Law Offices of Joe Bornstein Launches 23rd Annual Arrive Alive Creative Contest for Maine High School Seniors

Statewide contest continues a 22-year tradition of encouraging Maine teens to spread safe-driving messages, with more than $200,000 in prizes awarded to date

PORTLAND, ME, UNITED STATES, September 4, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Law Offices of Joe Bornstein announced today the launch of its 23rd Annual Arrive Alive Creative Contest, inviting graduating high school seniors across Maine to create an original project that sends a message to their peers about the dangers of drunk driving and distracted driving.

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"Most of our work happens after a crash has already changed a family's life," said a spokesperson for the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein. "The Arrive Alive Creative Contest lets us get ahead of that by putting the conversation about safe driving in front of teenagers in a way that actually sticks with them. Seeing what these students come up with every year is one of the best parts of our firm's work in the community."

Building on Last Year's Success

The 23rd Annual contest follows a strong showing in last year's 22nd Annual Arrive Alive Creative Contest, which drew winning entries from seniors at high schools across the state, including Falmouth, Freeport, Gorham, Gray-New Gloucester, Lewiston, Oak Hill, Scarborough, Spruce Mountain, Telstar, Westbrook, and Yarmouth high schools.

Winning projects covered a wide range of formats, from paintings and drawings to personal essays and poems, short videos, and even an original apparel design, each built around the

contest's core message to stay safe behind the wheel.

The firm celebrated last year's top 20 winners at a gathering at Elks Lodge #188 in Portland this past July. As with previous years, first place winners received a new laptop computer, while second and third place winners each received a new iPad.

This Year’s Prizes

First place winners will receive a new laptop computer, and second and third place winners will each receive a new iPad. All graduating seniors who enter the contest receive additional fun prizes from the firm.

23rd Annual Arrive Alive Creative Contest Deadline

Entries must be submitted by Friday, May 7, 2027.

How Can Teens Participate This Year?

Graduating seniors can enter the contest in three ways:

- Online: Students may upload their project directly at www.arrivealivecreativecontest.com. Online entries can be up to 18MB; if a project is larger, students can mail a CD or thumb drive or contact the firm to arrange file sharing. The entry form is built into the online submission process, so a separate form is not required.
- By mail: Entries can be mailed, along with a completed entry form, to: The Law Offices of Joe Bornstein, c/o Arrive Alive Creative Contest, 90 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102. Fragile art projects should be packed carefully for shipping.
- In person: Students may drop off their entry, along with a completed entry form, at one of the firm’s seven Maine offices in Sanford, Biddeford, Portland, Windham, Lewiston, Augusta, or Bangor. Anyone dropping off an entry is asked to call ahead to schedule a convenient time.

Format Guidelines

Essays should be no longer than 1,000 words, and videos or songs no longer than five minutes. All artwork must be easily transportable.
Questions about submissions can be directed to arrivealive@joebornstein.com or 207-CALL-JOE (207-225-5563). By entering, students give the firm permission to use their name, likeness, and submitted materials in advertising and promotion, with certain exceptions outlined in the official contest rules.

About the Arrive Alive Contest

Since launching the contest in 2005, the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein has awarded more than

$200,000 in prizes to graduating Maine seniors. Over the past 22 years, more than 1,500 students from 125 high schools have participated. The firm has also assembled a traveling exhibit of more than 75 professionally framed winning paintings and drawings, which it displays at schools, libraries, malls, and other venues across the state.

“Each year, communities across Maine are devastated by tragic driving accidents,” the firm said. “We hope this contest continues to send an important message to teenagers: stay safe and arrive alive.”

About the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein

Since 1974, the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein has focused exclusively on personal injury law, helping more than 25,000 clients recover over $750 million in car, truck, motorcycle, and other accident claims. The firm works on a contingency fee basis, meaning clients pay nothing unless the firm wins their case. With seven offices serving all 16 counties in Maine, the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein provides trusted, accessible legal support to injured Mainers when they need it most.

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