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2023 THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS ESSAY CONTEST AWARDS CEREMONY

The District Court of the Virgin Islands is pleased to announce the 2023 Third Circuit Court of Appeals Essay Contest Awards Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Friday, May 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. simultaneously at the Almeric L. Christian Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands and the Ron de Lugo Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

In commemoration of Law Day, the Courts, Community, and Rule of Law Committee of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and each district within the Circuit partnered with bar associations, civic organizations, and educational institutions across the geographical reach of the Third Circuit to promote and oversee the essay contest. Fifth and sixth grade classes were invited to submit an essay entitled, "Right to Vote". The essay prompt is: "*Why the right to vote is important to me and to our country?*"

Five schools participated in the St. Croix Division: Church of God Holiness Academy, Good Hope Country Day School, Saint Mary's Catholic School, St. Croix Christian Academy, and Saint Patrick's Catholic School. Three schools participated in the St. Thomas/St. John Division: Antilles School, Joseph Gomez Elementary School and St. Thomas/St. John Seventh-Day Adventist School.

At the ceremony, a representative from each school will present the essay submitted. All essays have been evaluated by the District Court Judges for focus, content development, organization, and style. Accordingly, the first, second and third place winners have been determined based on the written submissions and will be announced at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The District Court of the Virgin Islands extends sincere thanks to the participating students and teachers; the Courts, Community, and Rule of Law Committee of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals; the Courts and Community Committee of the District Court of the Virgin Islands; and participating lawyers from our legal community.

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