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Head: Juvenile Court Judge Announces Law Day Essay Contest

(Danielsville, GA) The Northern Judicial Circuit Juvenile Court announces that it is continuing the tradition of its judge, Hon. Warren C. Caswell, in sponsoring a Law Day essay contest for local area students. This year is the thirteenth consecutive year of the contest. This year's topic centers on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1868 ratification of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution. The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment was the middle of the three "Reconstruction Amendments" and is the one of the longest amendments of our Constitution- it is also one of the most litigated. Specifically the question is: Of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments which is the most important and why?

A complete answer will provide reasons why the essayist's chosen position aligns with the principles of the Constitution. First Prize is a \$500.00 cash scholarship and second prize is a \$200 cash scholarship. All high school aged students in Elbert, Franklin, Hart, Madison & Oglethorpe Counties are eligible as well as any similarly aged student currently in the care of the Northern Circuit Juvenile Court, regardless of where they are placed. Entries must be postmarked by April 16, 2018 and winners will be announced on Law Day, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Full details, contest rules, and background information are available on the internet at [www.warrencaswelllaw.com](http://www.warrencaswelllaw.com)

Law Day was first proclaimed by President Eisenhower in 1958 and is a day of national dedication to the principle of government under law. Each year the American Bar

Association, and a multitude of state and local bar associations, hold events and celebrations honoring law day to educate the public about the role of law in our society.

The Annual Law Day Essay Contest is designed to encourage young people to think about the role of law in society and how law affects their everyday lives, even at a young age. Local Juvenile Court Judge Warren Caswell has sponsored the contest each year since opening his practice in Madison County. According to Judge Caswell “Critical thinking and the ability to advocate a controversial position in writing are paramount for success in today’s world; this contest will provide students an opportunity to practice these crucial skills while reflecting how our laws meet, or fall short, of their own expectations.”