



THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

2007 Essay Competition For 4th and 5th Graders

The State Bar of California regulates the professional conduct of California's more than 206,000 attorneys and promotes respect for the law.

To that end, the State Bar is sponsoring an essay contest for 4th- and 5th-grade students. Students are asked to study the bar's publication, *Kids and the Law: An A-to-Z Guide for Parents*, and write an essay on a law that affects children.

Rules:

- Pick a law in existence (it can be one discussed in *Kids and the Law*) that affects children and tell why it is a good or bad law. If you think it should be amended or eliminated, explain how and why. If you have an idea for a new law that affects children, write about that, explaining why it is important and how it would benefit society.
- The essay should be **between 150 and 300 words**. At the top, include name, address, phone number, school and grade. This is an essay competition for **4th and 5th graders only**.
- Teachers will judge the essays on logic, thoughtfulness, seriousness of purpose and clarity.
- **Deadline is February 1, 2007.**

Prizes:

- First Place - \$250 savings bond
- Second Place - \$100 savings bond
- Third Place - \$50 savings bond
- Two runners up - \$25 savings bond

Free copies of *Kids and the Law* are available from Diane Curtis, Public Information Officer for the State Bar. Send an e-mail to diane.curtis@calbar.ca.gov or call (415) 538-2028. An online version can be viewed at <http://calbar.ca.gov/calbar/pdfs/cbj/2004-Kids-Law.pdf>.

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