

# United States District Court

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
300 N. HOGAN STREET  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32202

August 20, 2018

## **An Invitation to Participate in a 2018 Essay Contest Commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment**

**Dear Superintendents, Principals, and Teachers,**

On behalf of the lawyers and judges of the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, and the members of the Jacksonville Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, we are pleased to invite students currently in grades 10 through 12 in counties in the Jacksonville Division of the Middle District of Florida (Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Flagler, Hamilton, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, and Union) to participate in the 2018 High School Essay Contest.

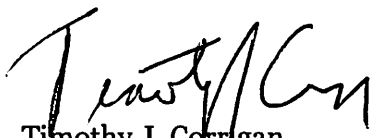
Prizes to the winners of the Essay Contest are made possible by the lawyers and judges of the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida through the Middle District Bench Bar Fund.

First Place Winner	\$2,000
Second Place Winner	\$1,000
Third Place Winner	\$ 500

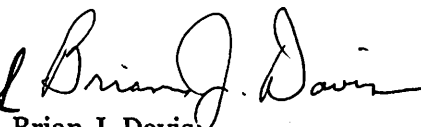
All winners will be recognized at a ceremony in the Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse in Jacksonville on November 15, 2018, and at the Federal Bar Association's Spirit of Giving Luncheon at the River Club in Jacksonville on December 6, 2018. The First Place Winner will also be invited to shadow a federal judge for a day.

More details about the Essay Contest can be found in the attached flyer or by visiting the Middle District's website at [www.flmd.uscourts.gov](http://www.flmd.uscourts.gov). Please consider forwarding the attached information to all administrators and/or teachers who you believe would have students interested in the Essay Contest.

Most sincerely,

  
Timothy J. Corrigan  
United States District Judge

  
Marcia Morales Howard  
United States District Judge

  
Brian J. Davis  
United States District Judge