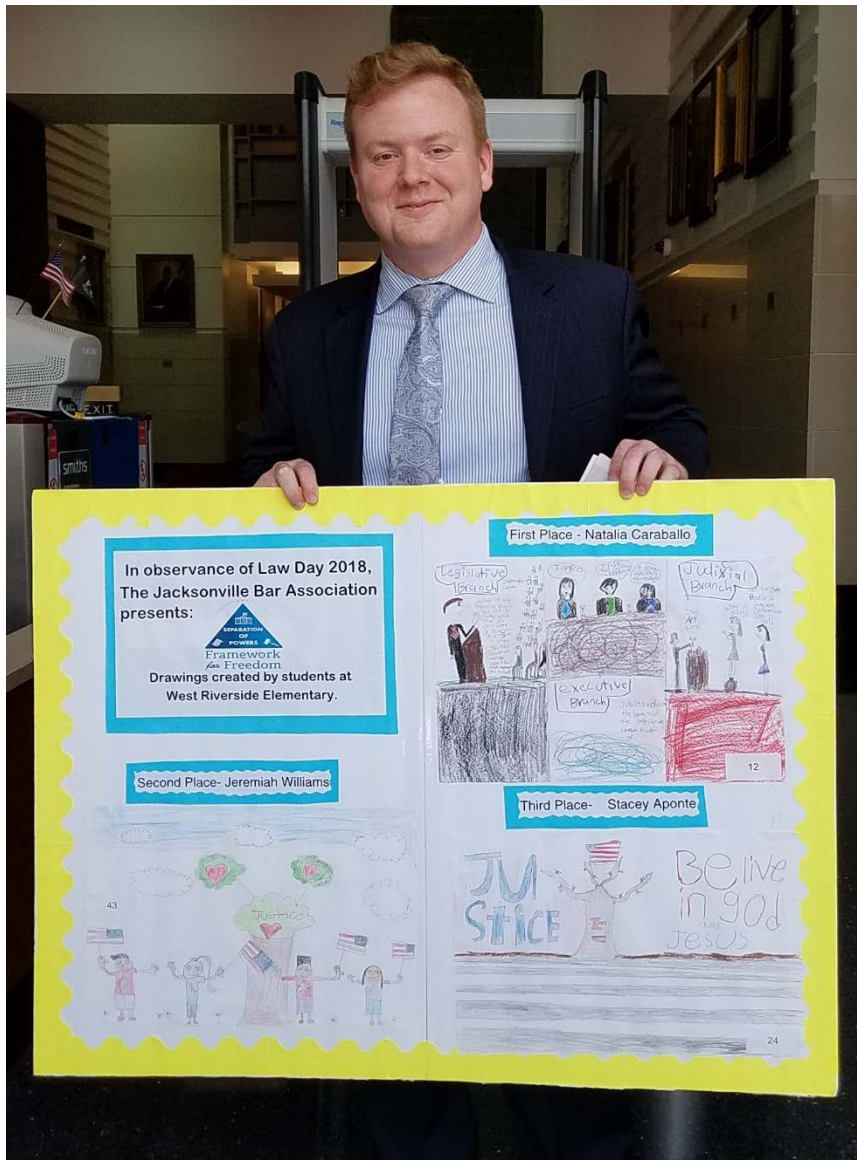


Law Day 2018

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The school was West Riverside Elementary. Lawyers went to four different art classes for fourth and fifth graders, over the course of four days. The Law Day theme this year was the separation of powers doctrine so we talked to the kids about the concept, and how the intent is to have branches act as a check on the other branches. Our goal was to expose the students to the concept and to get them thinking about it and asking their own questions. Then, the kids drew posters representing/depicting the relationship of the three branches of government....which is a tough thing to conceptualize no matter what your age.



We then put the posters on poster-board and displayed them in the state courthouse for a week. We included ballots and a ballot box, and asked for people to cast votes for their favorite posters. The top three fourth graders and top three fifth graders received a gift card (1st place was \$20, 2nd was \$15, and \$10 for third). The fourth graders received their awards on May 23rd and the fifth graders were given their awards on May 25th during their end-of-the-year awards ceremony. The gift cards were paid for by the Jacksonville Bar Association.

Law Day was started in 1958 as a day to recognize the role that the federal constitution

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and the law play in our society. It is recognized every year on May 1st and each year has a different central theme. The Jacksonville Bar Association holds a Law Day luncheon each year and plans and conducts other activities in the lead up to the annual luncheon. The poster contest is one of these events, and I think it's been done for the last 6 or 7 years. I was the subcommittee chair for the poster contest.