STATE OF MICHIGAN

DISTRICT JUDGES
Hon. L. Eugene Hunt, Jr.
Hon. Sam A. Salamey
Hon. Mark W. Somers

19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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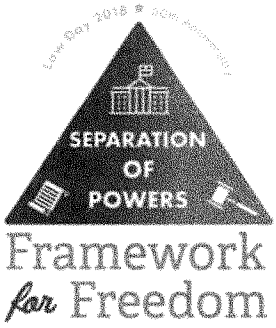

THE 19TH DISTRICT COURT CELEBRATES LAW DAY 2018

The 2018 theme is ***Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom***. The U.S. Constitution sets out a system of government with distinct and independent branches—Congress, the Presidency, and a Supreme Court. It also defines legislative, executive, and judicial powers and outlines how they interact. These three separate branches share power, and each branch serves as a check on the power of the others. The Law Day 2018 theme enables us to reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to our constitutional purpose and to consider how our governmental system is working for ourselves and our posterity.

ESSAY QUESTION: Describe some of the powers each branch of government has. Explain the benefits of assigning different powers to separate branches of our government and how the three branches check on each other's powers? In your opinion what is the most powerful branch of government and why?

Dear Students and Parent(s):

Your 19th District Court has long been an active participant in the American Bar Association's National Law Day observance. This year is no different as the Court and the Dearborn Rotary Club unite once again to conduct a citywide student essay contest. The Dearborn Rotary will provide generous prizes for successful participants for the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Winners in each of the four grades will be awarded a Barnes and Noble gift card in the amount as follows: First Place $100.00, Second Place $75.00, Third Place $50.00. One honorable mention recipient from each grade well received a $20.00 gift card.

All essays must be the original **work of the student**. In order to allow our panel of judges sufficient time to review all entries, the deadline for submitting an essay along with the completed entry form (see below) is Thursday, April 26, 2018. **Entries must be received at the Court no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 26, 2018.**

All award recipients and their families will be invited to an awards ceremony at the Courthouse **on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. First place winners will get to read their essay to the audience.** The 19th District Court will host refreshments at the conclusion of the program.

Sincerely,

Sam A. Salamey	Mark W. Somers	Gene Hunt
Chief Judge	District Judge	District Judge

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Student Name: _____ School: _____

Grade: _____ Male _____ Female _____ (Pelase Check One)

I certify that this is the student's orginal work and grant the 19th District Court full permission to reprint.

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Date Parent Signature Telephone Number

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