

Mock Trial Matters



NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Calendar

- **December 1, 2007**— Delaware Website goes live!
[http://
mocktrial.delaware.gov/](http://mocktrial.delaware.gov/)
- **January 7, 2008**— Preliminary Interest forms due to Franny Haney, Delaware Co-Host Director
- **January 15**—Tournament registration information available online from Delaware Host Committee
- **January 15**—Deadline for Letter of Intent to host in 2011
- **February 1**—Golden Gavel Nominations due to Justice George Carley
- **March 15**—Deadline to submit letters for Board candidacy (May Elections)
- **March 15**—Deadline to submit items for spring newsletter to Stacy Rieke
- **April 1**—National Case release date
- **April 1**—2011 Bid proposal deadline
- **April 16**—Hotel reservation and tournament ticket order deadline
- **May 8-11**—National Tournament in Wilmington, DE!

Welcome to the “First State” in 2008

Delaware is excited to host the National High School Mock Trial Championship **May 7 – 11, 2008** in our largest city, Wilmington! In 2008, we are proud to help celebrate the **25th anniversary** of the National High School Mock Trial Championship with special events. We plan to showcase the cultural and historic beauty of our state as we entertain our visiting students and guests.

There will be 4 rounds of competition for all competitors in the new, state of the art **New Castle County Courthouse** in downtown Wilmington. The final round will be held in the ceremonial courtroom – 8B that holds approximately 175 for seating. In addition to Courtroom 8B, Courtrooms 8A and 8C will be open for seating via live broadcast and can accommodate an additional 125 for seating.

On Thursday evening, we will host the pin exchange at the host hotel, the **Doubletree Downtown** which is located 1.5 blocks from the New Castle County Courthouse. Remember to bring lots of pins from your state.

Wilmington is located in the Mid-Atlantic region and one of its borders is the **Delaware River**. We plan to take advantage of our waterways by hosting the Friday evening event aboard the **MV Twin Capes ferry** for a dinner cruise on the Delaware River complete with entertainment and fireworks. Bring your sea legs for a most enjoyable evening.

The final event will be the Awards Banquet, which will be held at the **Chase Center on the Riverfront**. State and local dignitaries will join us for a fun filled evening. Following the banquet, there will be a student only dance and game session back at the Doubletree.

Registration information will be available to State Coordinators and championship teams on our website <http://mocktrial.delaware.gov/>. We hope that you will visit us there.

Be sure your state has returned the Response Form (p. 8 of this newsletter) indicating that **YOU** want your state at Nationals in Delaware. You may contact **Franny Haney** at franny.haney@state.de.us if you have not received the brochure.

Judge Joseph R. Slights, III and **Francis J. “Pete” Jones, Jr., Esquire** join me, Franny Haney, as the co-hosts in welcoming you to the first state and the 25th National High School Mock Trial Championship.



2009 Tournament: Atlanta, Georgia



The Georgia High School Mock Trial Committee, which is a project of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, is very excited about hosting the National Tournament in Atlanta in 2009. We have a great event planned that will include trial rounds at the Fulton County Courthouse downtown, a pin-exchange at the Hyatt Regency on Thursday evening, a visit to the world-famous Georgia Aquarium on Friday evening and a superb awards banquet at the Hyatt on Saturday evening. We'll also host a judging panel reception at the State Bar of Georgia's Conference Center on Thursday evening. Atlanta is easy to get to from anywhere in the world and is a world-class destination, with lots of in-town tourist attractions, including the new and improved World of Coke, Zoo Atlanta (featuring our panda cub, Mei Lan), the CNN Center, the King Center and the Carter Presidential Library. There

are also a number of superb restaurants near the hotel and loads of shopping at Atlantic Station, Lenox Mall and Phipps Plaza. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for a fantastic tournament in the Peach State!

2010 Tournament: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



The 2010 National High School Mock Trial will be held in the birthplace of our nation as the competition returns to Pennsylvania after a 14 year absence. Held in Pittsburgh in 1996, the Nationals will settle across the state in Philadelphia in 2010 where a combination of history and modern vibrancy will welcome participants from across the nation and around the world. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the 2010 competition will be held just a few blocks from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Come learn how Betsy Ross made a flag but not THE flag, explore what makes cheesesteaks and scrapple local delicacies, see Rocky in person and run his steps, and find out why Paul Newman was a better lawyer in Philadelphia than in Boston. There's lots to do, see and learn in Pennsylvania and we can't wait for mock trial teams from around the nation to join us for a

great tournament in 2010, and find out why Pennsylvania has been hailed for centuries as the "keystone" in the development of the American democratic system.

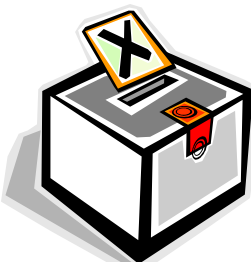
Special Election for Board Position



A special election to fill a newly created Board position is currently in progress. Coordinators may recall that in May, the Board membership was increased from 13 voting members to 15. A special election earlier this Spring filled one of the two spots. This current special election seeks to fill the other. Here are the details: Anyone interested in running for the position was asked to submit a brief statement of candidacy to John Wheeler no later than noon eastern on Friday, November 16. John circulated, via email to State Coordinators on Monday, November 19, the statements of the two candidates who responded (**Emily Reilly—MN** and **Anne Marie Waldron—IN**). Now, all State Coordinators should vote by submitting an email to John no later than **5 p.m.** (EST) on **Wednesday, December 5**. The outcome of this special election will be announced via email to State Coordinators and on the NHSMTTC website on

Thursday, December 6. Don't forget to VOTE!!

Spring Board Elections



A scheduled election will be held during the State Coordinators' meeting in Wilmington in May 2008. There are **four (4)** Board positions up for election this year. The Directors whose terms are expiring in May 2008 are: **Dewain Fox (AZ)**, **Jane Meyer (PA)**, **Bob Noel (LA)** and **Michael White (AK)**.

According to the by-laws, interested candidates must submit their letter of intent to run to the Board Chair (John Wheeler) no later than **15 March 2008**. If this deadline is missed, but a person still wishes to be nominated for one of the Board positions, that individual must communicate this intention to the Board Chair by the end of the May Coordinators' meeting. This communication must be accompanied by a nominating petition signed by at least three State Coordinators. Additionally, nominations may be made from the floor during the State Coordinators' meeting in May. (See NHSMTTC, Inc. By-Laws Article IV, Section 2)

A Word From Our Chair



John Wheeler has served as Chair of the National Board of Directors since 2005. He is the Director of the Iowa Center for Law and Civic Education in Des Moines

In 1984, coordinators of the fledgling mock trial programs in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin came up with an idea to hold a “national” competition featuring the top two teams from each state. This ten-team tournament in Des Moines became the start of something big! 25 years later, more than 40 states, territories and foreign nations participate in the National Championship. 25 years has been quite a ride – and a reason to party! Please help us celebrate the **Silver Anniversary** of the **National High School Mock Trial Championship** in Wilmington, Delaware this May.

To commemorate the event, we’re looking for your memories and the memories of past participants (students, coaches, judges, coordinators) – photos, stories, memorabilia, mementos, etc. – anything that helps mark the history of your state’s involvement in mock trial. For photos, stories, etc., we have established a special email account (hsmocktrial25@live.com). Please share! If you have any physical items to loan for an exhibit at the 2008 tournament, please email me at the same address and I can provide shipping information for you.

We are also working on establishing a National High School Mock Trial Championship Alumni directory. More information about this project will be available soon. We’re looking for ways to stay in touch with the thousands of students who have participated in the national championship tournament over the years.

I know that it really dates me, but I am now coming across students in the Iowa middle school program whose parents I remember as high school mockers when I first became involved in that program back in 1988! Many of the young lawyers who serve as judges and coaches in my state got their start as middle school or high school mock trialers. They have told me just how much their mock trial experience has meant to them and they revel in the chance to give something back to the next generation. In Iowa, we just finished compiling a publication marking 25 years of high school mock trial. (We celebrate 25 years of middle school mock trial next Fall.) In looking for stories to share, we came across hundreds of mock trial created life-long friendships, dozens of hilarious mock trial competition anecdotes and stories, and even a few mock trial weddings! I know that it warms my heart to hear how such a simple idea like mock trial can bring people together as a team, as friends and as a family.

And so, mock trial cousins, give up the goods! Share your stories! Share your photos! Share your memories! Please share in the celebration of 25 years of young people doing great things with their minds. I look forward to hearing from you on hsmocktrial25@live.com.

Rules Changes

Language was added to **Rules 1.4** and **4.6** during the October meeting of the Board of Directors. These additions will clarify timekeeping procedures at the national tournament. The new language will be available in the version of the rules posted on the case release date (April 1) on the Delaware website. The updated rules will also be posted on the national site.

Golden Gavel Nominations



The Golden Gavel Award recognizes any adult individual who has demonstrated exemplary dedication and commitment to the goals and ideals of the national high school mock trial program. To nominate someone for this prestigious award, describe in 500 words or less why the nominee should be considered for the award. The nomination should include the nominee’s qualifications such as length of service/participation in the national mock trial championships; the extent of that participation; the importance or significance of the nominee’s contributions; and how these qualifications help to further the goals and mission of the NHSMTA. Nominations are due each year by **February 1st** to the Chair of the Awards Committee. In 2008, nominations should be sent to **Justice George Carley** by fax at 404/657-7576 or by mail to

536 State Judicial Building; 40 Capitol Square SW; Atlanta, GA 30334. (The nomination form is online.)

The NHSMTC Celebrates 25 Great Years in 2008

By Susan Roberts (Indiana)

In 1984, when Apple introduced the first Macintosh computer, astronauts made the first un-tethered space walk from the space shuttle Columbia, and Miami Vice first aired on TV and got those radical pastel suits emptying off the store shelves, the idea of the National High School Mock Trial Championship was conceived. And, while international conflicts resulted in the Soviets boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics, high schools students, through the mock trial experience, gained a better understanding of our society's approach to dispute resolution and justice.

The first national high school mock trial tournament was held in Des Moines, Iowa, with teams from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin participating. Using a case developed by D.C. Street Law, the students played the roles of witnesses and attorneys in the divorce case of *Willa Ray vs. Harold Ray* on the issue of whether alimony should be awarded after the divorce had been granted. Ogallala High School from Nebraska was declared Champion and Cloquet High School of Minnesota was the runner-up of the inaugural competition.

After the success of the tournament in Iowa, more states became interested in participating and the tournament became billed as an "All-State" Tournament. The competition then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska (1985) and involved 10 states. Subsequent tournaments have been held in Phoenix, Arizona (1986); Washington, D.C. (1987); Dallas, Texas (1988); Louisville, Kentucky (1989) - the first "National High School Mock Trial Championship"; Portland, Oregon (1990); New Orleans, Louisiana (1991); Madison, Wisconsin (1992); Atlanta, Georgia (1993); Chicago, Illinois (1994); Denver, Colorado (1995); Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1996); Nashville, Tennessee (1997); Albuquerque, New Mexico (1998); St. Louis, Missouri (1999); Columbia, South Carolina (2000); Omaha, Nebraska (2001); St. Paul, Minnesota (2002); New Orleans, Louisiana (2003); Orlando, Florida (2004); Charlotte, North Carolina (2005); Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (2006); Dallas, Texas (2007); and soon to be Wilmington, Delaware (2008).



Students from Cloquet High School (Minnesota) compete in the first national tournament.



Students from Elkader, Iowa participate in a round during the first national tournament.

Participants have tested their wits and articulated their positions in a variety of cases over the years. Famous authors have contributed to past mock trial cases including Tony Hellerman and the Honorable Terry Lewis. Some national cases have explored historical events including the collapse of a dam and resulting destruction of the City of Johnstown, the infamous Chicago Black Sox bribery case, the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald, and most recently, the maritime negligence case patterned after the Texas City industrial disaster of 1947. Other civil cases have included child custody, negligence, product liability, and discrimination issues. Criminal cases have ranged from the alleged murder of Elvis to a sentencing hearing for aggravated robbery and felony murder. Students have also addressed specific constitutional and statutory provisions through mock trial cases, including free speech and freedom of association, the Native American Burial Repatriation Act, as well as a hypothetical case involving the Seditious Act of 1798 involving a scandalous writing against President Adams. And who can forget "hanging chads" and the voting tampering case from Louisiana?

Forty-four states have participated in the National Mock Trial Championships over the past twenty-five years. The tournament has also welcomed the participation of the District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands. In 2006, the program expanded internationally when South Korea sent a team to participate in the competition. You may want to read the notes from South Korea later in this Newsletter under "News and Notes" for other international teams coming our way!

Year after year, students, teachers, attorneys, judges, state coordinators, parents, and observers share their enthusiasm for the benefits mock trial has brought to their lives. In celebrating our 25th Anniversary, we applaud the founders of the tournament for their forethought and share in the pride of the accomplishments of all participants in the National High School Mock Trial Championships. NHSMTC has provided an opportunity for high school students from

around the country and across the globe to learn the American judicial system through a hands-on experience. Participating students have acquired skills in critical thinking and reasoning, oral advocacy, team work and citizenship through a fun, rewarding and memorable experience. In addition, the program has fostered effective communication and cooperation between the educational and legal communities and has promoted cooperation among young people of diverse interests and abilities. Building upon the first twenty-five years of success, we look forward to the next twenty-five years! Can I get a Hoorah?

News and Notes



Georgia (Stacy Rieke, Coordinator)

We are celebrating our **20th anniversary** for statewide high school mock trial in Georgia this season!! It's an exciting time for Georgia mock trial and we're looking forward to celebrating this milestone with our teams throughout the season. Our **Law Academy**, which is an intense, clinic-style, weekend leadership training seminar for mock trial team members, is also celebrating an important anniversary—10 years! We had an exceptional group of 49 students from mock trial teams all over the state join us in Athens at the University of Georgia School of Law in October for a very successful Academy in October. We're also excited to announce that the State Bar of Georgia's Communications Department (**Sarah Coole**, Director) won a **Luminary**

Award during the NABE (National Association of Bar Executives) Conference in Philadelphia this fall for their re-design of the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition promotional materials. In addition to these other exciting projects, we're adapting an Iowa middle school mock trial case for use by **middle school teachers** statewide as the basis of a 2nd semester class project. We have plans to begin a middle school competition after hosting nationals in 2009—target date for MS mock trial in Georgia is 2011!

Indiana (Susan Roberts, Coordinator)

This year marks Indiana's **15th year** holding mock trial competitions. We have come a long way from our small and humble beginnings of holding competitions in classrooms at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana among a handful of teams to now hosting preliminary and final competitions across the State in courtrooms. And, now that 15 years has passed, the mock trial students of the past keep coming back. They're now lawyers or teachers themselves, and they still want to be involved in mock trial – coaching and volunteering to judge! Is there a mock trial fan club out there? I'm sure this is a familiar experience for many other States as well. So, we continue to plug away, and try to develop our program further. Last year, under the direction and co-ordination of **Ann Marie Waldron**, we started a test program for a **middle school competition** to afford middle school students the opportunity for a challenging academic exercise. Due to the success of the program, and word quickly spreading, the middle school program will now be a mainstay of law related education programs offered in Indiana. The middle school students will be competing in December using a case involving a paintball game injury, which Iowa graciously agreed to let us use. Our high school case was just released, and the preliminary regional competitions will be held in February and the state competition in March. The case involves the murder of Dee Frost, who was murdered by being shoved into a commercial freezer. Dee admittedly had a gambling problem and was robbing Peter to pay Paul. Was Dee murdered by her angry business partner from whom she skimmed the profits and drove the business to bankruptcy, or was she murdered by the shady loan shark who had grown impatient of her promises to make payments? The verdict will be in March!

Kentucky (Billy Stover, Coordinator)

The Kentucky **state tournament** will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008.

Louisiana (Mimi Plauche, Coordinator)

The Louisiana problem for 2008 involves allegations of **product liability**. A high school student developed injuries to his hand from excessive text messaging and filed suit against the manufacturer of the Smartphone. The problem was made available to the high schools in early November, and regional competitions will be held after the first of the year. The state competition will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on February 23, 2008.

Ohio (Addie Natalie, Coordinator)

This school year the **Ohio Center for Law-Related Education** celebrates the **25th anniversary** of its Mock Trial Program. Since the first state competition was held in 1983, the program has grown from 28 teams, 300 students and 100 volunteer judges and lawyers to nearly 400 teams, 3,600 students, and over 900 volunteer judges and lawyers. The 2007-2008 Ohio High School Mock Trial competition will feature a clash between a church's free exercise of religion and a city's desire to prevent a public nuisance. In this year's case, a church is attempting to carry out its religious mission by allowing homeless persons to camp on church property. The church argues that the city's actions unconstitutionally burden the church's free exercise of religion, as guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. Additionally, for each of the last 24 years, the Ohio mock Trial program has produced a commemorative lapel pin. Students have designed the pins for the last five years, and students are once again invited to design the **25th anniversary Mock Trial lapel pin**. The winning design will be featured on more than 5,000 pins distributed to students, judges, attorneys and teachers who participate in the 2008 Ohio Mock Trial and National Mock Trial competitions.

South Korea (Dan Meadors, Coordinator)

We had a very successful tournament in August, this time with 18 teams, and will continue to have two national tournaments per year, summer and winter; the winter event qualifies a team for the NHSMT. Together with **Guam**, we are developing an **Asian/Pacific tournament** that should kick off in 2008. People may be surprised to learn there are newly interested parties in **Taiwan, India**, and the **Philippines** among others. We have an affiliation with the **Harvard Mock Trial team**, we will be sending some students from different schools here to HMT's seminar in Cambridge, MA in December, and some Harvard MT members will be visiting Korea in January for another workshop for Korean students.

News and Notes, Cont.

Tennessee (Stacey Shrader, Coordinator)

http://www.tba.org/YLD/younglawyer/08_2007.pdf

Texas (Amy Smith, Coordinator)

Long-time Texas State Coordinator, **Judy Yarbrow**, retired from her position with the Dallas Bar Association, after 26 years, this fall. **Amy Smith** took over the reins of the Texas program at the beginning of November. Amy is a graduate of Baylor University, has worked in programs and events for over 10 years and most recently, she coordinated the law-related education programs within the Dallas Bar Association. Amy looks forward to carrying the torch for mock trial in Texas.

Amy's email is asmith@dallasbar.org. (And we wish Judy all the best as she begins the next phase in her life! Happy Trails, Judy, until we meet again!!) Judy will continue her mock trial service as a member of the Board of Directors of the NHSMTTC, Inc., completing her Host Director term in May 2009.



Wisconsin (Dee Runaas, Coordinator)

Please enjoy an article about the Wisconsin mock trial program published in *The Capitol Times* (Madison, WI—11/7/07) and the *Green Bay Press Gazette* (11/23/07) by guest columnist (and Wisconsin State Bar President), **Tom Basting**:

“Our nation's founders understood the fundamental importance of a government based on the rule of law overseen by impartial courts. More than 200 years later, we continue to prosper in large part because of their vision and foresight. But every generation shares a responsibility to protect this heritage, and the State Bar of Wisconsin is proud to help do this by sponsoring the Mock Trial Program every year since 1983.

This unique competitive program has educated more than 30,000 high school students of all ages and backgrounds about our legal system and helped foster a deeper understanding of and respect for the rule of law by:

- offering hands-on exposure to court procedures and the American judicial system;
- improving basic life skills, such as critical thinking, communication and advocacy;
- building awareness of current legal and social issues; and
- fostering teamwork, collaboration and cooperation (as well as lots of fun) among young people of diverse interests and abilities.

Mock trials focus on compelling cases — often drawn from the front pages — and follow the same rules and procedures as actual civil and criminal trials. High school students across the state have already begun work on the 2008 competition. They're coached by volunteer attorneys and work together to prepare their presentations based on case materials developed by members of the State Bar.

Working with their coaches and teachers, the students will present opening statements, formulate direct and cross-examinations and offer closing arguments to panels of judges and attorneys (who will evaluate each team's demonstrated knowledge and presentation skills, not the legal merits of the issue at hand).

Adding to the authenticity of the competition, teams will compete in actual courtrooms beginning at the regional level in February. The winners will then compete for the state title in March in Madison, and the state winner will advance to the 2008 National High School Mock Trial Championship in Wilmington, Del. Wisconsin schools have earned top rankings in several past national competitions.

I'm proud of the contributions the State Bar and many of its members have made to the mock trial program over the past 25 years. More importantly, I invite business leader, teachers, parents and others to join attorneys in their communities in celebrating the determination of high school students across Wisconsin to renew our dedication to the rule of law and impartial courts.”

And a response to the article from **Laurie Frost**, a mock trial parent in Madison, WI:

“Hello, Mr. Basting.

I am writing to thank you for your recent TCT Guest Column on the high school Mock Trial program. My sons are currently in the 9th and 12th grade at Madison West High School. Both are Mock Trial participants. This will be my older son's third year being coached (and inspired!) by Magistrate Steve Crocker and my younger son's first year doing Mock Trial at the high school level. (He was very fortunate to have had a mini-Mock Trial experience last spring, as an 8th grader.) I am thrilled that both of my sons have found their way to this incredible, invaluable learning experience (a program I have heard so much about it over my near-20 years as a volunteer admissions interviewer for my Ivy League alma mater). I cannot say enough about what Mock Trial training and competition have given my older son, in terms of his analytical thinking skills, his ability to think and speak on his feet, and his understanding and respect for the legal process. (In fact, I recently got called to jury duty — and he wants to come and watch!) I daresay there is a very good chance that he will end up going to law school down the road. Heartfelt thanks to you and every other Wisconsin attorney who gives their time and expertise to this very worthy program.”

Great River Technologies: Web Resource Now Available



The National Mock Trial Practicum web site provides an exceptional opportunity for coaches to supplement the mock trial resources available to teams participating in mock trial programs throughout the nation. It is a general information, interactive website whose purpose is to enhance the Mock Trial experience for students, teachers, coaches, and judges, to provide an interactive area that will help students better understand how to give a statement, ask questions, control a difficult witness, and make timely objections. It also allows coaches to run a strong Mock Trial program even if they are new to the activity, don't have access to an attorney coach, or would just like to better understand the process and involvement. The National High School Mock Trial Championship Board of Directors fully supports this site and recommends its use to individual teams and statewide mock trial programs, alike.

Teams in Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio and Wisconsin have purchased access to the website. Additionally, the site has been previewed by teams/coaches in California, Delaware, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon and Utah. Below is a review of the site by Arizona teacher coach John Cosden.

Site Reviewed by **John Cosden**, Teacher Coach
Xavier College Preparatory High School
Phoenix, Arizona

"My kids and I finally had a chance to do a brief, general review of the Great River Technologies Mock Trial Practicum website. Having to rebuild two senior teams, we found the Practicum to be an outstanding bridge between our newest team members and our returning team members.

The offerings on the top bar—everything from Trial Preparation to Trial Practicum to Rules of Evidence Objections to Legal Glossary—are clearly labeled and easily accessed with just a click. Drop down menus offer another set of useful links with many of the categories accompanied by video clips. These video clips (although staged for demonstration purposes) offer a courtroom scene that succinctly reinforces such courtroom tactics as proper objections. Some links come with a self-testing quiz. The "Flash Card" option under the "Legal Glossary" category is an excellent learning tool for legal terms. Beyond the well-designed navigational format and the relevant mock trial content is the site's accessibility. Each team member and coach will have access 24/7.

This learning-on-available-time option is the Practicum's primary strength. Students can learn on their away-from-school time, times that fit their busy schedules. Coaches and teachers can assign particular links that they may want to discuss at team practices/meetings. The commonality between all the team members and the coaches is not only the ability to view the same material but also to print out each page that the team might deem relevant to their case folders and/or that each team member chooses to reinforce his or her own learning curve."

Access to the website may be purchased for **\$100**, which provides a team with 8 access codes (+ a master coach code). Access codes for additional students may be purchased for \$10 each. Purchasing information may be obtained from **Stacy Beyer** at **Great River Technologies**: (563) 589-1270 or sbeyer@greatrivertech.net (4050 Westmark Drive; Dubuque, IA 52002). Feedback from users is welcome and appreciated. Contact Stacy Beyer to submit comments about and suggestions for the site.

2008 NHSMTC (Delaware) Preliminary Interest Form

STATE COORDINATORS: To indicate intent to send your state championship team to Nationals in Wilmington, Delaware and to be listed on the 2008 National Mock Trial mailing list and thereby receive registration materials, please detach this form from the newsletter, complete the information below and return this page to:

2008 National Mock Trial Championship

Franny Haney, Co-Host Director
500 N. King Street, Suite 11600
Wilmington, DE 19801
FAX # (302) 255-2217

Official registration materials will be available by December 15th online at <http://mocktrial.delaware.gov/>

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

State: _____

Coordinator Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Return A.S.A.P. or before Monday, January 7, 2008



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contact John Wheeler.

The National High School Mock Trial Championship is committed to the study, understanding and appreciation of the American justice system. The mock trial format presents a hypothetical legal case to teams of students who play the roles of witnesses and attorneys. Students participating in mock trials gain an understanding of our society's approach to dispute resolution and justice in general with a hands-on experiential approach. Critical thinking, formulation of ideas and opinions, oral presentation, effective advocacy and even value definition are all required skills to successfully argue a case.

**Judging Panel Volunteers Needed
for the 2008 National Tournament
in Wilmington!**

Go online for a volunteer form:

<http://mocktrial.delaware.gov/>

Contact Franny Haney at Franny.Haney@state.de.us or
(302) 255-0093 for more information.



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