Purpose
The Law Student Division Essay Contest is an annual contest that provides an opportunity to help students and the public better understand the justice system. Moreover, it offers us the ability to reflect on this nation’s legal heritage.

2021 LAW DAY THEME
Advancing the Rule of Law Now

The rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties – in times of calm and unrest alike. The 2021 Law Day theme –Advancing the Rule of Law Now – reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice.

The rule of law is a set of principles, or ideals, for ensuring an orderly and just society. Many countries throughout the world strive to uphold the rule of law where no one is above the law, everyone is treated equally under the law, everyone is held accountable to the same laws, there is an independent judiciary, and human rights are guaranteed for all.

All entries should reflect the student’s interpretation of the 2021 Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt: What, if any, steps do you feel still need to be taken to improve upon the rule of law to make it more fair and just for all?

Deadline
Electronically submit your completed entry form and your typed essay (12-point font, double-spaced) to Bree Trevino at btrevino@texasbar.com. All 2021 Law Student Division Essays and entry forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 30.

Award Guidelines
Two award recipients will be chosen from all of the Law Student Division applicants (Texas and out-of-state Law Student Division members only may apply). Both award recipients will receive $1,000. All decisions will be final.

Judging Criteria
The judges will use the following criteria when evaluating each essay:

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Eligibility Rules
★ The Essay Contest is for State Bar of Texas Law Student Division members only.
★ The essay must be written in response to the theme.
★ One Law Student Division Essay entry per student will be accepted.
★ The essay must be no longer that 5 typewritten, double-spaced pages in 12 point font.
★ The submitted work must be the student’s original work.
★ The essay must be submitted with the completed entry form on the back of this application.
STATE BAR OF TEXAS LAW STUDENT DIVISION
2021 Essay Contest Entry Form
(Please print)

Name

Law Student Division Member #

Address

City State Zip

Telephone

Email

Law School

Essay Title

Applicant Signature Date

MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 30 AT 5:00 P.M.

Please send entry form and essay to:
Bree Trevino
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