Attachment B

THE CONNECTICUT BAR FOUNDATION
JAMES W. COOPER FELLOWS
QUINTIN JOHNSTONE STATEWIDE HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

CONTEST RULES

- The contest is open to all Connecticut students under the age of 21 who are enrolled in grades 9-12, or their equivalent, at an accredited high school, vocational-technical school, or adult high school credit diploma program (collectively "schools") located within the State of Connecticut ("Connecticut school"). The contest is also open to all Connecticut homeschooled students in grades equivalent to grades 9-12.

- **All entries must be the student's original work.** Any passages paraphrased or quoted from other sources must be referenced in a "Works Cited" page. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of the entry. Sources and reference materials are not limited to those provided by the Connecticut Bar Foundation ("CBF") James W. Cooper Fellows, if any are included in the topic materials. Additionally, the CBF recognizes the proliferation of artificial intelligence ("AI") tools to which students may have access when writing their essays. We acknowledge that AI can enhance students' learning experience if used in an ethical and responsible manner. To that end, we request that all students abide by the **Ethical Guide to Using AI in Writing Essays**, linked **here**. The CBF maintains its commitment to the aforementioned rule that contest entries be students' original work.

- Students should be mindful of the contest topic and should review the full fact pattern carefully; essays not responsive to the topic will be disqualified from the contest. Such disqualifications may be made at the discretion of either the staff of the CBF or the contest judges.

- Entries must be submitted through a sponsoring teacher or student counselor at the Connecticut school where the student is enrolled, with the exception of homeschooled students. Teachers of any subject may submit entries. There is no limit on the number of teachers or school counselors who may submit entries from a single school.

- Each teacher shall select no more than three entries per class section (i.e., if a teacher teaches two sections of the same class or different subjects that teacher may submit up to six entries). School counselors may submit no more than three entries per semester.

- Parents of homeschooled students may submit their students' entries to the CBF directly. Each homeschooled student may only submit one entry.

- Entries should be approximately 1000 words in length, excluding the works cited page, in electronic format, double-spaced, and paginated.

- ***The student's name and other identifying information (school, teacher/counselor, grade level, age, etc.) SHOULD NOT appear on the title page or anywhere in the essay.*** Instead, the student's Last Name and First and Middle Initials should appear only in the file name. Each submission will then be assigned an identification number by the CBF so that entries may be screened and judged anonymously.

- **Entries must be submitted no later than 5pm on February 19, 2027.** We highly encourage submission before that date to allow time for confirmation that submitted materials are complete.

- All entries **must** be accompanied by the Student and Parent Release Form. Please be sure to complete all parts of this form legibly.

Contest winners will be notified in May 2027.