

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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VIA E-MAIL

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Mr. Glenn P. Muna
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Re: 2018 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest – *The 14th Amendment – 150 Years after Ratification – What does equal protection mean to students?*

Dear Mr. Muna,

I am pleased to inform you of the 2018 Civics Contest for high school students sponsored by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and by the District Court for the NMI. The 2017 contest was a huge success. You can find more information on the highlights from the 2017 contest at <http://civicscontest.wixsite.com/civicscontest/event-highlights>.

The theme of the 2018 contest is, “*The 14th Amendment – 150 Years after Ratification – What does equal protection mean to students,*” and will consist of two components: an essay of 500 to 1,000 words, and a 3-5 minute video presentation on the theme. The contest is open to sophomores, juniors, and senior students may participate in one or both competitions.

The local contest will commence on February 1, 2018, and end on April 1, 2018. Our court will award cash prizes to the winners in both categories, as follows: first place \$100, second place \$75 and third place \$50. The top three entries for both competitions will be forwarded to the Ninth Circuit to be considered for additional prizes in both categories as follows: first place \$2,000, second place \$1,000, and third place \$500.

We are once again seeking your assistance in sharing this information with high school civics, government, and history teachers of this opportunity. We would also like to schedule a visit to your school at a time convenient for the students. Please contact Amanda Hayes to confirm and make arrangements. We also have materials that will be delivered to your school. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda via at Amanda_Hayes@nmid.uscourts.gov or at (670) 237-1230.

Very truly yours,



RAMONA V. MANGLONA
Chief Judge