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Calgary Family Law Associates High School Mixed Media Competition 2023

Topic: How does Politics and Government Impact an Individual's Ability to Access Justice?

In connection with the 2023 Youth Leaders in Law Conferences across Canada, Calgary Family Law Associates (CFLA) is sponsoring a competition for high school students to submit a piece of personal work on the topic of:

How does politics and government impact an individual's ability to access justice?

In recent years, the Department of Justice has pledged to “advance a people-centered approach to justice”. In fact, they have committed to promote access to justice through the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Department of Justice is particularly committed to SDG 16, which commits the government to “**promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.**”

<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/access-acces/index.html>

In Canada, all levels of government - municipal, provincial, and federal - have a responsibility to ensure no one is left behind. The common theme behind political discourse relates to *how* we achieve this.

Competition entries can focus on the broad implications of politics and government on access to justice and/or specific political issues that pertain to access to justice.

Monetary prizes will be awarded for the top 3 entries as follows:

1st prize - \$300,

2nd prize - \$150, and

3rd prize - \$50.



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Submissions may be made by any high school student in Canada in their choice of media: essay, poem, story, script, art, video. Written entries must be 5 pages or less. Video entries must be 5 minutes or less.

Submissions will be judged anonymously by CFLA lawyers. Winning entries may be posted online.

Please submit all entries to Calgary Family Law Associates, c/o Rani Wong, at #450, 340 12 Avenue SW., Calgary, AB T2R 1L5 or to rani.assistant@cfla.law. The Entry Submission Form must accompany all entries and students' names should not appear on the work itself, only on the Entry Submission Form. All submissions must be received on or before 4:00 pm MST on Sunday, April 30th, 2023.



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Entry Submission Form

Name: _____

High School: _____

Grade: _____

Contact Information: Phone: _____

 Address: _____

 Email: _____

By submitting your entry to the Calgary Family Law Associates High School Mixed Media Competition 2023 you and your parent;/guardian hereby consent to have your work posted online or displayed as part of the Competition and Youth Leaders in Law Conferences across Canada.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print please): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____