



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

NANCY J. ROSENSTENGEL
Chief District Judge

750 MISSOURI AVENUE
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS 62201

LAURA K. GRANDY
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

December 12, 2019

Re: U.S. Courts Art Project

Dear School Administrator,

On behalf of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, we invite your school to participate in the inaugural court art competition. The purpose of this competition is to introduce students to the courthouse and to provide an outlet for students to display their work. Winning pieces will be displayed in the U.S. Courthouse in East St. Louis.

Students may submit entries in the form of poems, short stories, paintings or drawings. The theme we have chosen is "**Justice means....**" Each piece should be created with that thought in mind. Poems and short stories may be no longer than two 8 x 11 pages. Paintings and drawings must be no larger than 11 x 14 inches. Each submission should have the student's name, grade, school and email address on the back of the piece. The competition is limited to students grades 9-12.

Winners will be presented with awards sponsored by the Court, the Federal Bar Association and Belleville's award-winning Art on the Square. Submissions are due by **March 1, 2020**. A ceremony will be held at the courthouse in April to present the awards. Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries. The winning entries, along with those receiving honorable mention, will be proudly displayed throughout the courthouse.

This is a new exciting project that we hope will be of interest to your students. Please forward this letter to the appropriate department heads for distribution to your students. Submissions should be sent or delivered unfolded to the attention of **The Judicial Art Committee, 750 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, IL 62201**, by the deadline. We can't wait to see your students' creative work.

Sincerely,

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