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#### ROCKLAND COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

A Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York

### CATHERINE M. MIKLITSCH LAW DAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Sponsored by the ROCKLAND COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION AWARD: \$1,000.00

PARTICIPANTS: This Scholarship contest is open to all Rockland County Public High School

Seniors

FORMAT: Essays must be fewer than 500 words, double-spaced and submitted via e-mail

The title page must include the following:

Name of student, home address, telephone number and e-mail address

High School name, address and telephone number

Name of teacher or guidance counselor and e-mail address

THE ABOVE INFORMATION MUST APPEAR ON THE TITLE PAGE

ONLY, AND IN NO OTHER PLACE ON THE ESSAY

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN

DISQUALIFICATION

DEADLINE: All entries must be received via e-mail by **April 25, 2024** 

SUBMIT TO: RCWBAEssayContest@gmail.com

TOPIC: See Attached

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## 2024 Catherine M. Miklitsch Law Day Scholarship Contest

Since 1961 the American BAR Association (ABA) and United States Government have officially dedicated May 1st to celebrate the rule of law itself. The event is marked with special themes and a unique campaign to raise awareness of a key part of the law.

The goal of Law Day is to celebrate the role of the law in everyday life and in society. It also aims to educate the public on how the legal profession and system works as a whole.

The theme of Law Day 2024 is "Voices of Democracy". For nearly 250 years, Americans have expressed their political views and wishes by speaking their minds and voting in elections. In 2024, the United States will hold its 60th presidential election, and Americans will address fundamental questions about democracy and the rule of law.

## The QUESTION

Exercising the right to vote is a cornerstone of our democracy; however, voter turnout in most elections is low. What do you feel are the reasons for this, and what would you propose to do to increase voter engagement and turnout, especially amongst younger and/or first-time voters?