The PBA Civil & Equal Rights Committee, the PBA Young Lawyers Division, and the PBA Law-Related Education Committee are launching the 2016 annual essay and video documentary contest for Pennsylvania college students on the importance of state and local policies to the protection of civil and equal rights. The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation will administer the contest funds.

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The CERC is seeking additional funds for monetary prizes, winners’ travel and other aspects of the contest.

Law firms or lawyers who contribute $500 or more will be listed as a MAJOR SPONSOR. Names of MAJOR SPONSORS will be included in all media releases, announcements related to the contest, and on the PBA website. Contributions of any amount are appreciated and will be acknowledged on the PBA website.

The deadline for sponsorships for the 2016 Contest is August 31, 2015.

To become a sponsor, contact Ursula Marks at Ursula.Marks@pabar.org. Sponsorship checks should be made payable to the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, Civil & Equal Rights Contest and mailed to: Attn: Civil & Equal Rights Contest, E. Marie Queen, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, 100 South Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. While checks are preferred, contributions also can be made online at www.pabarfoundation.org/support/contribute.aspx.

Individual sponsors’ contributions will be eligible for a charitable donation tax deduction. Corporate donors should consult their tax experts to determine whether contributions qualify as business expenses.

MORE ABOUT THE CONTEST ...

Eligible college students will submit an essay or short video documentary analyzing a Pennsylvania state/local law or lawyer/judge implicating civil rights. Examples of topics include a biography or oral history of a trailblazing individual in the law such as a county’s first African-American judge, or an examination of a law, such as a history of the PA ERA law or a current local housing ordinance disproportionately affecting people of color.

The top entrants will receive monetary prizes and will have their winning entries posted on the PBA website.