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## 2019 SMBA Essay Contest

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More than 100 area middle school students penned their thoughts on “Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society.”

*“Even now, students’ rights are an issue in schools. Even the students’ rights to feel safe in their school has been violated by mass school shootings, while the government has done little about it. Students have stood up and said that this cannot continue, similar to just last year, students across the country stood up for what they believed in, and walked out of school.”*

*Anna Wallace, 7th grade, The Summit Preparatory School  
1st Place, 2019 Law Day Essay Contest*

*“A democracy is led by the people, who are hopefully well informed. Having the freedom of the press is an important part to creating a successful democracy.”*

*Luke Sharp, 8th grade, The Summit Preparatory School  
2nd Place, 2019 Law Day Essay Contest*

*“Freedom of speech is very important and benefits American society. It helps guide the government and encourage peaceful change in society, reducing the use of violence for change, and encourages people to share their thoughts and listen to others.”*

*Garret Deeter, 8th grade, The Summit Preparatory School  
3rd Place, 2019 Law Day Essay Contest*

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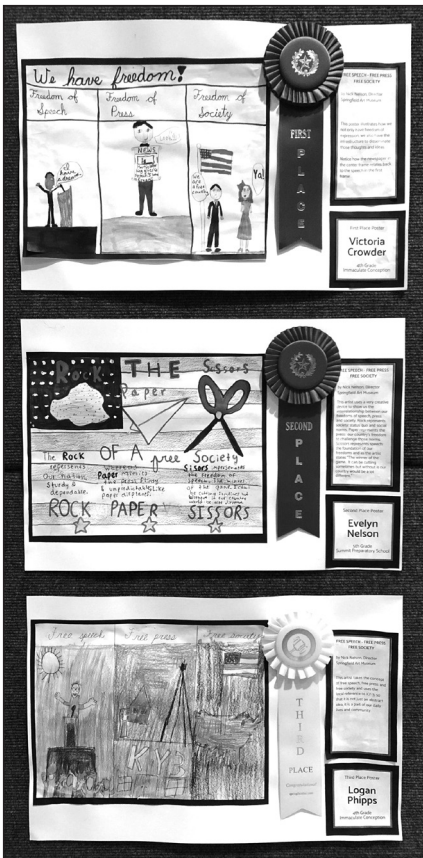
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*Presented by Strong Garner Bauer*

The 2019 Law Day theme “Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society” inspired 130 entries in the SMBA Law Day Poster Contest.



### First Place

Victoria Crowder, 4th Grade  
Immaculate Conception School

### Second Place

Evelyn Nelson, 5th Grade  
The Summit Preparatory School

### Third Place

Logan Phipps, 4th Grade  
Immaculate Conception School

### Finalists

Emily Chindlund  
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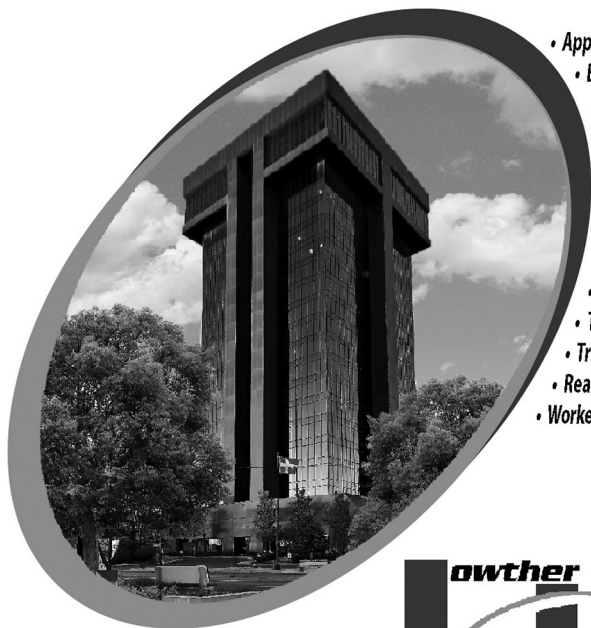


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2019	Lindsey Wilkerson	2006	Jennifer Stonecipher
2018	Jacob Haskins	2005	John McLeod
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2019	Mike Bridges	2002	Evelyn Gwin Mangan
2018	Scott Smith	2001	Carl Lippelman
2017	Amanda Brown	2000	Deanna Scott
2016	Brett Schneider	1999	Ken Reynolds
2015	Jenifer Placzek	1998	Christian Wise
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2019	Dr. George Connor	1992	Dr. Alice Bartee
2018	Paula Baird	1991	Traci Bauer & John Wylie
2017	Kathleen O'Dell	1990	Jack Harmon
2016	Thomas Peters	1989	Bob Bilyeu
2015	Anne Marie Frost	1988	Robby O'Neal
2014	Jody Austin	1987	Sister Lorraine
2013	Bob Dixon	1986	York Johnson
2012	Crime Stoppers	1985	Jane Coughenour
2011	Bob Horton	1984	Dr. Fred L. Hamburg
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1994	Linda Maggard	1967	Dr. William E. Everheart
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		1965	Dr. L.E. Meador

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The SMBA Distinguished Attorney Award recognizes a member of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association who has exhibited exemplary standards in the practice of law for 20 or more years, whose practice of law epitomizes the highest legal and ethical standards to which all attorneys should strive, and who has actively served both the legal and non-legal community. The Distinguished Attorney Award is the highest honor bestowed by the SMBA.



*2019 Distinguished Attorney:  
Jim Newberry*

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- 2018 Bill Hart
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- 2016 The Hon. J. Miles Sweeney
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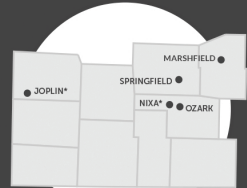
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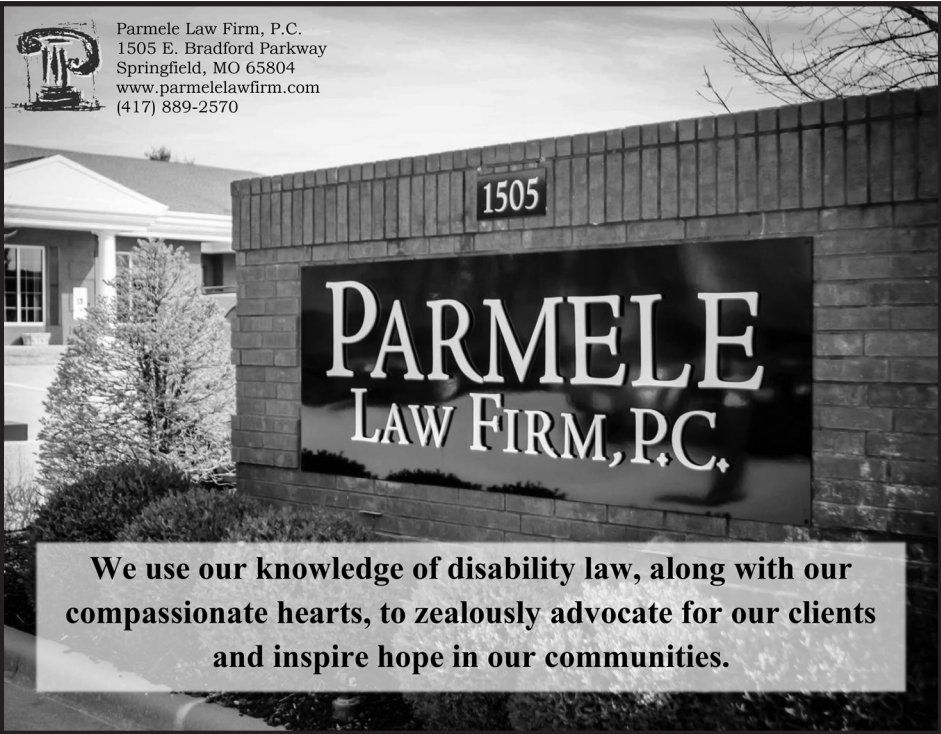
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WHEREAS it is our moral and civic obligation as free men and as Americans to preserve and strengthen that great heritage; and

WHEREAS the principle of guaranteed fundamental rights of individuals under the law is the heart and sinew of our Nation, and distinguishes our governmental system from the type of government that rules by might alone; and

WHEREAS our government has served as an inspiration and a beacon light for oppressed peoples of the World seeking freedom, justice and equality of the individual under law; and

WHEREAS universal application of the principles of the rule of law in the settlement of international disputes would greatly enhance the cause of a just and enduring peace; and

WHEREAS a day of national dedication to the principle of government under law would afford us an opportunity better to understand and appreciate the manifold virtues of such a government and to focus the attention of the World upon them;

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