

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**CONNECTICUT KIDS COURT ESSAY COMPETITION 2026**

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Level** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

| <u><b>CATEGORY</b></u>                                                                                                     | <u><b>POINTS</b></u> |
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| <b>1. Understanding the Topic</b><br>Did the student identify the topic and address it thoughtfully?                       | (35) _____           |
| <b>2. Consistency of Argument</b><br>Did the student present his/her argument in a logical and concise manner?             | (10) _____           |
| <b>3. Persuasiveness</b><br>Did the student support his/her position?                                                      | (10) _____           |
| <b>4. Civil Rights</b><br>Did the student understand the civil and human rights issues raised by the competition question? | (25) _____           |
| <b>5. Creativity</b><br>Did the student present an innovative argument or offer insight into the issue?                    | (20) _____           |
| <b>TOTAL POINTS</b>                                                                                                        | _____                |