



March 6, 2009

Dear Teacher,

The Tempe Municipal Court is sponsoring its annual Law Day contest for students who attend school in Tempe.

The 2009 Law Day theme is entitled:
A Government of the People, by the People and for the People

This year the American Bar Association is celebrating Abraham Lincoln's Bicentennial and his legacy of Liberty. An infamous part of this legacy is his Gettysburg Address and the above quote taken from this Address.

The challenge this year will be an art contest. Students may work alone or in a group, and must submit an artistic interpretation of the above theme. They can use paints, crayons, magazine pictures for a collage, or whatever they have available. Fourth and fifth grader's entries will be judged together. Sixth and seventh grader's entries will be judged in the second group. There will be a first, second and third place winner in each group.

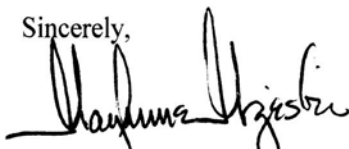
Entries must be submitted to the Court no later than April 27, 2009. Winners will be announced by April 30. All participants, whether they have won or not, will be invited to attend the City Council Meeting on May 7, 2009. The winning students and teachers will be acknowledged by Mayor Hallman and receive their cash prize and a gift bag. EVERY student that participates will receive a certificate of participation signed by the Mayor and Presiding Judge.

As always, we at the Court are more than willing to help in any way that we can with this project. Municipal Court Judges are available to speak to your students if you would like. Our staff is available to pick up law day entries from the school. We are very much looking forward to this competition and working with all of you.

Visit the Community Connect section on our website (www.tempe.gov/court) for Law Day lessons you can complete with your students.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Frankie Valenzuela at the Tempe Municipal Court. His phone number is 480-350-8454 and email address is frankie_valenzuela@tempe.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MaryAnne Majestic".

MaryAnne Majestic, Judge
Tempe Municipal Court



Tempe Municipal Court Presents

Law Day 2009 Contest



*A Government of the People,
by the People and for the People*

2009 THEME: A Government of the People, by the People and for the People.

2009 marks the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, regarded by many as our nation's greatest and most eloquent president. Lincoln, who devoted much of his adult life to the practice of law, was the quintessential American lawyer-president. His background in the law informed both his actions and his oratory. This year's theme is taken from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

THE CONTEST: Draw, paint, sketch, or make a collage of how you imagine "A Government of the People, by the People and for the People" concept might look in a picture. The art project can be as simple as a crayon on paper drawing or as complex of a medium that you may want to use. All entries are welcome.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE: All 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grade students in the City of Tempe. **Please ensure that student names are written clearly or typed on the back along with teacher name, grade and school.**

DEADLINE: All entries are due by **Monday, April 27, 2009**. If you would like your entries picked up, please contact Frankie Valenzuela at 480-350-8454 or by e-mail at frankie_valenzuela@tempe.gov.

AWARDS: All participants will receive a certificate of participation signed by the Mayor and the Presiding Judge and will be invited to attend a city council meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2009, where the top three winners in each of the two categories (4th and 5th graders in one category, 6th and 7th graders in the second category) will receive their cash prize and awards.

For more information on the Law Day 2009 contest visit our website at www.tempe.gov/court or contact Frankie Valenzuela at 480-350-8454 or by e-mail at frankie_valenzuela@tempe.gov.