

Law Day Committee Report – 2016

By: Christian Frey, Chair

The 2016 Law Day celebration was held at the County Courthouse on Friday, May 6, 2016. The essay and art topics all related to the theme, *Miranda: More than Words*.

The Law Day Committee consisted of judges, lawyers and paralegals. The LLA members who served on the 2016 Law Day Committee were: Judge McCoy, Tammy Taylor, Kurt Scmitt, Meghan Young, Robert Cronin, Doug Engelman, John Pietrovito and Julie Steinbacher.

After sifting through a massive amount of submissions, six essay winners were selected (three from the kindergarten through fifth grade group, three from the grade six through twelve group) as well as five art winners (all ages).

The event itself was successful. Coverage was provided by the Sun Gazette. The LLA hired a videographer (Strunk Digital) and the entire event was broadcast on local television and made available on the LLA's website and YouTube site. Additionally, regular posts were made to Lycoming County Law Day facebook page.

In addition to the Law Day Singers and the Proclamation by the county commissioners, awards for the local Mock Trial teams were presented and each Law Day winner was called up to present his/her winning submission and receive an award.

After the ceremony, the Law Day celebrations continued with a reception sponsored by the Lycoming County Paralegal Association for student winners and families in the juror's lounge and a reception for the LLA's members was held at the Old Corner.

A theme has already been selected for 2017, *The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy* and the celebration has been scheduled by the Court for May 5, 2017. Preparations for the 2017 Law Day celebration will begin with a meeting of the Law Day Committee in either January or February.