



16th Judicial Circuit Court &  
The Monroe County Bar Association  
**2026 LAW DAY POSTER/BANNER  
CONTEST**  
**The Rule of Law and  
The American Dream.**

**LAW DAY THEME** *The Rule of Law and the American Dream.* The Constitution enshrines our collective responsibility to one another, and the 2026 Law Day theme urges us to take pride in a Constitution that bridges our differences to bring us together as a united nation.

**CLASS TASK (Kindergarten – 5th Grade)** On May 1st, the United States celebrates Law Day to honor our legal system and the freedoms it protects. This year, we invite classes from public, chartered and private schools in Monroe County (Grades K - 5) to participate in a special poster/banner contest reflecting the theme: ***The Rule of Law and the American Dream***

- Create an original poster or banner that fits the prompt and ties into the 2026 Law Day Theme.
- Maximum size 4ft long x 2ft wide and no smaller than 2ft x 3 ft (poster board). Banners must be able to hang vertically. Banner paper is available by request.
- Only one poster/banner per class.
- All entries must be submitted by the April 3, 2026 deadline.
- Winners will be announced on April 17, 2026.
- Poster/banners will be displayed in the halls of the Monroe County Courthouses.

**This year, we pose the following prompt ideas:**

“How you can show fairness, respect, and kindness to others”

“What it means to follow the rules and why that is important”

“What is your dream for America’s future”

**Division 1** – Lower Keys (Key West to Big Pine) Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

**Division 2** – Middle and Upper Keys (Marathon to Key Largo) Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

**Division 3** - Lower Keys (Key West to Big Pine) 3rd Grade – 5th Grade

**Division 4** - Middle and Upper Keys (Marathon to Key Largo) 3rd Grade – 5th Grade

**ONE PRIZE FOR EACH DIVISION: \$100 TOWARDS A PIZZA PARTY OR CLASSROOM USE**

*\*See additional contest guidelines on the reverse side*

## 2026 Law Day Poster/Banner Contest Rules

### Contest Rules:

- The contest is open to classes (grades K-5) within Monroe County, Florida.
- No Entry Fee.
- One entry per class.
- The entry form must be completed and attached to the poster/banner.
- The poster/banner artwork must be original and constructed on paper/poster board, with a maximum size of 8ft long x 2ft wide and no smaller than 2ft x 3ft (poster board). Banners must be able to hang vertically. Banner paper is available by request.
- No computer-generated art.
- Any non-smearable medium is acceptable (markers, crayons, pencils, paints, etc.)
- No posters/banners with loose or hanging materials will be accepted.
- Posters/banners must be received before 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2026.
- Artwork will not be returned unless requested.
- Prizes courtesy of the Monroe County Bar Association.

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### **Law Day Poster Contest Entry Form**

**The form must be attached securely to the back of the poster/banner**

**Please Print**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Your Poster: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Posters/Banners will be displayed in the hallways of the Monroe County Courthouses.**

Prize winners will have their artwork featured on the 16th Judicial Circuit Website KeysCourts.net. If the class is the contest winner, do you allow us to use the teacher's full name on the website? No  Yes

\*\* The 16th Judicial Circuit will pick up entries from schools upon request by calling Cheryl Alfonso at (305) 295-3652 for Lower Keys submissions or Cindy Shepard-Wike at (305) 853-7356 for Middle – Upper Keys submissions.

For further questions on the Law Day Contest, please contact Cheryl Alfonso, Court Operations Manager for the 16th Judicial Circuit at (305) 295-3652 or Nicolas Concepcion at (305) 295-3582