

What is Law Day?

Law Day is observed annually on May 1st. The American Bar Association defines Law Day as “a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day provides an opportunity to understand how law and the legal process protect our liberty, strive to achieve justice, and contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share.”



What is the History of Law Day?

The idea for a Law Day was proposed in 1957 by Charles S. Ryne, president of the American Bar Association. On May 1, 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed the day as Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States and in 1961 Congress officially designated May 1st as Law Day. Law Day has been celebrated annually for the last 60 years and continues to be a visible part of the American legal community.

How is Law Day Celebrated?

The American Bar Association selects a new theme every year to highlight an important issue relating to law or the legal system. The theme for 2023 is “Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration.” Past themes from the last few years have included: “Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change,” “Advancing the Rule of Law, Now,” and “Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100.”

Law Day programs are offered by bar associations, courts, schools, and other community organizations. You can learn more about Law Day through the [American Bar Association](#).

How to Get Involved!

Every year there are opportunities for students to participate in art, essay, poster, photography, and video contests that captures the annual theme. Below are a few organizations that offer yearly contests.

Louisiana

[Baton Rouge Bar Association](#)

Mississippi

[Mississippi Bar Association](#)

Texas

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