2017 Civics Contest Now Open!

The Ninth Circuit is pleased to announce the upcoming 2017 Civics Contest. Students from across the circuit are invited to participate in this exciting event.

Students will be tasked to develop an essay or video entry which considers and describes the relevance of the Japanese internment today as our nation combats terrorism. Entries should:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the history of the internment and its aftermath;
- Explain what constitutional powers and rights were brought into conflict by the Hirabayashi, Korematsu and Endo cases; and
- Discuss the important role of the Judicial Branch – then and now – in resolving constitutional conflicts involving national security and individual rights.

The contest website is now open with details regarding rules and entry instructions, with entries accepted beginning February 1, 2017.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho is hosting a local contest to determine the finalists who will go on to compete for cash prizes in the circuit contest. To be eligible to compete in the local contest, students must reside in the State of Idaho.

The circuit will be presenting cash prizes for the essay and video contests -1st place: $2,000 2nd place: $1,000 3rd place: $500. Local district winners in each category also will receive prizes of $1,000 for first place, $500 for second place, and $250 for third place.

For more information about the district contest, please contact: Kirsten Wilkinson (208) 334-9464/Kirsten_Wilkinson@id.uscourts.gov.