

MOCK TRIAL MATTERS

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CALENDAR

Indianapolis is on Eastern Standard Time

April 1— National Case Release.

April 15—Deadline

- 1) Online team registration
- 2) Online event ticket Orders
- 3) Tournament schedule adjustment
- 4) Hotel reservation
- 5) Last day to update registration.
- 6) Mandatory Coordinator Survey

April 19—Deadline

Payment for registration and event tickets.

April 19—Practice Room Schedules

Will be posted between April 19th and April 30th.

If you plan to use the room to scrimmage, please email skroberts@inmocktrial.com of your scrimmage partner for the time slot requested.

April 19—Photo Schedules

Will be posted between April 19th and April 30th.

April 25— Noon Deadline

To submit all case and rule questions.

May 9-11—

National Tournament, Indianapolis, Indiana.

May 9—State Coordinators

Meeting; Timekeeper Orientation; Coaches Orientation and Team Pin Exchange.

May 10— Rounds 1 & 2; Judges' Reception; Baseball game.

May 11—Rounds 3 & 4; Championship Round (**No cell phones** are permitted at the U.S. District Court); Awards Ceremony & Dance.

May 12— Scoring Ballots available for state coordinator pick-up.

2013 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP Indianapolis, Indiana



MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONS RACE TO INDIANAPOLIS! By Ann Marie Waldron, 2013 Host Director

From the time the green flag waves to the checkered flag falls, Indianapolis will serve as host to hundreds of the best and brightest high school students in our nation. Central Indiana has a tradition of celebrating champions in May as home to the Indianapolis 500, and the state's legal community looks forward to expanding that celebration of excellence May 9 to 11 as this year's host of the National High School Mock Trial Championship.

Teams attending the NHSMTC are encouraged to register immediately. April 15 is the deadline to register your team online and purchase event tickets and t-shirts. The Indianapolis Host Committee has worked diligently to create a web-based registration system that provides easy "one-stop shopping" for all of your team's registration requirements. The system can be accessed on the 2013 NHSMTC website under "Online Tournament Registration" (<http://www.inmocktrial.org/RS/WelcomeMainPage.php>). A user's guide is available on that page to walk you through the process.

The registration system provides flexibility to enter information and make changes for each participant. This includes state coordinators, faculty sponsors, attorney coaches, student team members, timekeepers, judging panel members, and other volunteers. Observers and other attendees do not register through this system, but they may add their request for event ticket or t-shirt purchases through a registered participant. Remember, the registration and purchase process closes April 15, and all fees must be paid by April 19.

The excitement will get underway as soon as teams begin arriving in the Circle City as early as Wednesday, May 8. In anticipation of the competition, attendees are encouraged to visit the NHSMTC Inc. Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-High-School-Mock-Trial-Championship-Inc/267025570002719>. (Please note: when searching for this page, it is the National High School Mock Trial Championship Inc. page –"Inc." must follow NHSMTC to access the current page.) This page will be updated regularly as information about the competition becomes available. A new

NHSMTC Twitter account will be used to provide volunteers and visitors news prior to and during the competition. The Twitter handle is @NHSMTC. Visit twitter.com and sign up to follow NHSMTC news.

The incredible JW Marriott, one of the city's newest and most striking hotels, will be home to the NHSMTC participants during their stay in Indianapolis. Located at 10 S. West Street, the JW, as it is referred to by the locals, towers into the skyline and literally reflects the beauty of Indianapolis in May. Opened just prior to Super Bowl XLVI last year, the JW overlooks downtown landmarks including Lucas Oil Stadium – home to the Indianapolis Colts, the downtown canal; the NCAA headquarters and Hall of Champions, and other attractions.



A guaranteed room rate of \$129 per night, plus tax, is provided. Reservations may be made online directly with the hotel. To receive the group rate, visit the 2013 NHSMTC website at <http://www.inmocktrial.org/2013Nationals.aspx> and select the “Hotel Reservation” link. Here you can get more information about the JW Marriott and make your reservation with the promotional rate (online or by telephone using the designated phone number shown on our hotel link). Rooms held in the NHSMTC block will be released after April 15.



The national competition will be headquartered at the JW, with a registration and information desk available throughout the competition to assist and direct competitors. The hotel will also be the site of meeting and practice rooms, team photos, and the Awards Gala & Ceremony. It is just steps away from the evening activities, including the Indianapolis Indians baseball game at Victory field and the

Team Pin Exchange at the Indiana State Museum, and is a short walk to downtown shopping and restaurants. (See “Where to find it in Indianapolis” in this newsletter for more downtown info.)

The real action heats up on Friday when Round 1 of the competition begins at the City-County Building, the site of the four rounds of competition. Team members will walk approximately 15 minutes east on Washington St. to reach the courtrooms. Teams will be staggered as they leave the JW to ensure a smooth flow into the competition space.

The Championship Finals will be held in the historic Birch Bayh Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse at 46 East Ohio Street, just a few blocks north of the City-County Building. Team members are reminded that visitors to both courthouses will go through a security checkpoint. Phones are allowed in the City



County Building, but many objects are not. Bring only those items you need for the competition.

The civil case for the 2013 competition, written by Indiana State Coordinator Susan Roberts, was released April 1. It can be accessed online at the NHSMTC website referenced above. A **2013 Tournament Handbook** providing a great deal of information about the Indianapolis location, registration, the schedule, competition rules, and championship announcements can be downloaded on the 2013 NHSMTC site. All team coaches, parents and participants are encouraged to take advantage of this comprehensive reference tool. Don't leave home without it!

Teams may submit questions, through their state coordinators, about the case or rules until April 25. Answers to case and rule questions along with any case updates will be posted weekly on Friday afternoons through April 26. The final version of the 2013 case materials will be posted April 30.

The host committee has contracted with the JW to provide 12 rooms on Wednesday and Thursday for teams to use for practice. Through the online registration system, on the State Champion School Registration Record created for your team, each team will be permitted to indicate its preference for three practice times. Practice rooms will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Scheduling of team photos is being handled in a similar format.

Judges and volunteers are still needed for the competition, and the Indianapolis host committee welcomes participants from all venues. Volunteers may sign up at the "Online Tournament Registration" link at <http://www.inmocktrial.org/RS/WelcomeMainPage.php>. The registration system permits Judging Panel or other volunteers to initiate their own record by establishing their log-in name (email address) and password. Judges can then check their availability, purchase tickets and provide other information helpful to the host committee in making assignments. All judges are invited to an "invitation only" Judges' Reception at the Indiana Historical Society on May 10 and are eligible for the group rate at the JW and to purchase NHSMTC event tickets online.

Law firms, courts, bar associations and others have come together to make this year's NHSMTC fun and memorable. Hoosier Hospitality will be on display as participants and their coaches and families experience three or four days of intense competition and camaraderie. The all-events pass, which will be provided without extra charge to all official team members, will include entrance to the:

- Thursday Night Welcome Reception/Pin Exchange at the Indiana State Museum,
- Friday Night Indians Baseball Game at Victory Field along with Tribe bucks for concessions,
- Lunch on Friday and Saturday at Scotty's, a popular downtown eatery minutes from the City-County Building, and



- Saturday Awards Gala & Ceremony.
- A Team Dance will be held following the gala, but tickets are not required.

Individual tickets to events, along with commemorative 2013 NHSMTC t-shirts, are available through the online registration system. Award ceremony tickets and t-shirts will not be available at the competition, so encourage your team members and traveling guests to plan ahead!

The Indianapolis Host Committee is looking forward to hosting your inspiring and accomplished high school students, along with their coaches, teachers and families, for what is undoubtedly the ultimate law-related education experience in the United States today. Encourage your team members to visit the 2013 NHSMTC website referenced in this newsletter, download the Tournament Handbook, “Like” the NHSMTC Inc. Facebook page, sign up to receive “tweets” and, most-important, register before April 15 to take full advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

See you in Indianapolis for the 2013 National High School Mock Trial Championship!

Where to Find It in Indianapolis

JW Marriott Indianapolis

10 South West Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

317-860-5800 or 866-704-6162

To visit the hotel’s website, click here: <http://www.jwindy.com/>

To make online reservations at the NHSMTC group rate, click here:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=9717831

Transportation Information

- **Indianapolis International Airport** is located approximately 14 miles from the JW Marriott Indianapolis hotel. Click here for a map and directions. <http://www.jwindy.com/cms/pressroom/drivingdirectionsfromindianapolisinternationalairport%281%29.pdf> **Rental cars** are available from most major rental agencies. For more information about the airport, click here: <http://www.indianapolisairport.com/>
- **Taxi Service** - Taxis may be hailed from the airport's Ground Transportation Center (GTC) located on Level 1 of the Parking Garage. Taxis are also available outside the front entrance of the JW Marriott.

- **IndyGo** - [IndyGo](http://www.indygo.net/pages/transit-service-between-airportdowntown-indy)'s Route 8 provides non-express, fixed-route service from then airport to downtown via stops along Washington Street. Learn more about the city's bus service here: <http://www.indygo.net/pages/transit-service-between-airportdowntown-indy>
- **Van/Shuttle Service** - Shuttles can be reserved in advance for transportation to and from the airport. For a list of shuttle services, click here: http://www.indianapolisairport.com/parking_transportation/shuttleBuss.aspx

Restaurants in the JW Marriott Hotel

- **High Velocity** – The epitome of the modern upscale sports bar, with a state-of-the-art entertainment system, a sophisticated and enhanced bar menu and a variety of spaces for private and group viewings.
- **Osteria Pronto** – Regional Italian cuisine, including crisp salads, thin-crust pizzas, hearty pastas and satisfying fish and meat dishes.
- **Tavern on the Plaza** – Offers open-air dining overlooking adjacent museums and lush green spaces. The alfresco restaurant permits guests to savor small bites or full plates, take in some fresh air and freely watch passersby. (Open seasonally, from approximately May – October)
- **Starbucks** – Located on the second floor near the skybridge, the convenient café is perfect for a morning pastry, an afternoon pick-me-up or a quick cup of coffee with colleagues and friends.

Food Choices near the JW Marriott

- Adobo Grill (Mexican) – 110 E. Washington (317) 822-9990
- Buca di Beppo (Italian) – 35 N. Illinois (317) 632-2822
- Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar (Wings/American) – 7 W. Washington (317) 951-9464
- Circle Centre Mall Restaurants – 49 W. Maryland
 - California Pizza Kitchen (Italian) - (317) 217-1291
 - Champps Americana (American) – (317) 951-0033
 - P.F. Chang's China Bistro (Chinese) – (317) 974-5747
 - Palomino (European)- (317) 974-0400
- Circle Centre Mall Food Court (various fast food options) – 49 W. Maryland
- Dick's Last Resort – 111 W Maryland St. (317) 608-2456
- Einstein Bros. Bagels (Breakfast/Sandwiches) – 15 E. Market (317) 917-9888
- Greek Islands (Greek) – 906 S. Meridian (317) 636-0700
- Hard Rock Café (American) - 49 S. Meridian (317) 636-2516

- Harry & Izzy's – 153 S Illinois St. (317) 635-9594
- Hot Box Pizza (Pizza) – 30 E. Georgia (317) 656-6000
- Indianapolis Colts Grille (American) – 110 W. Washington (317) 631-2007
- La Margarita (Mexican) – 1043 Virginia (317) 384-1457
- Le Peep 301 N. Illinois (317) 237-3447
- Mikado Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar (Japanese) – 148 S. Illinois (317) 972-4180
- Noodles & Company (Noodles/Salads/Sandwiches) – 121 W. Maryland (317) 638-1300
- Panera Bread (Soups/Salads/Sandwiches) – 110 W. Washington (317) 822-8385
- Patachou on the Park (Breakfast/Bakery/Café/Deli) 225 W. Washington (317) 632-0765
- Ram Restaurant & Brewery (American/Burgers) – 140 S. Illinois (317) 681-8180
- St. Elmo Steak House (Steak House) – 127 S. Illinois (317) 635-0636
- Steak n Shake (Burgers) – 101 W. Maryland (317) 634-8703
- The Oceanaire Seafood Room (Seafood) – 30 S. Meridian (317) 955-2277
- The Old Spaghetti Factory (Italian) – 210 S. Meridian (317) 635-6325
- More dining choices: <http://www.jwindy.com/indianapolis/areadining>

Local Copy Centers

- FedEx Office Print & Ship Center – in the JW Marriott (317)974-0378
- FedEx Office Print & Ship Center – 120 Monument Circle #107 (317) 631-6862
- The UPS Store – 133 Market Street (317) 236-0009

Local Pharmacy/Convenience/Grocery Stores

- CVS Pharmacy – 175 N. Illinois (317) 636-6664
- Walgreens – 1530 N. Meridian (317) 261-1753
- Marsh Supermarket – 320 N. New Jersey (317) 262-4888
- Speedway Gas Station – 401 Kentucky Ave (317) 630-4925

Local Medical Facilities

Should an emergency arise, call 911

- IU Health Methodist Hospital – 1701 N. Senate (317) 962-2000
- IU University Hospital – 550 University Blvd (317) 944-5000

Indianapolis Indians Home Games on May 10, 11 and 12

Victory Field, 501 W. Maryland

- Friday, May 10 vs. Toledo @ 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, May 11 vs. Toledo @ 7:05 p.m.
- Sunday, May 12 vs. Toledo @ 1:35 p.m.

Tickets may be ordered online at

<http://www.milb.com/tickets/singlegame.jsp?sid=t484>

For information concerning **White River State Park**, home of NCAA Hall of Champions, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians & Western Art, Indiana State Museum, IMAX Theater, Indianapolis Zoo & White River Gardens, and Victory Field, visit <http://inwhiteriver.wrsp.in.gov/> or call (317) 233-2434.

**For more information about the 2013
NHSMTTC Tournament, visit our
website at:**

inmocktrial.org/2013Nationals.aspx

**The Twitter handle
is @NHSMTTC.
Visit twitter.com
and sign up to follow
NSHMTTC news.**

A Word From Our Chair

By Dewain Fox



One of our veteran mock trial coaches in Arizona likes to call mock trial the “intellectual contact sport”. That description resonated with me recently as I had the opportunity to watch my niece Sydney and her team advance through the Arizona high school girls’ basketball playoffs to the state championship game.

The similarities between a champion mock trial team and a champion basketball team begin long before the teams ever set foot in the court or on the court, as the case may be, to compete. For many years, Syd has worked long hours--often alone in the gym--developing her fundamentals and honing her award-winning shot. In that respect, she’s no different than the mock trial student who spends hours poring over the rules of evidence, learning the fundamentals of controlling a witness on cross-examination or polishing a winning closing argument. Both put in the grueling work that it takes to be a champion--something that most spectators take for granted when they see the finished product.

As I watch Syd and her teammates go through their shoot around before the championship game, giving each other their last words of encouragement, I am reminded of the scores of mock trial teams I’ve seen over the years before an important round. The attorney and witness who find a corner in the hallway to go over their direct examination one last time. The closer pacing back and forth making sure she has her argument down pat. The team members huddling to get one last word from their coach before entering the courtroom. The anticipation--and the pressure--builds as game time approaches!

Finally, it’s time for the player introductions. A chill goes down my spine, and I beam with pride, as the public address system echoes, “Starting at guard, 6-1 senior, Sydney Wiese!” It’s the same feeling that the many family members experience in the courtroom gallery when they see their mock trial student stand and introduce herself to the judges before the trial begins.

Syd and her teammates have their work cut out for them today. Indeed, it seems an insurmountable task. They’re facing their arch-rival--the two-time defending state champion, a team that finished last season undefeated and ranked first nationally, a team that has won 59 straight games against in-state opponents since its last loss to Syd’s team two years ago. We’re on the verge of witnessing an epic battle between two premiere teams--not unlike a hard-fought state or national mock trial championship round.

The ebb and flow of the game also reminds me of a great mock trial round. Neither team can dominate the other and keep the upper hand the entire game. Syd's team surprises its opponent (and the fans) with a strong start. Just like a methodically-paced cross-examination that leaves the witness exposed and defenseless, Syd's team is able to control the tempo--exposing and taking advantage of the opposing team's weaknesses.

It's half-time, and Syd's team has a 6-point lead! The arena is filled with the same nervous energy that I've seen countless times before in courtroom galleries. While the opposing team's fans surely are nervous that the streak is coming to an end, I nervously anticipate Syd's team completing the journey and taking home the championship trophy.

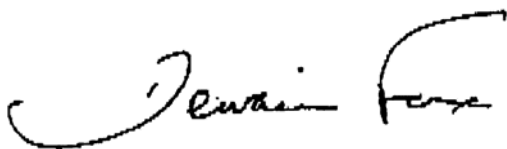
The second half is played with the same ferocity as the first. The opposing team shows the grit of a two-time defending champion, and refuses to quit. And, despite losing its lead, Syd's team claws its way back into the game and makes a late comeback to come within two points. Is it too little, too late? Or, can Syd's team pull off the magical upset and dethrone the defending champion?

It was heart-wrenching to see Syd collapse in tears of bitter disappointment as the last seconds of her high school basketball career ticked off the clock. I've seen those tears before. They're the same tears shed by someone who has given everything she has for four years to win a state or national mock trial championship--only to fall just short of her goal when it's within reach. They're the tears of someone who feels in that moment that all of the hard work was wasted and not worth it. They're the tears of someone who feels like she let her team down when it mattered the most.

Fortunately, with a lot of love and support from her family and friends, it only took Syd about a day of venting to put her disappointment into perspective. She was able to reflect on her career and appreciate all of the wonderful accomplishments she achieved. She also realized that, despite the heartache, the hard work really was worth it. After all, without all of that work, she certainly would not have been recognized as Arizona's Player of the Year!

As all of us wrap up our state competitions, we will see those tears of disappointment on many students' faces. And, as we get ready to crown a new national champion in Indianapolis, we undoubtedly will see many talented and deserving students who fall short of their goal of going out as a "national champion". My sincere hope is that all of our students who feel battered and bruised after competing in the ultimate "intellectual contact sport" this May will find the love and support they need to heal their disappointments and put their mock trial experience into proper perspective.

See you in May!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dewain Fox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dewain Fox, Board Chair

Required Tournament Meetings

State Coordinators' Business Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 1:30-3:30 PM

White River Ballroom G-H (JW Marriottt)

Attendance is required of all state coordinators or a coordinator's official designee. *A state coordinator's "official designee" must have the state coordinator's written proxy in order to vote.* Hosted by John Wheeler (IA)

Timekeeper Orientation

Thursday, May 9, 4:00-5:00 PM White River Ballroom I-J (JW Marriottt)

Attendance is required of all student timekeepers. *One coach (only) per team is welcome to attend, but coach attendance is not required.*

Coaches Orientation

Thursday, May 9, 4:30-5:30 PM

White River Ballroom F (JW Marriottt)

At least one coach from each team is required to attend this meeting. State Coordinators may attend this meeting, as well. This meeting will cover a number of important tournament details and may cover some team-specific details not covered in the State Coordinator's meeting.

Coordinator's Round Table Discussion

The 2013 Coordinator's Round Table Discussion will be held on May 9th at the JW Marriott White River Ballroom G-H, from 12:30-1:30 pm. Attendance is optional. The Round Table was created to provide coordinators with the opportunity to discuss topics important to mock trial programs from around the nation. It's a great opportunity to ask questions and get exceptional support from mock trial professionals from around the country. We look forward to seeing you at the Round Table!

Rule Updates and Rules/Case Questions

The 2013 Rules posted on the NHSMTC website and in the Indianapolis case materials have been updated to reflect the new Federal Rules of Evidence. The new Rules of Evidence can be found on the national website at the following link: <http://www.nationalmocktrial.org/NHSMTCRulesofEvidence08-29-2012.pdf> .

All cases and rules questions must be submitted by a state coordinator (or his/her official designee) by noon on April 25th to the following email: nationals@inmocktrial.com.

A running list of answers to submitted questions will be posted weekly on every Friday afternoon thru April 26th at: <http://www.inmocktrial.com/2013Nationals.aspx> under "Responses to Questions on the Case and Rules." The final version of the 2013 case materials will be posted online on Tuesday, April 30th.

2013 Spring Board Election

A scheduled election will be held during the State Coordinators' meeting on May 9th in Indianapolis.

There are 4 at-large Board positions up for election this year. According to the by-laws, interested candidates were to submit their letter of intent to run to the Nomination Committee Chair (David Berlin) no later than March 15, 2013. If this deadline was missed, but a person still wishes to be nominated for one of the Board positions, that individual must communicate this intention to the Nomination Committee Chair by the end of the NHSMTC, Inc. Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, 5/9/13. 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 (see NHSMTC, Inc. By-Laws Article IV, Section 2).

There are four candidates who have indicated their intention to run for these four positions, as of the publication date of this newsletter, and they are: Dewain Fox (AZ) seeking re-election, Emily Reilly (IL) seeking re-election, Kim Basting (MN), and Rebecca Britton (NC). Statements from each of the candidates will be emailed to all state coordinators in April.

In addition, each candidate will have an opportunity to address coordinators during the State Coordinators' Meeting in Indianapolis. State coordinators (members) who cannot attend this business meeting in person, may submit their vote on any issue before the membership of the organization through a fellow member (state coordinator) by written proxy (see NHSMTC, Inc. By-Laws Article IV, Section 3 (c)).



WE THE PEOPLE – 226 YEARS LATER

By William R. Sieben

President, Foundation of the American Board of Trial Advocates

“We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

These 52 words begin the document that has guided governance of the United States since September 17, 1787, and defined what it means to be an American. With just 27 amendments, the Constitution has held our country together for 226 years.

The Constitution was written by 55 men who came together in Philadelphia to create a Constitution that would replace the failing Articles of Confederation. The writers had a great sense of purpose – to save our country from failure.

The first 10 amendments to the Constitution — the Bill of Rights — were added by 1791, as an "Operator's Manual" and explained how the Constitution should be used. They assured our rights were clearly stated, including better definitions of due process (basic fairness), and they gave the people a clear voice in governing. We have a right to free expression, as a result, and we have the right to confront an accuser and to try our case before a jury.

In 1865 when the 13th and 14th Amendments were passed, with the rights granted by the Constitution and the first 10 Amendments, the states also had to treat us fairly with due process, and slavery was abolished.

Many of the rights derived from our Constitutional battles are still threatened every day, perhaps none more so than the 6th and 7th Amendments, which give us the right to a trial by a jury in all civil and criminal cases. We are in danger of losing the critical checks and balances that our founders believed were at the center of our justice system, embodied in a jury trial, where we speak our minds and express our values.

The American Board of Trial Advocates and its educational foundation are committed to teaching young Americans, lawyers, judges, legislators and our Executive Branch of government about the right to trial by jury – a critical freedom that defines the American experience and makes us the envy of the world.

We have made a number of sources available to students. Check out

- **Justice by the People:** A great source to learn about your rights and responsibilities as citizens. www.scholastic.com/americanjustice
- **James Otis Lecture Series:** Held for high school students on Constitution Day every September 17. Go to www.abota.org to register for an event in your area.
- **We the Jury:** Have fun deciding a tough case while learning about what jurors discuss in the deliberation room. Choose from different civil cases, analyze evidence, weigh testimony, and use the right arguments to reach a fair and impartial verdict. Go to: www.icivics.org, select "Judicial Branch."

"We" are the people and we must stand for the essential elements of democracy!

One of six generations of Siebens, Bill Sieben comes from a family steeped in Minnesota law and politics for more than 100 years. Bill is a native of Hastings, Minn. He graduated magna cum laude from St. Cloud State University in 1973 and William Mitchell College of Law in 1977.

The ABOTA Foundation is an affiliated charitable entity, the mission of which is to support civic education through education and research. For more information, contact Brian Tyson at (800) 932-2682; briant@abota.org. Or go to www.abota.org.



ABOTA hosted a Constitution Day in the chambers of the Texas House of Representatives at the State Capitol in Austin on Sept. 17, 2012. Programs such as this one were held in cities across the country.

**ABOTA is a proud sponsor of the
National High School Mock Trial
Championship**



The Foundation

of the International Association of Defense Counsel

NEW SPONSOR **of the 2013 National High School Mock Trial Championship**

The Foundation of the IADC is excited and honored to sponsor the 2013 National High School National Mock Trial Championship as part of its mission to support the advancement of the civil justice system. The Championship helps provide high school students with a heightened appreciation of the rule of law and the jury trial system through access to advocacy training. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who make the program possible, and we look forward to supporting your efforts!

Foundation Board members will be at the Championship this year to talk with you and find out more about how The Foundation and IADC members can help.

The Foundation of the IADC also supports other endeavors to support the advancement of the civil justice system including:

iCivics (www.icivics.org) which provides civics education to grade school children through a series of fun and interactive online games. In addition to financial support, IADC members have served as state coordinators to get these games into the classrooms and to the students.

Scholarships for the IADC Trial Academy, an intensive one-week program that teaches courtroom skills and gives less experienced lawyers a chance to practice all phases of a trial from beginning to end.



About the International Association of Defense Counsel

The International Association of Defense Counsel is an invitation-only professional association for corporate and insurance defense lawyers. Established in 1920, the IADC has approximately 2,500 members in 40 countries.

www.iadcfoundation.org

www.iadclaw.org

NHSMTC Committee Work Summary

The National High School Mock Trial Championship, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization. There are no paid staff members who coordinate the activities of the NHSMTC.

The governing body of the NHSMTC, Inc. is the Board of Directors of the NHSMTC. The 2012- 2013 Chair of the Board is Dewain Fox (AZ) , the Vice Chair is Emily Reilly (IL), the Treasurer is Susan Roberts (IN) and the Secretary is Laura Wesley (CA). This Board is charged with the following responsibilities:

- Establish policy.
- Develop guidelines and requirements for host states.
- Establish and maintain standards for the hosting of the National Championship.
- Build and maintain a working relationship with the mock trial coordinators of each state having a mock trial program.
- Promote mock trials through marketing and promotions.
- Assist host states in holding the National Championships.
- Provide assistance and guidance to state mock trial organizations as appropriate.
- Provide assistance and guidance to Host Directors as appropriate.

The NHSMTC Board relies on a host organization in an individual state to coordinate the logistics of the national tournament each year and a group of standing committees to accomplish other important work for the organization. Non-board members are welcome to serve on all NHSMTC committees, with the exception of the Case and Nominating Committees. Anyone interested in serving on a committee should contact Dewain Fox to volunteer. The Committees of the NHSMTC, Inc. are as follows:

Archives Committee—This committee was created by the NHSMTC, Inc. Board in 2011 and is responsible for collecting and maintaining paper and electronic documents and items relevant to the history of the NHSMTC, Inc. This committee maintains an electronic case library that includes a copy of all past NHSMTC cases and state cases submitted for inclusion in the library each season. Those state cases submitted for the 2012-13 academic year will be summarized and placed into the case library. Additionally, paper and/or electronic copies of NHSMTC team registration materials, pre and post host reports and other such items as the committee deems appropriate are collected annually. This committee meets as needed and is chaired by Bob Noel (LA). This committee was tasked during the 2012 October meeting of the NHSMTC Board with

continuing the process of retrieving the archives from former archivist Dee Runaas (IL) and sorting through the materials to determine what items will be kept, what items will be converted to an electronic format and which items will be discarded. Additionally, this committee was tasked with determining future storage options for the archives. This will include archives of committee reports and other corporate records.

Articles & By-Laws Committee—This committee reviews and develops the by-laws that govern the NHSMTC, Inc. It meets as needed and currently Susan Roberts (IN) serves as chair. The articles and bylaws have been reviewed and updated. Recent changes to the Bylaws are the addition of membership fees and the removal of the Archivist Board position.

Awards Committee—This committee is responsible for soliciting and considering nominations for the Gene Franchini Golden Gavel Award. The committee makes recommendations to the Board for the recipient of this award and determines its presentation. All past recipients of the award compose this committee and meet as needed. Larry Bakko (WI) serves as chair. The committee reviewed nominations for the 2013 Gene Franchini Golden Gavel award and, if a recipient was selected, will present the award during the NHSMTC Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 11th in Indianapolis.

Case Committee—This committee has the authority to give final approval to a host committee's case materials. The committee reviews drafts of case materials to ensure suitability and compliance with National policies, rules and guidelines. The committee has also been tasked with preparing and having ready in reserve one problem for use at the NHSMTC, in the event the case prepared by the host committee is deemed unusable or in the event no host state is identified in a given year. This committee meets as needed and currently Paul Kaufman (PA) serves as chair. Coaches may not serve as members of this committee. The committee has completed its collaboration with the Indianapolis (2013) case writers, is continuing collaboration with the Wisconsin (2014) case writers and will approve the case topic for the 2015 NHSMTC with the North Carolina case writers.

Competition Committee and Information Technology Committee—This committee was created by the NHSMTC, Inc. Board in 2012 to create a long-term plan for the competition operations and the technology needs of the program. This committee meets as needed and currently John Wheeler (IA) serves as chair. The committee is responsible for establishing the protocol for competition logistics and the technological requirements for the competition and NHSMTC website.

Development Committee—This committee was created to explore external funding sources to support and grow the NHSMTC well into the future. This

committee meets as needed and currently John Wheeler (IA) serves as chair. The committee is exploring more National sponsorship of the program.

Executive Committee—This committee is made up of NHSMTTC Board officers, including the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer. It meets as needed to review issues related to the NHSMTTC, Inc. Dewain Fox (AZ), NHSMTTC Board Chair, chairs this committee.

Long Range Planning Committee—This committee focuses on the institutional advancement of the NHSMTTC, Inc. and recommends actions and strategies to grow and strengthen the program. This committee meets as needed and currently Emily Reilly (IL) serves as chair. In addition to the mandatory \$250 membership fee that is due by April 15th each year from each state, the committee is asking all states to participate in a mandatory survey. Both the membership fee and completion of the survey are required for participation in the annual national tournament. The funds collected through this membership fee have been earmarked specifically for costs borne by NHSMTTC, Inc. for hosting or aiding in the hosting of the national championship. The survey will gather data about state mock trial programs to help with gaining a better understanding of state programs and assist with future fundraising. States who fail to pay the registration fee or complete the survey will be deemed “non-members” and will not have access to case archives and will not be able to participate at the national competition. The LRPC will continue to identify issues affecting the long-term health of the organization and making improvements thereto.

Lobbying Committee—This committee was created to develop NHSMTTC Board policy on lobbying for site bids and on gifts related to bids. This committee is currently inactive.

Newsletter Committee—This committee gathers news and articles of interest regarding high school mock trial and produces two editions of the NHSMTTC newsletter, *Mock Trial Matters*, annually. The newsletter is emailed to the state coordinators in the spring and fall and posted on the NHSMTTC website. This committee meets as needed and currently Laura Wesley (CA) serves as chair. No new business is currently before this committee.

Nominating Committee—This committee is responsible for encouraging submission of nominations for Board membership. It is also responsible for the training and education of new Board members. The membership of this committee is restricted to Board members, meets as needed and is comprised of Board officers. Currently David Berlin (NM) serves as chair. The deadline for a candidate to submit his/her intention to run for an open at-large position on the NHSMTTC Board is March 15th each year. Mr. Berlin reported there are four board vacancies. A request for submissions was placed in the fall Newsletter and emailed to coordinators.

Policy Committee—This committee sets policies regarding the conduct of NHSMTTC business and the role of Board members and member organizations. This committee meets as needed and currently the Don Christensen (NV) serves as chair. The group investigated the issue of obtaining general liability insurance with regards to nationals each year. The committee is looking into the possibility of NHSMTTC reincorporating in Delaware, to facilitate the purchase of a general liability insurance policy. The committee will also bring proposals for a board policy on vendors at NHSMTTC to the May board meeting.

Public Relations Committee—This committee is responsible for promoting mock trial and encouraging greater involvement in the NHSMTTC. It also maintains a relationship with media providers and develops guidelines regarding that relationship. This committee meets as needed and currently is chaired by Ann Marie Waldron (IN). The committee reported on their completion of a national and state mock trial PSA that will be available on the NHSMTTC website. The committee also reported on the completion of a draft media guide that when finalized will also be available on the NHSMTTC website.

Rules Committee—This committee reviews the current competition rules and the modified Rules of Evidence used in the NHSMTTC and makes recommendations for modification. This committee meets as needed and currently Pete Jones (DE) serves as chair. The committee reported on the amendments to the rules which have been posted on the NHSMTTC website and sent to coordinators last September.

Site Selection Committee— This committee works with prospective host organizations to put together bid packages. The committee reviews host proposals and makes recommendations to the full Board of Directors about those proposals. This committee meets as needed and currently Rando Hicks (AR) serves as chair. The committee reported that the 2014 site will be Wisconsin and the 2015 site will be in North Carolina. Currently the Site Selection Committee welcomes inquiries from all interested potential hosts for the 2016 NHSMTTC.

There are two ad hoc committees currently active: the Ad-Hoc Curriculum Committee and the Ad- Hoc Scoring Committee.

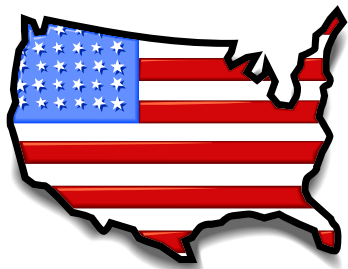
Ad-Hoc Curriculum Committee—This committee reviews and recommends other mock trial preparation materials that may be helpful to teams/programs nationwide. This committee meets as needed and currently Laura Wesley (CA) serves as chair. No new business is currently before this committee.

Ad-Hoc Scoring Committee—This committee was created in 2008 to review the scoring and ranking system for the NHSMTTC. This committee meets as needed and currently Larry Bakko (WI) serves as chair. No new business is currently before this committee.

News and Notes From Around the Nation

Arkansas

By Crystal Newton



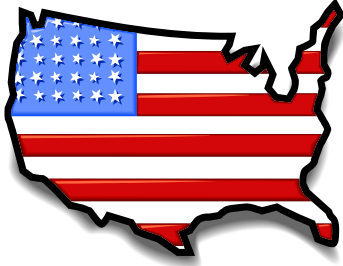
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The Arkansas Mock Trial program had the highest number of registrations in almost ten years, with 32 teams registered. The Mock Trial Committee encouraged more participation this year by contacting schools earlier in the year, providing additional materials (such as the new Teacher Coach Manual, adapted from Arizona), hosting workshops, and assisting with attorney coach pairings. We hope to see this number continue to grow, and to reduce our attrition over the next several years.

We had 11 first time competitors register for the Mock Trial competition this year. One of the most interesting new teams was the Arkansas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Their team converted the entire case to Braille, and even provided interlined versions of the witness statements (meaning there would be print as well as Braille) so that both teams could read from the same documents during trial. The students thoroughly enjoyed the competition, and look forward to the opportunity to compete again next year.

The level of preparation from our students this year was impressive, and the competition was tough. Eight teams advanced to the State Competition on March 9, 2013 at the Pulaski County Courthouse. For the second consecutive year, students from Little Rock Central High School prevailed as the winners of the Arkansas Mock Trial Competition and will represent our state in the National High School Mock Trial Tournament in Indianapolis. To keep up with the Arkansas Mock Trial program be sure to follow us on Twitter @ArkBarMT.





California

By Laura Wesley

History was made at Constitutional Right's Foundation's 32nd Annual State Mock Trial Finals in California. For the first time in the history of the state program, La Reina High School from Ventura County, won the state title for a consecutive three year's in a row! They defeated a wild card team, Redlands High School from San Bernardino, to secure a position at Nationals. CRF wishes the team the best of luck as they seek a National title! The California state finals took place in Riverside, California, with 34 teams from across the state.

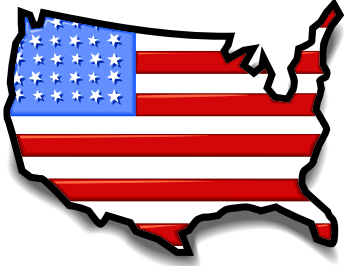
In addition to portraying the cast of courtroom characters, there were over 40 student courtroom artists and journalists competing for recognition as the best artist and journalist in the state!

CRF would like to thank the thousands of teachers, parents, students, attorneys and judges who help CRF further its mission of creating active and informed citizens!

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California Mock Trial Champions, La Reina High School. First place award presented by Justice Miguel Marquez.





Colorado

By Carolyn P. Gravit

Students from Colorado Springs' Gen. William J. Palmer High School took first in state, defeating a team from Denver's Colorado Academy in the championship round on Saturday night at the Colorado Bar Association State Mock Trial Tournament.

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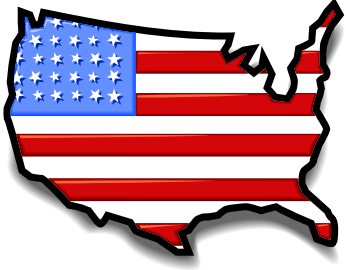
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Twenty-four teams traveled from across the state to the Larimer County Justice Center for the annual state competition, held on March 8 and 9. Each team studied the same fictitious criminal murder case, where a police officer is accused of fatally shooting his girlfriend, but he claims she came at him with a gun drawn and it went off as they struggled.

In each round, students had to be ready to perform either the prosecution or defense side of the case. They were scored by real attorneys and judges.



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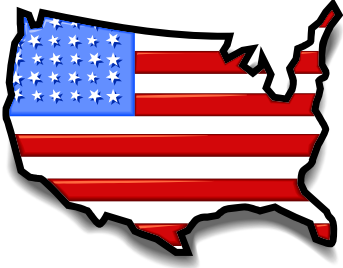
By Michael Nixon

Georgia celebrated its 25th anniversary season of the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition, which is a project of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia. The season concluded with an exciting State Finals competition on March 16th and 17th, with 18 teams competing for the title.

After Saturday's two preliminary Rounds, the top four teams met to determine the two teams to advance to the Championship round on March 17th. The Semi-Final Round saw four Judges from the Georgia Court of Appeals on the bench, while the Final Round was presided over by two justices from the Georgia Supreme Court, Justices David Nahmias and Justice David Blackwell. The weekend ended by crowning a new State Champion in the team from the Middle Georgia Christian Homeschool Association (Macon). They met Northview High School (Duluth) in the Final

Round. This was the first time either school had advanced to the Championship Round at State. MGCHSA advanced to the Semi-Final Round for the first time last season.

The 2013 State Finals Professionalism Award, which is sponsored each year by the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, was presented to the team from the Jonesboro High School on March 16th. The State Champion in the Craig Harding Memorial Court Artist contest this year is Ben Stolovitz of The Weber School in Sandy Springs and, through a generous donation from the Savannah College of Art and Design, Ben will accompany the Georgia team to Nationals and draw the team in action during the competition rounds in May. With the retirement of Justice George Carley, the program welcomed the addition of Judge Stephen Louis A. Dillard of the Georgia Court of Appeals as the Special Consultant to the program. The Georgia program is looking forward to another fantastic 25 years!



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Indiana

By Susan Roberts

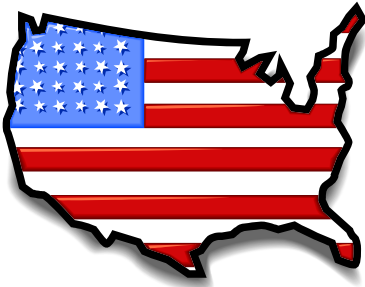
John Adams High School from South Bend Indiana will be returning to the National High School Mock Trial Championship. The team is coached by a former mock trial participant who went to the National Championship competitions in 2002 and 2003 in Minnesota and Louisiana, respectively. Once a mock trial fan, always a mock trial fan!

As the Host State, we also have the privilege of two teams in attendance at the National Championship this year. The runner-up in our State Championship is from Valparaiso High School.

We're honored to have both of these teams representing Indiana at the NHSMTTC tournament in our home state. One HUGE change in Indiana this year, was that the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, and mock trial fan, approved CLE credits for attorneys who judge the competition up to a maximum of 6 credits a year! This helped us in recruiting volunteers for both our State and the National Championship competitions.

In other news in Indiana, once we pass the gavel to Marsha Varvil-Weld of Wisconsin for the 2014 NHSMTTC, we plan to focus on rejuvenating our middle school program. It has been in hiatus for the past two years. We also plan to explore running a non-competitive branch of the competition, so that students who wish to have the opportunity to learn about the American judicial system and develop their critical thinking and public speaking skills without the competitive stress can do so. We would be interested to know if any other mock trial programs have tried a similar two pronged competition approach.

See you soon in Indianapolis! We are looking forward to sharing our Hoosier Hospitality with all of you!



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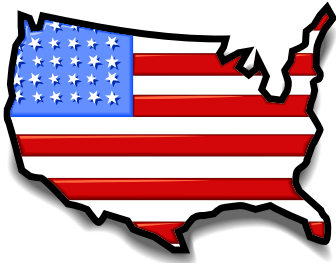
The Nebraska State Bar Foundation's Case Committee will convene next week to discuss preliminary ideas for its 2013 Mock Trial case. Annually, the Foundation chooses a theme for all of its Law-Related Education programs, including Mock Trial. This year's theme is "Civic Education—Keeping Our Democracy Alive."

The new case, which will be a civil problem, will align with this theme. The current Nebraska State Championship team represents V.J. and Angela Skutt Catholic High School in Omaha, Nebraska. This will be the fourth year in a row for the Skutt Catholic team to participate at the National High School Mock Trial Championship.

The Nebraska Council of School Attorneys annually helps underwrite the cost of sending a Nebraska team to nationals. The Bar Foundation greatly appreciates this generous support.

Nebraska State Championship team represents V.J. and Angela Skutt Catholic High School in Omaha, Nebraska





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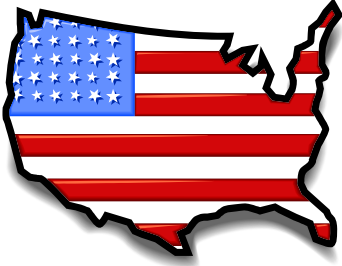
North Carolina

By Sue Johnson

The twenty-first season of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice High School Mock Trial competition concluded with an exciting final round at Campbell Law School in Raleigh on March 2, 2013. The Central Carolina Homeschoolers defeated the 2012 state champion Gaston Christian “Red” team on split ballots, earning their first-ever appearance at the National competition. Seventy-two teams competed in the eight regional competitions, an increase of 18% over the previous year’s participation. Fifteen teams were brand-new to the competition, the result of a new Outreach Project providing extra support to encourage new schools to join the program. As part of this outreach, new team training materials were developed for use at on-site training sessions, and one session was videotaped for use by all schools in the program.

This year’s case was an original case on a very timely topic, sports-related concussions. *Mia Donovan vs. Shannon Dempsey, Jordan Reddick, and Rubicon Soccer Club* is a personal injury case dealing with long-term injuries suffered by a high school aged soccer player after sustaining multiple concussions. The case drew upon current research in the field as well as actual North Carolina law. We are pleased to report that the case was well-balanced, with only a 0.9% discrepancy in points earned on plaintiff and defense across all regional competition rounds.

We are thankful for the more than 400 legal professionals who volunteer as attorney advisors and scoring jurors/presiding judges at regional and state competitions. We are also very proud of the ~ 550 students who learned about the importance of trial by jury while gaining important communication and critical thinking skills. We look forward to seeing everyone soon in Indianapolis!



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Nevada-

By Kathleen M. Dickinson

The Nevada State Mock Trial competition took place March 8th and 9th 2013 at the Bruce R Thompson Federal Courthouse in Reno, Nevada. The competing schools are:

Two teams from Bishop Gorman High School, Las Vegas, Nevada and One team from Faith Lutheran High School, Las Vegas, Nevada. The three schools competing from Northern Nevada are: Galena High School, Reno High School and Wooster High School.

All of our Mock Trial Committee members have been very involved in all three of our competitions (Northern Nevada, Southern Nevada and State). We could not do what we do without them.

Ohio

By **Todd Burch**

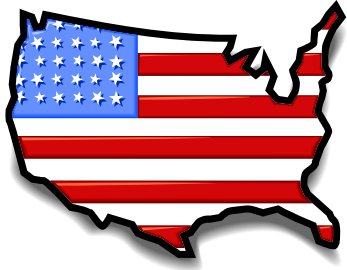
The Ohio Center for Law-Related Education's 30th High School Mock Trial season concluded on March 9th when Indian Hill High School from Cincinnati claimed the State Championship by defeating Orange High School from Cleveland at the Ohio Statehouse. Indian Hill advanced through three levels of competition and won nine consecutive trials to win the championship.

The season began with 365 teams from over 180 schools participating in Ohio's largest competition since 2006. More than 3500 students participated in addition to over 1000 volunteers who serve as committee members, competition coordinators, team advisors and judges.

The competition utilized an original case written by a volunteer committee of attorneys dealing primarily with a 5th Amendment issue. For more information regarding Ohio Mock Trial and all of the Center's programs please visit <http://www.ocltre.org>

Tennessee

By Stacey Shrader Joslin



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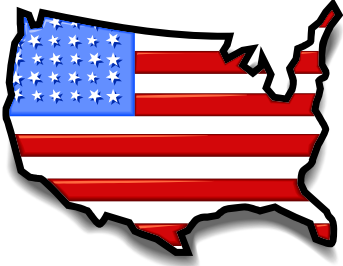
Kingsport Home School Wins First Mock Trial Championship Kingsport Area Christian Home Education Association (KACHEA) claimed the Tennessee State High School Mock Trial Championship title this past weekend, defeating Montgomery Bell Academy of Nashville. The 33rd annual state competition was sponsored by the Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and involved 14 teams and 200 volunteers, including lawyers, law students and paralegals. In addition, sitting judges in the state presided over the trial rounds, with Tennessee Supreme Court Justice William Koch presiding over the championship match.

The Kingsport team now will represent Tennessee at the National High School Mock Trial Competition. See a wrap up of the competition at <http://www.tba.org/info/2013-mock-trial-results> or see photographs from the championship round at <p://www.tba.org/info/2013-state-mock-trial-championship>.

Mock Trial Becomes Conduit for Service. In addition to preparing the 2013 mock trial case for their local competition, high school mock trial teams in Erwin and Springfield, Tenn., took time to reach out and serve their communities. In Unicoi County, the local high school team held a “dress rehearsal” of the official local mock trial competition to raise money in honor of their long-time coach Sarah Shults after she was diagnosed with cancer. The students made and sold tickets to the event at school and throughout the community. They even auctioned off chairs in the jury box for prime seating! And of course, they had a bake sale to supplement tickets sales.

Former Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Penny White presided over the trial. All funds raised went to the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. The brains behind the initiative were Dara Carney-Needleman, Nathan Farnor, Jarrett Jewart, Jacob Ingram, Adam Larkey, Alexa Parsley, Laura Rogers, Jared Sanchez, Brooke Shelton, Tasha Turner and Tyler Williams.

Some 300 miles to the west, the Springfield High School mock trial team was making news of its own. In December, to honor the memory of students killed in the Newtown, Conn., shooting, each team member pledged to perform 26 acts of kindness. A map with sticky notes kept track of where they performed their random acts. Then in January, to honor Martin Luther King Day, the students painted a wall in the school cafeteria to celebrate the Law Day theme of equality under the law. Thanks to Ariel Bunch, Juwan Cross, Olivia Harris, Sarah Jones, Claire Kellar, Crystal Lemus, Maddie Loving, Julia Morgan, Charlotte Padfield, Reena Patel, Kylie Ronnow, Olivia Shoemaker and Susannah White for your inspiring actions.



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Wisconsin

By Andrea Gage

Wisconsin Applauds Regional Winners, Gears Up for 2014

The State Bar of Wisconsin is pleased to announce that Rhinelander High School is the winner of the Mock Trial State Championship and will advance to the National Mock Trial Championship in Indianapolis from May 9 to 11. Brookfield Academy took second place.

This was Rhinelander's 16th state victory and Brookfield Academy's first time in the finals. They represented the top two teams from Sunday's semifinal competition at the Dane County Courthouse. Students from 12 Wisconsin high schools advanced to the State Bar of Wisconsin's 30th Annual High School Mock Trial semifinal event on Sunday, March 10 at the Dane County Courthouse in Madison.

Next year will bring even more opportunities for Wisconsin students. For the first time in 20 years, the State Bar of Wisconsin will host the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Madison from May 8 to 10, 2014.

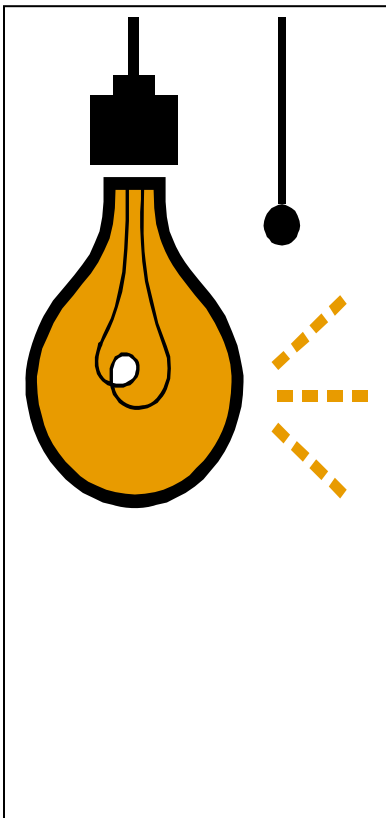
"Mock Trial is a great experience for the students. They learn to speak publicly, to think on their feet, and to work together as a team. One student told me that he was so shy that he couldn't speak in front of his class, but after participating in Mock Trial he was able to confidently give his Valedictorian Speech," said State Bar Public Education Committee Chair Kevin Lonergan.

To learn more about the State Bar of Wisconsin's public education programs, please visit wisbar.org.

National High School Mock Trial is looking for a 2016 host!

Have you ever considered hosting? Now's your
chance to be the national host in 2016!

Contact Rando Hicks for more information
(rhicks2177@gmail.com)



Mandatory State Coordinators Survey

Due April 15th

As a reminder, in order to be eligible to participate at Nationals, each state must complete the National Survey and pay a \$250 membership fee. The membership fee is separate and in addition to a team's \$500 tournament fee. The survey can be found at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L7DWKZL>. The funds collected through the membership fee have been earmarked specifically for costs borne by NHSMTTC, Inc. for hosting or aiding in the hosting of the national championship.

See Invoice at the end of the newsletter.

Law Related Resources

American Bar Association - Division for Public Education

The mission of the ABA Division for Public Education is to promote public understanding of law and its role in society.

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education.html

Bill of Rights in Action (BRIA)

BRIA is a free resource for social studies teachers. Each lesson includes a content reading and interactive classroom activity. Search the online database for topics such as due process, equal protection and the first amendment.

<http://www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/>

Civic Action Project

Have a senior project or service learning requirement at your school? Looking to engage students in project based learning and incorporates 21st learning skills into your classroom? Civic Action Project (CAP) is a free curriculum to engage high school students in civics in a relevant and meaningful way. By taking civic actions, students practice what real citizens do when they go about trying to affect policy and solve a real community problem.

<http://www.crfcap.org/>

Great Rivers Technologies National Mock Trial Practicum

This is a web resource that provides an opportunity for coaches to supplement the mock trial resources available to teams participating in mock trial programs throughout the nation. It is an interactive site 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. Contact Tim Shade at tshade@greatrivertech.net for more information or to place an order for this resource.

Justice by the People

A website sponsored by Scholastic and the Foundation of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) that provides free classroom materials, games and pintables'. www.scholastic.com/americanjustice

Make Your Case

Make Your Case is an interactive mock trial online game featured on Scholastic/ABOTA's Justice by the People website. Take part in this courtroom trial simulation and learn how important trials are to the American legal system: <http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3752426>

May It Please the Court

A video/print guide resource for mock trial teams offered by the Georgia mock trial office. An order form may be found on the NHSMTC website (<http://www.nationalmocktrial.org/about.cfm>) under the "About the Competition section." The cost is \$40/copy.

Washington YMCA Youth and Government Website

YMCA Youth & Government has a multitude of resources to ensure that adults and students alike have the greatest opportunity for success. Check them out today!

<http://www.seattleyymca.org/Locations/YouthAndGovernment/Pages/MockTrial.aspx>

NHSMTC Case Library

The National High School Mock Trial Championship, Inc., is pleased to provide a library of mock trial cases online under the Sample Case Database section of the website. The mock trial cases on the website are available to state coordinators interested in using these materials. Access to the case library requires a coordinator to login. To get the log-in information or update a program's coordinator contact information, the state coordinator should contact Larry Bakko at larry@nationalmocktrial.org. All questions about the case library should be directed to Larry, as well.

<http://www.nationalmocktrial.org/casesearch.cfm>

NHSMTC Championship Round DVDs

Order the 2007 championship round DVD (Tx-Civil Case) online at: <http://www2.dallasbar.org/thsmtc/info.asp?id=9> the cost is \$20. Contact Amy Smith at the Texas Mock Trial Office with questions about the DVD (asmith@dallasbar.org or 214-220-7484)

Order the 2009 championship round DVD (GA-Criminal Case) online under the Resources section at: www.georgiamocktrial.org. The cost of the DVD is \$18.

Order the 2010 championship round DVD (PA-Criminal Case) online at <http://www.2010nationalmocktrial.com/>. The cost of the DVD is \$20. Contact Pam Kance at the Pennsylvania Bar Association (Pam.Kance@pabar.org).

Order the 2011 championship round DVD 2011 (AZ-Civil case) online at <http://www.azflse.org/mocktrial/2011>



NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

DUES REMINDER

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues of \$250 are due **January 15th** from each participating mock trial program.

Please note: The membership dues are separate and in addition to your state champion team's \$500 tournament registration fee. The tournament registration fee is due April 15th, and made payable to Indiana Mock Trial Association. Both fees are required for participation in the tournament (see the updated Articles and Bylaws posted online).

Checks for the MEMBERSHIP DUES should be made payable to NHSMTC, Inc. and mailed to:

NHSMTC, Inc.
Susan Roberts, Treasurer
P.O. Box 63
Lafayette, IN 47902-0063

Return payment with the form below:



Please help us keep our records current by completing the information below.

****Please note: This is your contact information that will appear in the NHSMTC directory.***

State/Territory/Country: _____

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