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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. “Ambition must be made to counteract ambition,” James Madison explained in Federalist 51. Why? Madison believed that the Constitution’s principles of separation of powers and checks and balances preserve political liberty. They provide a framework for freedom. Yet, this framework is not self-executing. We the people must continually act to ensure that our constitutional democracy endures, preserving our liberties and advancing our rights. 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.

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Framework for Freedom

WINNERS AWARDED AT EVERY SCHOOL! ART CONTEST RULES:

- 1st –3rd place awards will be presented to winners at each school. 1st place winners from each school will be judged for statewide awards.
- The contest will be judged at each grade level (K - 12).
- Statewide winners will be presented with award certificates and artwork will be displayed in the Capitol, April 30 – May 4, and also presented in the summer issue of *The Mississippi Lawyer* magazine.
- Artwork must be submitted on an 11" x 14" poster board (1/4 of a standard-sized poster board) and received by Friday, April 13, 2018.
- Artwork must be student’s own work; no tracings, no glitter, no coloring pages where outlines are already provided.
- Artwork must reflect the theme – “Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom.”
- All mediums accepted. Creativity is awarded. Color is preferred.
- Each 11" x 14" poster must have the label on the reverse side affixed to the back of the artwork that legibly provides the required judging and contact information.
- Organize multiple entries by school grade before submitting.

2018 LAW DAY ART CONTEST

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact: Krissa Dobbins Easley, Marketing Manager
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Mail entries to: Law Day Art Contest, The Mississippi Bar
P.O. Box 2168, Jackson, MS 39225-2168
643 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39202

Entries must be received by Friday, April 13, 2018.
All entries will be mailed back to the school in May.

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Please fill in legibly. The information below will be used on the award certificate
and to contact the teacher of the winners.

(Affix to the back of each entry.)

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

TEACHER NAME: _____

TEACHER EMAIL (Required): _____

TEACHER PHONE: _____