

**2018 Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest**  
*Guidelines and Rules*

**Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom**

The Rhode Island Judiciary, the Rhode Island Bar Association, and the Rhode Island Police Chief's Association are pleased to announce the fourteenth annual 2018 *Hon. Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest*. **The Contest is open to all Rhode Island 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 **first place essay author receives a \$1,000 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. This year, a **second place essay author** will also be recognized with a **\$250 scholastic award** donated by the Edward P. Gallogly Family Law Inns of Court. We encourage all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Rhode Island students to participate. The following guidelines and rules apply:

*The 2018 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest*

All essay entries must, in no more than 1,000 words, discuss how the student believes the separation of powers protects our freedom, and why this is important.

**Background information on this topic *Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom* can be found on the Bar Association website [www.ribar.com](http://www.ribar.com) under: For The Public – 2018 Law Day.** 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 1,000 words. The essays are reviewed and the first and second place winners are selected by members of the faculty of the Roger Williams University School of Law.

**All entries must be received no later than Friday, May 4, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.**

Essays are submitted to:

**2018 Law Day Essay Contest**  
**Rhode Island Bar Association**  
**41 Sharpe Drive**  
**Cranston, RI 02920**

Winners shall be announced on or before June 1, 2018.

Please direct any questions concerning the 2018 Rhode Island Law Day Essay Contest to: The Rhode Island Bar Association: Kathleen Bridge, Director of Communications, by telephone: 401-421-5740 or email: [kbridge@ribar.com](mailto:kbridge@ribar.com)