices of Democracy” recognizes that in democracies, the people rule. For nearly 250 years, Americans have expressed their political views and wishes by speaking their minds and voting in elections. In 2024, the United States will hold its 60th presidential election, and Americans will address fundamental questions about democracy and the rule of law.

**The 16th Judicial Circuit Court &
The Monroe County Bar Association**

Presents:
2024 Law Day
Poetry and Poster Contest

Theme: **The Voices of Democracy**

Divisions: Countywide (Key West-Key Largo)

Levels: 1. 6th Grade through 8th Grade

2. 9th Grade through 12th Grade

Rules and Registration Form

Prizes: 1st Place-\$100

2nd Place-\$75

3rd Place-\$50

Guidelines:

1. Submit a poem **and** poster that relates to the theme “The Voices of Democracy.”
2. Poems must be typed or legibly written and be no greater than 20 lines, unpublished, the sole work of the entrant, and may not be entered into any other concurrent contest. Printed on an 8.5x11” sheet of paper. Only poems written in English can be judged. Foreign phrases are only acceptable with a translation provided. Poems can be in free verse or rhymed, in a traditional form or contemporary.
3. Poems must use a consistent concept that addresses the theme.
4. Posters cannot be digital, must not exceed 11” x 17”, be student’s original, creative artwork, including illustrations, images or quotations. Depictions of TV, video games, or other recreations of past poster designs do not constitute creativity or originality. Any non-smearable medium is acceptable (markers, crayons, pencils paints, etc.). No posters with loose or hanging materials will be accepted.
5. One poem with poster per student. Please attach the poem to the poster with a paperclip upon submission. No group projects. Judging will be done by the Monroe County Bar Association. **The committee will select 3 winners from each level.**

a. **Entry Deadline is Friday, April 19, 2024**

b. **Winners will be announced: Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

***The 16th Judicial Circuit will pick up all entries from each school upon request by calling 305-295-3652 (Cheryl Alfonso) for Lower Keys submissions and 305-853-7356 ; (Cindy Shepard) for Middle-Upper Keys submissions.**

(Please cut and paste to the back of the poster)

Student Name _____

Grade Level _____

Teacher Name _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

Teacher’s Day Time Phone Number _____