



# United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit

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## NEWS RELEASE

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## **2023 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest Deadline Extended**

SAN FRANCISCO – Students residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington state, the United States Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, can still submit their entries to compete in the 2023 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest, an essay and video competition for high school students. **Extended deadline is Monday, March 20. Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.**

The theme of the contest is “**The 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution: What Should Our Next Amendment Be?**” The contest asks students to address three questions – (1) **What amendment would you propose for our Constitution?** (2) **Why?** and (3) **How would you get your amendment ratified?**

A total of \$11,400 in cash prizes will be awarded at the circuit level. The top three finishers in both the essay and video competitions will each receive a total of \$3,000 for first place, \$1,700 for second place and \$1,000 for third place. First-place winners at the circuit level will be invited to attend the 2023 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. Many students also have a chance to win cash prizes in local competitions sponsored by the individual judicial districts that will select their finalists for the circuit-wide contest. More information is available on the civics contest website at <https://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/civicscontest>.

The contest is sponsored by the Ninth Circuit’s Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Committee, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in the 15 judicial districts that comprise the Ninth Circuit. Finalists will be announced in May and the winners in June.

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