

2016 NINTH CIRCUIT VIDEO CONTEST RULES

50 YEARS AFTER

THE MIRANDA DECISION

How Federal Courts Defined the Rights of the Accused

The Ninth Circuit Civics Contest is sponsored by the Ninth Circuit Courts and Community Committee and the federal courts of the western United States.

Who May Enter: The contest is open to high school students in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, the U.S. Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Sophomores, juniors and seniors attending public, private, parochial and charter schools and home-schooled students of equivalent grade status are invited to participate. Videos may be submitted by an individual or by teams of up to 3 students. A student may be involved in the production of only one video.

Children of employees of the federal courts are not eligible to participate.

Subject: The importance of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1966 decision, Miranda v. Arizona, in which the court ruled that someone taken into police custody must be informed – prior to questioning – of their right to remain silent. This decision became the basis for what is now referred to as a “Miranda Warning” or a recitation of “Miranda Rights.”

Students should learn the facts of the case; understand the court's decision and discuss the relevancy of the Fifth Amendment; and consider additional rights established by the courts for those accused of crimes.

Judging: Judging will be based on objective and subjective criteria. Students are encouraged to develop original content. Use of non-original content should not predominate. Scoring will be as follows:

Demonstrates an understanding of the theme	25 points
Engages the viewer, appeals on a subjective/emotional level	25 points
Exhibits originality and creativity	20 points
Displays good production values (AV quality, editing, etc.)	20 points
Complies with the rules	10 points

Length and Format: The video should be from 2 to 3 minutes long (not including end credits). Submit as MOV, MPEG4, MPEG2, MPEG, AVI or WMV files. Resolutions of 720x486 pixels to 1920x1080 pixels are acceptable. Files may not exceed 1GB in size. Videos should be compressed using the H.264 codec.

Deadline for Entries: The contest begins January 1, 2016. Videos must be submitted electronically to this website – <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/civicscontest> – by 5 p.m. Pacific Time on April 15, 2016. When entering the contest, you will be prompted to upload your file. Instructions will be provided.

Release Forms: Should you become a finalist in the contest, you will be required to submit a release form allowing the Ninth Circuit to display your video at public events and on court websites. Further information will be provided to you at that time.

Copyright: Adherence to copyright laws and fair use practices will be required. Please consult the resources page on this website for more information.

Disqualification: Providing false information, not meeting the submission deadline, not providing a release form if requested may result in disqualification.

Questions: Contact the Office of the Circuit Executive, (415) 355-8973/civicscontest@ce9.uscourts.gov.