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Calgary Family Law Associates High School Mixed Media Competition 2021

Topic: How does Systemic Racism Impact an Individual's Ability to Access Justice?

In connection with the Youth Leaders in Law YYC Conference 2021, 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 systemic racism impact an individual's ability to access justice?".

Canada's access to civil justice has been ranked ninth out of 12 European and North American countries. We still have a long way to go in many aspects. Canada's Department of Justice released a report in 2019 that shares the four biggest problems regarding access to justice; underreporting due to scared victims, trial delays, bad treatment within the system, and the lack of affordable and timely support/resources.

According to a 2019 study done by the Canada Race Relations Foundation, Indigenous Peoples and Black people are the most common targets of discrimination and unfair treatment in Canada, followed by Muslims and people from the Middle East.

This discrimination may mean that people have less access to some services, such as healthcare, jobs, and justice.¹

Monetary prizes will be awarded at the Conference for the top 3 entries as follows: 1st prize - \$300, 2nd prize - \$150, and 3rd prize - \$50.

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 and may receive the opportunity to have their work displayed at the Canadian Bar Association's Access to Justice Displays at City Hall or elsewhere.

¹ <https://www.cba.org/CBA-Equal-Justice/Home/Canada%E2%80%99s-Ranking>
<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/tcjs-tsjp/fr-rf/p4.html>



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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 on Friday, March 12, 2021.



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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 2021 you and your parent/guardian hereby consent to have your work posted online or displayed as part of the Competition, Youth Leaders in Law YYC Conference and/or CBA Access to Justice materials.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print please): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____