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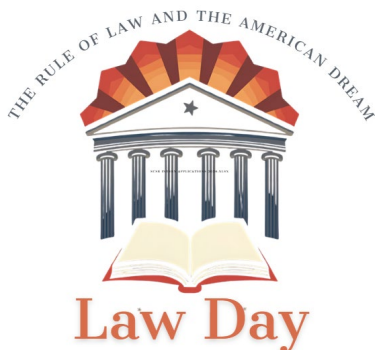


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SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA: San Luis Obispo County Superior Court celebrates 2026 Law Day: “The Rule of Law and the American Dream”

On May 1, 2026, the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court will join the nation in recognizing Law Day, an annual commemoration held to celebrate the rule of law and cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal system.

The 2026 Law Day theme: "The Rule of Law and the American Dream" represents the fundamental idea that no person is above the law. It is this principle that ensures the rights of the people to live their lives as freely as possible and to pursue their dreams.

“Law Day is an opportunity for our court to go beyond its daily work of administering justice and publicly work towards cultivating a greater appreciation in the community of the foundational importance of the Rule of Law,” said Judge Michael Kelley.

To mark this occasion, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court partnered with the San Luis Obispo County Bar Association on a essay contest for local middle school and high school students to celebrate the “Young American Voices” within our community. We received 150 essay submissions and are honored to recognize the 1st and 2nd place middle school and high school students. The ceremony is scheduled May 1st at 4:00 p.m. at the San Luis Obispo Courthouse and is open to the public.

In further recognition of Law Day, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court is offering visits to local classrooms in K-12 public schools to present a lesson on the Rule of Law, in alignment with Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero’s Power of Democracy Civic Learning Initiative. Volunteers are available for 60-minute visits. Please visit the Power of Democracy [website](#) for more information.

San Luis Obispo County Superior Court continues to welcome students for field trips and tours to educate local students on the significance of the court system and the rule of law. Students can speak with judges, meet professionals (District Attorney/Assistant District Attorneys, Public Defenders, court staff, etc.), and observe courtroom proceedings. We are happy to tailor any visit to current curriculum.

For more information about our Law Day activities or opportunities for classroom visits or courthouse tours, please visit our [website](#) or contact Court Administration at admin@slo.courts.ca.gov.