

# 2023



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**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

***10:00 am – 2:00 pm***

**Student Check-in at 9:30 am**

**Fairfax County Circuit Court  
4110 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030**

**GET INSPIRED ABOUT THE LAW AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM!**

**Interact with Local Judges and Legal Professionals**

**Discuss Current Legal Issues Facing Our Society**

**Essay Contest with an Award Presented to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners**



## 2023 The Color of Justice Program

- 9:30 a.m.**            **Check-in**
- 10:00 a.m.**           **Welcoming Remarks**
- 10:15 a.m.**           **Mock Trial**  
Local legal professionals present a trial based on a current social issue
- 11:30 a.m.**           **Lunch**  
Introduction to small groups
- 12:15 p.m.**           **Breakout Groups**  
Students meet in small group to discuss the trial and their verdict with local practitioners
- 1:00 p.m.**            **Large Group Verdict Tally**  
Students and practitioners reconvene in main courtroom to tally verdict
- 1:15 p.m.**            **Legal Panel Q&A**  
Students are encouraged to ask candid questions to a panel of local legal professionals
- 1:45 p.m.**            **Awards and Keynote Speech**  
Announcement of essay contest winners, remarks by our distinguished keynote speaker and dismissal



# 2023 Student Registration Form

## Student Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay Contest

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to participate in the essay contest and my essay is attached

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to participate in the essay contest

**Please return this Form and Essay Response via email or standard mail**

**to:** Kristina Cruz Skidmore

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Reston, Virginia 20190

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# 2023 Essay Contest and Rules

## Topic:

Nearly all U.S. teens have access to a smartphone and are "almost constantly" on the Internet, yet excessive smartphone use is associated with health problems in adolescents and young adults. What do you believe? How can laws help address this problem?

## Rules and Criteria:

1. Your essay should be no more than two (2) pages in length, typed and double-spaced.
2. Please use 12 point Times New Roman or Courier Font
3. Return your essay, along with the registration form, via email or standard mail to:  
Kristina Cruz Skidmore  
Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, P.C.  
1775 Wiehle Avenue, Suite 400  
Reston, VA 2017  
Email: C0J2023@ofplaw.com
4. Submission Deadline
  - a. Email submissions must be received by March 1, 2023, at 11:59 pm EST
  - b. Mail submission must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2023.
5. Essays will be reviewed by a panel of local attorneys based on a numerical scoring system
6. The three (3) best submissions will be awarded monetary prizes.
7. The essay contest winners will be announced at the conclusion of the March 25, 2023 program.