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The Annual Law-Related Education High School Essay Contest

Dear High School Principal/Teacher:

We are pleased to announce our annual New York City High School Essay Contest. We invite students to submit essays on the following topic:

Can the NFL or other sports leagues require players to stand during the national anthem, and, if so, penalize players who do not stand? Provide justification and any legal support for your position and your analysis. Include, as applicable, discussions of the principles of the right to peacefully protest, the right to free speech, and the right for employers to make rules in the workplace. Would your opinion change if the players and their league had a contract requiring the players to stand? Explain how and why these principles support your position or why they do not apply.

Our Law-Related Education Committee will review the essays and select the winners who will receive prizes of \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place, \$500 for third place, and \$300 for fourth place. An awards ceremony will be held in May at the New York County Lawyers' Association.

Essays will be judged based on originality of ideas, writing style, grammar, and adherence to the guidelines below. Thus, while teachers are encouraged to discuss the general topic with their students, in the interest of fairness, we ask that teachers not edit or correct essays prior to their submission. Moreover, our committee members look forward to the opportunity to review each essay submitted, so we strongly discourage schools from conducting any type of preliminary selection of essays.

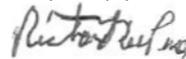
Essays must be formatted as follows:

- no cover page—student's name, school's name, school's phone number, and teacher/advisor's name must appear on the top of the first page and the student's name on the top of every subsequent page;
- between three to five pages in length, containing between 750-1000 words;
- no footnotes or endnotes (if any quotes are used, the source should be referenced directly in the text of the essay); and
- type-written on 8½ by 11 inch paper; 12 point font, double spaced, with one inch margins on all sides, and pages numbers on each page.

Please submit essays no later than March 1, 2018. We prefer that essays be submitted as pdf files to Judge Richard Lee Price at: RPrice@courts.state.ny.us. Alternatively, hard-copies of essays may be mailed to: Justice Richard Lee Price, Chair, Law-Related Education Committee, NYCLA, 14 Vesey Street, New York, NY 10007. While we prefer that essays be submitted through a teacher, students may submit essays on their own. In addition, please advise us in writing of the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of a contact person at your school through whom we may coordinate this program.

Finally, if you are interested in having an attorney speak to your students relating to the court system, law as a career, or specific topics of civil or criminal law, please contact me at (718) 618-3646. We look forward to working with you and your school.

Very truly yours,



Richard Lee Price, Chair