



January 7, 2019

Dear Teacher/Principal:

RE: LAW WEEK 2019

I write to invite your students to participate in this year's Law Week activities. Law Week is a program held every April to commemorate the anniversary of the proclamation of the *Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms*. Our mission is to improve the public's understanding of our legal system. Law Week events in British Columbia are sponsored and administered by the [Canadian Bar Association BC Branch \(CBABC\)](#), a professional organization representing lawyers and judges.

I am pleased to invite your school to participate in the following events:

1. Interactive "Meet the Chiefs" Student Forum
2. Barry Sullivan Law Cup public speaking competition
3. Justice Education Society's JES Speakers Bureau

BARRY SULLIVAN LAW CUP – MARCH 14, 2019

The Barry Sullivan Law Cup is a province-wide public speaking competition honouring the memory of Barry Sullivan and his contributions to both the legal and educational professions. Finalists will be judged by esteemed professionals and, in previous years, have included Judges from the Courts in British Columbia and representatives from UBC and the media. Students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 from all regions of B.C. are encouraged to compete.

This year's competition will be held on **Thursday, March 14, 2019** beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Museum of Vancouver, 1100 Chestnut St., Vancouver.

The topic for 2019 is:

Should protesting ever be considered criminal?

The CBABC will cover certain transportation costs for students travelling from outside the Lower Mainland. Students from outside the Lower Mainland who are unaccompanied by a parent or guardian must be chaperoned while in Vancouver. Overnight accommodation will be provided at a designated hotel. The Law Week Committee retains the right to limit the number of contestants in order to ensure regional representation and to satisfy budgetary constraints.

Due the popularity of this event, we request that schools limit their registrants to a maximum of four students. We will gladly accept additional names to be placed on a wait list. We encourage you to engage your students in this event by holding a run-off competition.

Contestants must complete [the attached entry form](#) and return it by Email to: events@cbabc.org

Deadline for entry: Friday, February 8, 2019

Prizes: 1st Place – cash scholarship of \$1,500 and presentation of the Barry Sullivan Law Cup
2nd Place – cash scholarship of \$250
3rd Place – cash scholarship of \$150

MEET THE CHIEFS – STUDENT FORUM – MARCH 7, 2019

The CBABC Law Week Committee invites you and your class members to the “Meet the Chiefs” forum. This event is open to high schools in the Lower Mainland and will take place on **March 7, 2019** from 10:30AM to 12:30PM at the Museum of Vancouver, 1100 Chestnut St. Vancouver.

British Columbia’s Chief Judges (Chief Justice Robert Bauman of the Court of Appeal, Chief Justice Christopher Hinkson of the Supreme Court, and Chief Judge Melissa Gillespie of the Provincial Court) will meet with high school students to talk about what really matters to young people in B.C. The CBC’s The National host, Ian Hanomansing will be joining us once again to moderate the discussion.

Students will have an opportunity to ask questions from the floor, interact with the Chief Judges, and have their opinions heard. All those in attendance will need to sign a photo-release waiver agreeing to be on camera/on-air and on the CBABC website.

As space is limited, a maximum of 100 tickets are available for this event. If you would like to register your students, please complete the [attached entry form](#) and return it by Email to: events@cbabc.org.

The Law Week Committee retains the right to limit the number of students from each school in order to ensure fair representation. Transportation to the event is the responsibility of the participants.

Deadline for entry: Friday, February 8, 2019

Justice Education Society’s JES Speakers Bureau

You may recall our Judges in the Classroom program from past years. This year we are proud to promote the **Speakers Bureau** program from Law Week partner, Justice Education Society, (JES). The JES coordinates presentations to students by BC justice personnel through their Speakers Bureau, which now enables schools to use an online booking application to request BC Provincial Court judges and BC sheriffs to present at their location – either in-person or by a live video presentation.

Click [here to submit a request](#) to have a justice professional present to your class in 2019.

We are very excited to be able to offer students these unique opportunities! Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact events@cbabc.org. We’d be pleased if you would also forward this letter to any other teachers you think may be interested in these activities. In the meantime, we leave you with a list of additional online resources and invite you to join the conversation:

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Sincerely,



Jessica Patterson
Law Week Vancouver Committee Chair

THE BARRY SULLIVAN LAW CUP 2019

Thursday, March 14, 2019

RULES

1. Each contestant is to prepare one speech on the following topic:

Should protesting ever be considered criminal?

2. Each speech is to be delivered in less than 5 minutes. A 15-second grace period is allowed after the expiry of 5 minutes. After 5 minutes and 15 seconds, contestants will be penalized at the rate of one point for every 10 seconds.
3. A timekeeper will monitor each student and provide the student's time to the judges prior to deliberation.
4. Contestants will be judged according to the guidelines below.
5. Entry forms must be received before 5:00 pm on **Friday, February 8, 2019**

GUIDELINES

In judging the contest, the judges will have in mind the following factors:

1. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EFFORT AS A WHOLE

- a. Was the speech a well-rounded, cohesive effort?
- b. Was the speech convincing?
- c. Was the speech logical, structured and well-organized?

2. THE CONTENT

- a. Was the content original?
- b. Were the statements accurate? Was the reasoning sound?
- c. Did the speech adhere to subject topic?

3. DELIVERY

In grading the delivery, the judges will have in mind the following factors:

- a. Emphasis, voice control.
- b. Enunciation, pronunciation.
- c. Sincerity, enthusiasm, poise.

4. EMOTIONAL APPEAL

- a. Did the speech have emotional impact?
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