**2014 Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest Award**

***Guidelines and Rules***

**Your Rights under the United States Constitution**

The Rhode Island Judiciary, the Rhode Island Bar Association, and the Rhode Island Police Chief’s Association are pleased to announce the eleventh annual 2014 *Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest.* The Contest is open to all Rhode Island10th and 11th grade students attending school in Rhode Island, but only to those grades. Through the generosity of the Rhode Island Bar Association and the Rhode Island Police Chief’s Association, the winning essay author will receive a Scholastic Award and an engraved trophy cup. The winner’s school receives a permanent plaque and the annual Law Day Essay Award Trophy to display until the next Contest. We encourage all 10th and 11th grade Rhode Island students to participate. The following guidelines and rules apply:

***The 2014 Rhode Island Law Day Essay***

Describe, in no more than 800 words, how one of the following topics present 10th and 11th grade students with significant challenges in accepting their legal responsibilities.

1. First Amendment: Children/Minor’s Rights in School
2. Fourth Amendment: Police Questioning/Right to Arrest
3. Fifth Amendment: Miranda Rights

Background information on these topics can be found on the Bar Association website [**www.ribar.com**](http://www.ribar.com)under: For The Public – Law Related Education – 2014 Rhode Island Law Day Information. Students are also encouraged to draw on additional resources, but all outside information must be properly credited.

A completed Student Entry form, signed by the sponsoring teacher, must accompany each essay entry. Essays must not exceed 800 words. The essays are reviewed and the winner is selected by members of the faculty of the Roger Williams University School of Law. All entries must be received at the Rhode Island Bar Association no later than Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Winners shall be announced on or before June 6, 2014.

Please direct any questions concerning the 2014 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest to: Frederick D. Massie, Director of Communications, or Allison Baker, LRE Coordinator Rhode Island Bar Association: telephone: 401-421-5740 email fmassie@ribar.com email: abaker@ribar.com