

Mock Trial Matters



NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Calendar

- March 31—National case release date
- April 1—2011 Bid proposal deadline
- April 9—Deadline for Hotel Reservation (Courtyard)
- April 16—Deadline to register a team
- April 16—Hotel Reservation deadline (Doubletree & Sheraton)
- April 16—Pre-Order Event Tickets by this date
- April 23—Case question deadline
- April 25—Final Q&A posting
- May 7—Practice rooms available at hotel
- May 8—Practice Rms available; State Coordinator's "Talk About"; State Coordinator's Mtg; Timekeeper Orientation; Tournament Orientation; Opening Team Reception (Comp. Teams Only)
- May 9—Rounds 1 & 2; Judicial Reception; Dinner Cruise
- May 10—Rounds 3 & 4; National Championship Rd; Awards Banquet & Dance
- May 11—Ballots available to State Coordinators for pick-up; Happy Mother's Day!

Delaware is Set to Host the 25th Annual HSMT National Tournament!

Article Submitted by Franny Haney, DE Co-Host Director

The newest national mock trial case was released on March 31st at <http://mocktrial.delaware.gov> for all to view and begin their preparations for the National Tournament (May 7 - 11, 2008) in Wilmington, Delaware. The Delaware host committee is winding down preparations for the estimated 1,000 visitors we expect during the championship. This is the first time in over 10 years that the competition has been held in the Mid-Atlantic region. Delaware is looking forward to hosting the 25th National Competition and to showing off the "small wonder".

The hotel block at the Doubletree Downtown Legal District (the host hotel) is almost full so please contact Franny Haney at (302) 255-0093 if you have not booked yet. There are still rooms remaining at the Sheraton Suites and the Courtyard by Marriott both located in downtown Wilmington. There will be shuttle bus service between those hotels and the Doubletree and the New Castle County Courthouse. The cut off dates for the rooms blocks are April 9th (at the Courtyard by Marriott) and April 16th (at the Doubletree & Sheraton)

The Delaware Host Committee is delighted to host the 25th Annual National High School Mock Trial Championship and has planned special events to commemorate the silver anniversary. Our opening ceremony will be the traditional pin exchange and dinner in the ballroom of the Doubletree Hotel. Wilmington Mayor James Baker will officially open the weekend activities. Don't forget to bring state pins or other trinkets to trade with other students. Who'll have the most pins at the end of the night?

On Friday and Saturday, all rounds will be held at the new state of the art New Castle County Courthouse which is located 1.5 blocks from the Doubletree Hotel. For those staying at the Sheraton Suites and Courtyard by Marriott,

shuttle buses will depart beginning at 7:30 am for the New Castle County Courthouse. (If you elect to walk it takes about 10 minutes). The final round will be held in Courtroom 8B with video overflow into Courtrooms 8A and 8C.

On Friday evening, teams will board the *MS Twin Capes* for a trip down the Delaware River complete with 2 bands and a fireworks display. **You must bring photo identification in order to board the Twin Capes.** Transportation will be provided between the hotels and the Port of Wilmington. We promise it will be a fun evening for all. On Saturday evening, we will celebrate the teams' achievements at the Chase Center on the Riverfront with a sit down banquet. Outstanding Advocates and Witnesses will be recognized and the top ten teams will be honored. We are delighted that this year teams from Guam, South Korea and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will join in the competition. Following the banquet, there will be a dance complete with competitive games back at the Doubletree.

Team photos will be scheduled on Thursday, May 8th at the Doubletree Hotel. Please sign up now and plan to arrive at least 5 minutes before your scheduled time.

With only 33 days and counting, the final preparations are in high gear! We look forward to welcoming you to the First State!!



Where to Find it in Wilmington

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Location #1 is the **Newcastle County Courthouse**—500 N. King Street; Wilmington, DE 19801

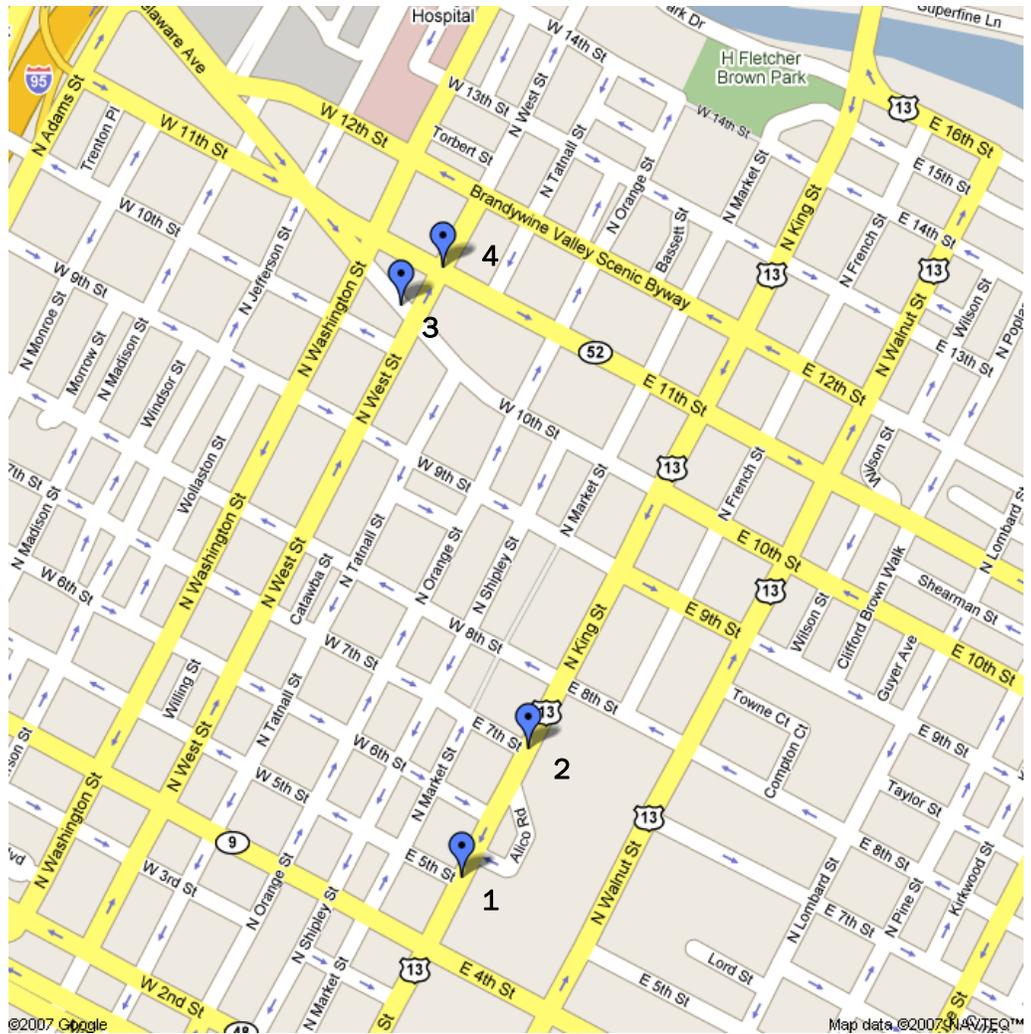
Location #2 is the **Doubletree Hotel**—700 N. King Street

Location #3 is the **Sheraton Suites Hotel**—422 Delaware Avenue

Location #4 is the **Courtyard by Marriott Hotel**—1102 West Street

The **Hotel du Pont** is located at 100 W. 11th Street.

Address and phone information gathered through "Google Maps".



Be sure to check out the "Local Info" section of the tournament website for suggestions on area attractions, local transit, regional links and weather.

This list does not constitute a recommendation for any of the businesses listed below. **Caveat emptor.** Call ahead in order to find out hours of operation, seating capacity, directions, menu choices, reservation or appointment requirements and other pertinent information. Most of these businesses are within a mile of one of the hotels.

Transportation to Tournament Sites

A continuous shuttle service will be provided on **Thursday, May 8th—noon-10 pm, Friday, May 9th and Saturday, May 10th** from 7:30 A.M. until 6 P.M. between the Sheraton Suites Hotel, the Courtyard by Marriott, the Hotel DuPont, the Doubletree and the New Castle County Courthouse. Exact pick up times will be listed at the tournament registration desk (at the Doubletree), at all hotels and at the Courthouse.



Restaurants At the Hotels

- At the Doubletree: There is an on-site restaurant at the Doubletree and the Metropolitan Lounge. Room service is also available.
- At the Courtyard by Marriott: The Courtyard Lounge and the Courtyard Café.
- At the Sheraton Suites: Basil Restaurant and The Bar. Room service is available.
- At the Hotel du Pont: The Green Room, the Green Room Bar, the Lobby Lounge and the Grill.

Restaurants Near the Hotels

Near the Doubletree

- 821 Market Street Bistro (Mediterranean) 821 N. Market Street; (302) 652-8821
- Cafe Caribe (Caribbean) 823 N Market Street; (302) 656-8570
- Cafe La Terrazza (Pizza) 101 Kirkwood Square; (302) 993-1080
- Deep Blue (Seafood) 111 W 11th Street; (302) 777-2040
- Dunkin' Donuts (Breakfast) 820 N French Street; (302) 654-4283
- Exchange on Market (Bistro) 902 N. Market Street; (302) 351-4074
- Genelle's Bakery & Café (Bakery) 730 N. Market Street; (302) 654-5322
- La Mer (Pizza) 309 W 7th Street; (302) 661-2004
- Leo & Jimmy's Delicatessen (Sandwiches) 728 N. Market Street; (302) 656-7151
- Lettuce Feed You 831 N Market Street # 1; (302) 656-3277
- Mystic Pizza (Pizza) 311 N King Street; (302) 654-3144
- NY Pizza Inc. (Pizza) 309 N King Street; (302) 655-1996
- Squires Pub 707 N. King Street; (302) 652-3100
- The Greenery 920 N. King Street; (302) 472-2433



Near the Sheraton Suites, the Courtyard by Marriott & the Hotel du Pont

- 821 Market Bistro (Mediterranean) 821 N. Market Street; (302) 652-8821
- Cafe Mezzanotte (Italian) 1007 N. Orange Street; (302) 658-7050
- Deep Blue (Seafood) 111 W. 11th Street; (302) 777-2040
- Domaine Hudson 1314 N. Washington Street; (302) 655-9463
- KFC (Fast Food) 2511 Northeast Boulevard; (302) 762-5585
- La Mer (Pizza) 309 W. 7th Street; (302) 661-2004
- McDonald's (Fast Food) 700 W. 4th Street; (302) 655-8077
- Mikimotos (Japanese) 1212 N. Washington Street; (302) 656-8638
- Mystic Pizza (Pizza) 311 N. King Street; (302) 654-3144
- Purbread Deli (Sandwich) 500 Delaware Avenue; (302) 421-9866
- Quizno's (Sandwich) 824 N. Market Street; (302) 654-5315
- Subway (Sandwich) 222 Delaware Avenue; (302) 777-0176
- Washington Street Ale House (American) 1206 N. Washington Street; (302) 658-2537

Copy Centers

- The UPS Store 110 W. Ninth Street; (302) 661-1665
- FedEx Kinko's Office Print Center 1201 N. Market Street # 1; (302) 652-2151

Pharmacies

- Rite Aid 801 N. Market Street; (302) 655-7432
- Happy Harry's (a Walgreen's Pharmacy) 839 N. Market Street; (302) 654-1834

Food Stores

- 7 King Food Mart 701 N. King Street; (302) 777-6737
- Convenient Food Mart 107 W. 9th Street; (302) 571-9198

Medical Facility

Should an emergency arise, call 911.

- Wilmington Hospital 501 W. 14th Street; (302) 428-4682



<http://mocktrial.delaware.gov>

2008 Board Election



A scheduled election to fill four (4) board positions will be held during the State Coordinators' meeting in Wilmington in May. According to the by-laws, interested candidates should have submitted their letter of intent to run for the Board to Chair John Wheeler by March 15th. If this deadline has been missed, but a person still wishes to be nominated for one of the open positions, that individual must communicate this intention to the Board Chair before 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 *NHSMTC, Inc. By-Laws Article IV, Section 2*).

The candidates who have indicated their intention to run for these four positions, as of the publication date of this newsletter, are: **Dewain Fox, Jane Meyer, Robert (Bob) Noel, Michael White and Charles Williams.** **Mr. Fox** currently serves on the NHSMTC Board and is an attorney with Fennemore Craig, P.C. in

Phoenix, AZ. **Ms. Meyer** currently serves on the NHSMTC Board and is an attorney for Dauphin County in Harrisburg, PA. **Mr. Noel** currently serves on the NHSMTC Board and is an attorney in private practice in Monroe, LA. **Mr. White** currently serves on the NHSMTC Board and is an attorney with Patton Boggs, LLC in Anchorage, AK. **Mr. Williams** is an attorney in private practice in Olympia, WA. Statements from each of the candidates will be sent to all state coordinators via email in early April. In addition, each candidate will have an opportunity to address coordinators at the annual State Coordinators Meeting in Wilmington.

Updated Rules and Case/Rules Questions



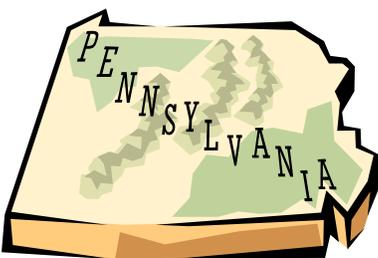
The updated version of the Rules of the National High School Mock Trial Championship and the National High School Mock Trial Championship Rules of Evidence was recently published in the 2008 case materials (pp. 76-100) on the Delaware website. Additions were made to Rules 1.4 and 4.6 and deal with timekeeping. All rules questions must be submitted through the online case and rules Q&A form on the Delaware competition website. Tournament participants may submit case and rules questions online using the question form posted under the Case Materials tab from the Delaware tournament main page. Questions and answers will be posted each Friday afternoon under the Case Updates section of the Delaware tournament website (see site for details). The deadline to submit case/rules questions is Wednesday, April 23rd. The final posting of the Q&A will be Friday, April 25th.

Atlanta, Georgia Tournament Update (2009)



The Georgia High School Mock Trial Committee, which is a project of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, is gearing up to host the National Tournament in Atlanta in 2009. We're looking forward to welcoming state champion teams to our capitol city next spring. Already we have volunteer forms posted to our state website (www.georgiamocktrial.org) under the National Championship tab from our main page. We need both attorney and non-attorney volunteers for the tournament weekend. In addition to exciting competition rounds, Atlanta offers tournament participants exceptional dining, shopping and site-seeing opportunities. Be sure to join us next spring for warm weather, Southern hospitality and an outstanding educational experience!

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Tournament Update (2010)



The Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA), host of the 2010 National Mock Trials which will be held in Philadelphia May 6-8, 2010, reports growing excitement across the Keystone state for the upcoming event. Under the leadership of PBA President Andy Susko and former mock trialer and now Bedford County District Attorney and PBA Young Lawyers Chair Bill Higgins, and with the support of Pennsylvania First Lady and Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Midge Rendell who chairs the Honorary Advisory Committee, the PBA is moving forward in making all of the preparations necessary to throw a wonderful mock trial party in the City of Brotherly Love (and sisterly affection) in 2010. The PBA is proud to have Drexel University as its partner in the statewide mock trial program and as the leadership sponsor of the 2010 National Mock Trial Competition.

A Word From Our Chair

Greetings!

With the travels and travails of my own state High School Mock Trial Tournament behind me, the grass seems greener, the birds chirp louder, and all is right with the world! As you well know, putting together regional and state competitions and dealing with various logistical problems (and Mother Nature!) is no picnic. However, weary and weak though we may be towards the end of the annual cycle, we can't help but be energized by the tremendous enthusiasm of the student participants, coaches, teachers, parents and friends who come out in support of a simple academic competition. It is this enormous display of skill, pride and accomplishment that informs us all on an annual basis (or semi-annual basis for those of us with a stand-alone middle school program) that we are putting into place the machinery to let wonderful things happen.

Time and time again over the past month, parents, coaches and students have stopped me to express how much mock trial has meant to them. For many, it has been their only team experience in school. For others, who may not be the most athletically gifted, it gives them a chance to truly shine in competition. For all, it allows them to feel comfortable and confident in solving problems and making presentations. More so than any legal expertise gained (and this is considerable), more so than the camaraderie of a team endeavor (and this is considerable as well), mockers have developed individual skills that will serve them well throughout their lives.

So, as I yawned and rubbed my aching back and feet prior to getting the awards program started last week, I thought of the dozens of young people who sought me out during the state tournament – some just to wave and say thanks, others to let me know where they will be going to college next year, and still others to give me teeth rattling hugs just to let me know that they've had a heck of a time. With a few tears and a smile that even a week later makes my jaw hurt, my faith in kids, in schools, in parents, in the legal profession, and in a very simple activity is renewed.

This scene is played out in your states as well. You should be very proud of the work you do to make great things happen for deserving young people. You have my respect and admiration for the countless hours of work behind the scenes to make sure that nothing interferes with the celebration in front of the scenes – the celebration that changes lives forever.

When I see you in Wilmington next month, I'll be among the ones yawning (still) and rubbing our backs (still), but with these great grins on our faces (still and always) knowing that the small part that we've played has made a big impact on kids nationwide. So, stock up on No Doz. Wear comfortable shoes. Maybe invest in some teeth whitener. And get ready to celebrate along with a few hundred of the finest teenagers in the nation in Wilmington next month. It is a party not to be missed!

Happy Trials!




**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**

Mock Trial Case Library

If you have not yet submitted the mock trial case used during your state competition this season, and you would like to do so, please send the case in an electronic format (PDF preferred) to **Pete Jones** at pjones@morrisjames.com before the national tournament in Wilmington. So far, cases have been received from Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Northern Marianas Islands, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. (Thanks to all those who have already submitted their 2008 state case!) Summaries of all 2008 cases submitted will be forwarded to state coordinators via email the week of April 7th. Updates will be made to the online case library later this spring.

If you adapted your 2008 case from another state, be sure to acknowledge your own team of adaptors, the original writers of the case and, if applicable, the writers of the version from which you adapted your competition materials. We want to make sure that all credit is given where that credit is due. Help us acknowledge the time and effort these dedicated case writers spend creating outstanding case materials for students nationwide.



News and Notes from Around the Nation



Georgia: The Georgia mock trial program celebrated its 20th anniversary season in 2008. Jonesboro High School won its 6th state title. The Georgia Problem Subcommittee updated and re-worked the mock trial case used during the 1988 season as a fitting commemoration of 20 years of statewide mock trial in Georgia. The Craig Harding Memorial Court Artist Contest and the Journalism Contest were conducted in all regions statewide in 2008. Amy Michel (Athens Academy/Athens) was the winner of the court artist contest and Kayla Daniels (Jonesboro High School/Jonesboro) was the winner of the journalism contest. Both students will accompany the Georgia state champion mock trial team to the national tournament in Wilmington and Amy will draw the team during competition rounds, while Kayla will gather information to write an article about the tournament experience for our 2008 annual report.

Idaho: Logos Secondary School won the 2008 Idaho High School Mock Trial Competition held on Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14. The Idaho Law Foundation sponsors the Idaho state tournament. Twelve teams, who advanced from regional tournaments, competed at the state level. Logos Secondary School A Team faced Logos Secondary School B Team in the final round held at the Idaho State Supreme Court on Friday, March 14. The Logos Secondary School A Team won the competition and will represent Idaho in the 2008 National High School Mock Trial Championship.

Indiana: Our State Competition was held on March 8th and 9th. The crowned State Champions, and representing Indiana at the National Competition for the 8th year in a row, was John Adams High School from South Bend, Indiana. The students this year enjoyed unraveling a murder mystery of a naive but vengeful business owner and the dark underworld of organized crime. Many long-time participants in the program suggested it was their favorite case of all time. Our middle school program in its second year tripled in the number of schools and teams participating. The middle school competition was held on December 8th, but due to popular demand a second competition may be scheduled later this spring. A big thanks to John Wheeler for encouraging Indiana to start a middle school program!

Kentucky: Highlands High School won this year's Kentucky High School Mock Trial State Championship. Highlands competed against DuPont Manual in the state championship. Highlands will represent Kentucky at the National High School Mock Trial Competition in Wilmington, Delaware, and this will be Highland's first year to ever compete at Nationals.

Nebraska: The 2007 case, *A & M Records, Inc. Et al v. K.C. Jones*, was a civil matter involving several recording companies suing a college student for the illegal downloading and sharing of music files. This original case was written by a committee of volunteer lawyers and is available for download from the Bar Foundation's website at <http://www.nebarfnd.org/mocktrial.html>. The team representing Humboldt Table Rock Steinhauer won the competition and will represent Nebraska at the National High School Mock Trial Championship in May. Omaha's Creighton University sponsored the annual Mock Trial Banquet, held at the Embassy Suites, Downtown-Old Market on December 4. Mock Trial teams and Chief Justice Michael G. Heavican, Nebraska Supreme Court, addressed their guests. Earlier that day, Creighton University conducted a tour of the campus for the Mock Trial students. The University provided information on programs and enrollment procedure for the high school students.

Nevada: The Bishop Gorman High School team is shown here (*right*) just moments after winning the state competition. Members of the mock trial team had also participated in *We the People* state competition; the class placed second in that state competition. The team is proudly holding the state trophy and the Travelling Trophy, which will bear the name of their school for the second time in three years.



Ohio: The 25th annual Ohio High School Mock Trial competition began on March 6, 2008 with an anniversary celebration at the Southern Theater in Columbus, Ohio where team registration was held as well as team photos and anniversary cake and snacks were served. Lake Ridge Academy from North Ridgeville, Ohio won the competition on March 7 by defeating Centerville High School. The Championship Round took place at the Ohio Statehouse in the Senate Finance Hearing Room despite being held a day early because of a record breaking 21" snow fall which began earlier that day. In a first, the Ohio Channel broadcast the final trial live on TV and on the web. Viewers can still access the Championship Round anytime on the web by going to the www.ocire.org and following the link for the rebroadcast of the High School Mock Trial Championship Round.

Texas: Decatur High School (Decatur, TX) will proudly represent the State of Texas at the 2008 National Mock Trial this May. Of the 180 teams that registered for the competition, twenty-four teams competed at the state level on March 7-8. The intense final round held at the Federal courthouse in Dallas was between Woodrow Wilson High School (Dallas, TX) and our finalist. The team from Decatur is outstanding—expect some fierce competition at this year's Nationals.

Mock Trial is Making a Difference in Oklahoma Students' Lives



Article Submitted by Judy Spencer, Oklahoma State Coordinator & Judge Daman Cantrell, Lakeside Attorney Coach

Tulsa County's (Oklahoma) very own team, Lakeside Home, for the 5th year competed in the Oklahoma Bar Association's high school mock trial competition recently. The team again exceeded expectations, winning both qualifying rounds and finishing in the top 24 of 60 teams overall, sponsored by the Young Lawyer's Division of the OBA. This is the 28th year of the competition.

Lakeside Home is a Tulsa County-run treatment based group home for children who are adjudicated in the juvenile system at the Tulsa County Juvenile Bureau. The home, located on the banks of Lake Yahola in North Tulsa, was known as Mohawk Boy's Home for several decades until it was reorganized as a co-ed treatment facility in the 1970's, according to superintendent Barbara Walker.

2008 Lakeside Mock Trial Team

"Our kids are very comfortable in the courtroom," joked Tulsa County District Judge Daman Cantrell, one of Lakeside's several volunteer attorney/coaches. "But there is some basis for that in a positive way. Our kids don't crumble under pressure. They don't panic. And they know what it's like personally—to be in front of a judge!"

Lakeside's team defeated Oologah High School and Vinita High School in the qualifying rounds held at the Cherokee County Courthouse in Tahlequah, prompting a jubilant van ride back to the Home. The two wins meant that Lakeside was the Site Champion and would advance to the next round of the competition.

"This is one of those David versus Goliath situations, which is what makes working on this project so rewarding as well as fun," said Cantrell, who along with Assistant Public Defender Marsha Rogers started the team in 2003. "We're working with a "school" of 20 kids, all adjudicated delinquent, many of whom have severe social and academic challenges, and competing against honor students from 6A schools of 4000 students. And we're beating them."

Indeed, this season Lakeside practiced with elite teams from Christian Heritage Academy of Midwest City, a past state champion, Shawnee High School, last year's runner-up, and Owasso High School, a team composed of members of its award-winning speech and debate team. While the team's season ended in the quarterfinals against Jenks High School, many of the attorneys watching the round thought Lakeside had pulled the ultimate upset in Cinderella fashion (Jenks ended up finishing 4th in the State competition). That included local attorney Phil Richards, who was the presiding Judge of the round (but under the rules did not "score" the competition).

"I had no idea who the teams were before the competition," said Richards. "I was amazed to find out about the Lakeside Home team. They did a fantastic job against Jenks."

"Every year we have new challenges," said Tava Slocum, treatment supervisor and "teacher coach" of the team. "Most of the kids get out of Lakeside and back in their own homes before the next year, which of course is a good thing for the kids personally, but we have to start from scratch in teaching the mock trial procedures every year with a new group.

"Also, some kids run away, or are placed in detention, or drop out of the program," Slocum continued. "We are fortunate to have so many attorneys that whip the team into shape just in time for the competition and more importantly, are wonderful mentors for the kids."

Indeed, Tulsa County attorneys have stepped up for the underdog Lakesiders. Most schools have only one or two attorneys, if they are lucky, to assist with legal procedures and strategy. Lakeside Home has a "Dream Team" of volunteers unmatched by any team in the State. Assisting the team this year were: Roy Tucker, Rania Nesreddine, Erin Dailey, Zach Smith, Kirsten Bernhardt, MJ Denman, Shannon Taylor, James Fatigante, Laurie Phillips, Assistant U.S. Attorney Loretta Radford, Chief Public Defender Pete Silva, Assistant Public Defender Paula Moore, and District Judge Mary Fitzgerald. Also, bailiff/ paralegal Machele Anderson and ORU legal studies undergraduates Zana Williams and Michael Martin, past members of the aforementioned state- champion Christian Heritage Academy team, assisted and mentored the youth. Owasso resident Karen Kirk and Collinsville resident Cindi McGinnis were the "Team Moms", providing snacks and pop, pep talks, and an occasional hug for the kids.

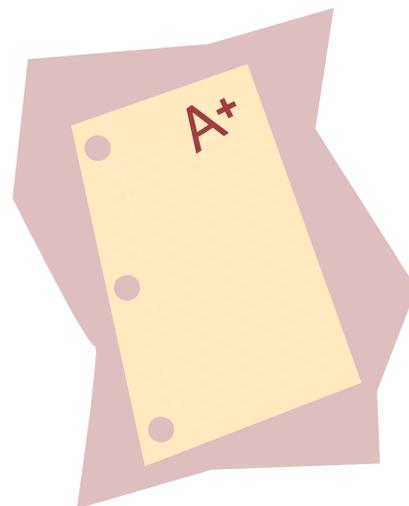
The Tulsa County Bar Auxiliary and several generous members of the bar donated money to provide appropriate trial clothes and funds for an end-of-season banquet for Lakeside. In May, Lakeside Home will again participate in Law Week activities in association with the Tulsa County Bar Association. Members of the team will visit local middle schools to demonstrate their new-found trial skills. But most importantly, the Lakeside youth will also discuss with students what mistakes they made to land them in the system and what they have learned to avoid repeating those mistakes.

"I am proud that our kids go into the community to discuss their personal mistakes, and what they have learned," said Superintendent Walker. "It's a way they can give back to the community after everything the TCBA and others have done for our kids. This program (mock trial) has been a great way for our kids to learn they can achieve at a high level with hard work. When they get out of Lakeside and return to their home schools, their expectations of success will be higher."

Test Your Mock Trial Knowledge—25th Anniversary Fun Facts!

Submitted by Susan Roberts—Indiana State Coordinator

1. The first National Mock Trial Competition in 1984 was composed of two teams from each of five states. Those five states were Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and _____.
2. In what city and state was the first National Mock Trial Competition held?
3. What was the subject of the first National Mock Trial case?
4. The winner of the first National Mock Trial Competition was from Ogallala High School from the great State of _____.
5. What State based its National Mock Trial Case materials on a Tony Hellerman novel?
6. Who was the guest speaker, taking questions from the students, at the dinner banquet at the National Mock Trial Competition in Omaha, Nebraska in 2001?
7. The scoring and power-matching guru of the National Mock Trial Competition, Larry Bakko, consumes what beverage in the scoring room?
8. What award is given to an individual who has demonstrated exemplary dedication and commitment to the goals and ideals of the National High School Mock Trial program?
9. At present, what three States are the only States that have hosted the National High School Mock Trial Competition more than once (as of 2008)?
10. If your State were interested in hosting a National Mock Trial Competition, to whom would you send a letter of intent?



If you scored **9-10 points**, you are officially a mock trial aficionado.

If you scored **7-8 points**, you are a mock trial groupie.

If you scored **5-6 points**, you are a fan of mock trial.

If you scored, **less than 5 points**, start hitting the books!

Answers: 1. Nebraska; 2. Des Moines, Iowa; 3. Divorce/Alimony; 4. Nebraska; 5. New Mexico; 6. Warren Buffett; 7. Diet Mountain Dew; 8. Golden Gavel Award; 9. Louisiana, Nebraska, and Texas; 10. Dee Runaas or John Wheeler

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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!

Sign up as a judging panel volunteer online under the "Judge Volunteers" tab on the left. **OUT-OF-TOWN VOLUNTEERS PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR VOLUNTEER FORM BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 25th.**

Contact Cathy James with judging panel questions:
Catherine.James@state.de.us. *Thank you!*

Required Tournament Meetings

Don't forget to attend the **required** meetings at this year's tournament!
Thursday, May 8—**State Coordinators' Meeting** (2:30 p.m./Doubletree Hotel)
Thursday, May 8—**Timekeeper Orientation** (3:45 p.m./Doubletree Hotel)

The **optional** State Coordinators' "Talk About" meeting will be held Thursday 5/8 at 1:30 p.m./Doubletree Hotel. We strongly suggest that all teams send at least 1 coach to the **Tournament Orientation** meeting (Thurs. 5/8 at 3:45 p.m./Doubletree Hotel). State Coordinators may attend this meeting, as well. This meeting will cover a number of important tournament details.

Great River Technologies Mock Trial Practicum Website

Access to this exciting new 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 to submit comments about and suggestions for the site, as well.

May It Please the Court DVD and Print Guide

The *May It Please the Court* DVD and print guide is available for purchase from the Georgia mock trial office for \$25. An order form may be printed from the national website. This popular resource includes many helpful hints on establishing, organizing and running a mock trial team, as well as practical aides for putting together a cohesive mock trial presentation or incorporating mock trials into a classroom setting.