The PBA Civil & Equal Rights Committee, the PBA Young Lawyers Division, and the PBA Law-Related Education Committee are launching an 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. Contest is open to all Pennsylvania residents who attend college. The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation will administer the contest funds.

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. They also will present their submissions at a future PBA meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES ...
The deadline for essay and video submissions is March 15, 2016. Winners will be announced on April 15, 2016.

Contest rules and format requirements can be found at www.pabar.org/public/committees/CIV01/essaycontest.asp.

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