Law Day 2018 Essay Contest

In recognition of Law Day, the Judiciary of Guam, the District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association are sponsoring the annual Law Day Essay Contest.
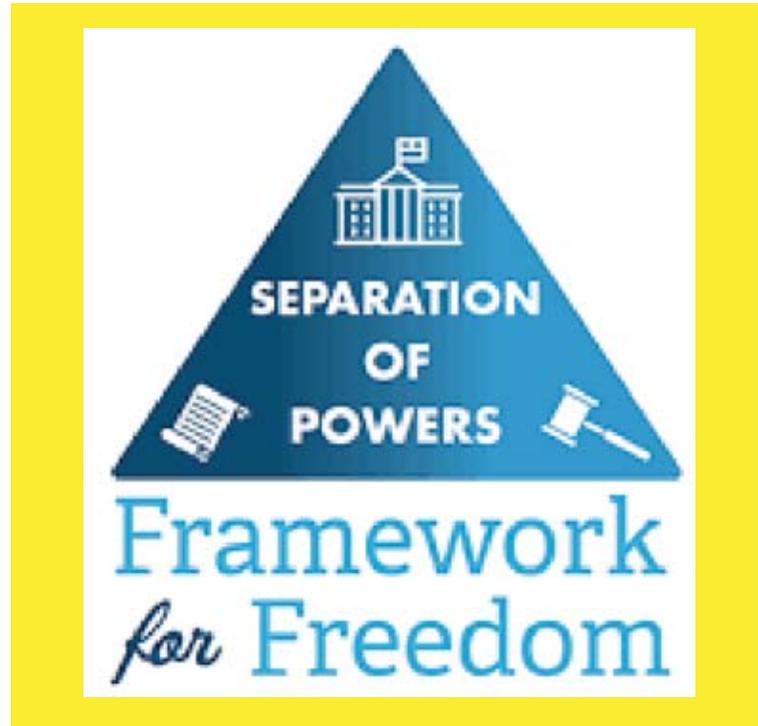
What is Law Day?

Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that we all share.

The 2018 Law Day Theme

Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom

The United States Constitution and Guam's Organic Act set out systems of government with three distinct and independent branches—legislative, executive, and judicial. These three separate branches share power, and each branch serves as a check on the power of the others. The principles of separation of powers and checks and balances preserve political liberty, providing a framework for freedom.

To enter, students must write an essay addressing the following question:
While separation of powers promotes freedom, it also can cause the government to take longer to solve a problem. Explain why separation of powers is important, and then provide an example of a current problem in government (either local or national) and discuss how separation of powers is both helpful and harmful in solving that problem.

Contest Rules:

- Students from 9th-12th grade are eligible to participate.
- Essays must address the question above.
- Essays must be no more than 1,000 words, typewritten, and double-spaced.
- Essays must be the student's original work.

Prizes:
First Place – $300 Cash
Second Place – $200 Cash
Third Place – $100 Cash

Deadline: Friday, April 13, 2018

Entries must be delivered to the Supreme Court of Guam, 3rd Floor, Guam Judicial Center.

Student's Name:_____

School:_____

Grade:_____

Teacher:_____

Teacher's Email:_____

Certification of Student:
I am submitting an original essay to the Law Day 2018 Essay Contest. I certify that this essay is my own work. I understand that my essay will not be returned and may be used in activities publicizing the contest.

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Signature