



## MOCK TRIAL NEWSLETTER

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**"Investing in our future, creating tomorrow's leaders"**

### **WHY SPONSORS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR REGIONAL COMPETITIONS**

*By Rebecca J. Britton, CCCE Vice-President*



When nervous competitors, coaches and teachers walk into their regional competition courthouses on Saturday, February 6, 2016, they will go through security. When they reach the competition area they will have donuts and drinks waiting for them. As they register, they will receive printed programs for the day along with sports bags to take home for them to remember this day and to show off as a “badge of honor” for their participation in mock trial. They have their case materials with them which they have been working on for months to get ready for this big day. As judges and scoring jurors enter courthouses across the state on this same day, they will have breakfast or lunch available for them to enjoy as they visit and go through a brief orientation before the trials begin. At the end of the day, there will be awards and plaques given out to competitors. ***All of these things – security, the courthouses, food & beverages, printed materials, awards - would not be possible without our Regional Sponsors.***

The NCAJ High School Mock Trial Program easily reaches over 750 students per year across North Carolina and in doing so we are investing in our future and creating tomorrow’s leaders. Our volunteers, over 300 of them each year, help form foundational building blocks for the future of some of the brightest



and most talented young people in the state. Our regional competitions are where the impact of mock trial is felt on the largest scale. Our Regional Sponsors help make their respective regional competition possible by funding the majority of that effort with a \$2,500 sponsorship.

The Carolina Center for Civic Education is the non-profit organization which operates and runs the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Program as well as a CCCE Mock Trial Summer Camp Program. The CCCE also hosted the National High School Mock Trial Championship which was held in Raleigh in May

2015. The CCCE has a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors and a single full time employee, Sue Johnson, who serves as our Program Coordinator. We rely completely on sponsorships, grants, donations, and limited registration fees (and the dedication of committed volunteers) to make these events and our entire mission possible.

It is important to recognize and thank our Regional Competition sponsors who help make the magic happen across the state. We could not do it without you:

*ASHEVILLE: MELROSE LAW*

*CHARLOTTE: THE SUMWALT LAW FIRM*

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*RALEIGH CO-SPONSORS: LEONE NOBLE & SEATE and \_\_\_\_\_*

***This year we have two remaining Regional Competitions available for sponsorship and a co-sponsorship available in Raleigh.*** If you or your firm would be interested in sponsoring either ***DURHAM*** or ***WILMINGTON*** or sharing a ***co-sponsorship in RALEIGH*** this season, please contact Rebecca Britton ([rebecca@brittonlawfirm.com](mailto:rebecca@brittonlawfirm.com)) for more information.

If you want to learn more about the CCCE and NCAJ High School Mock Trial or any of our other programs, visit our website at: [www.ncmocktrial.org](http://www.ncmocktrial.org).

To all of you who volunteer and support the CCCE we thank you and, most of all, the many students who have reaped the tremendous benefits of this program over the years thank you.

***THANK YOU TO OUR 2015 – 2016 OUTREACH PROGRAM SPONSOR!***

**Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Company of North Carolina**

**We still need more sponsorship support** to fully realize the goals of our outreach program. If you can join us in this important outreach, please contact Sue at [SueHeathJohnson@gmail.com](mailto:SueHeathJohnson@gmail.com) or CCCE Vice-President Rebecca Britton at [rebecca@brittonlawfirm.com](mailto:rebecca@brittonlawfirm.com)

## **THANK YOU TO OUR 2015 – 2016 COMPETITION SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS!**

### **State Finals: Rudolf Widenhouse & Fialko**

Asheville: Melrose Law Firm, P.A.

Supporter: 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Bar Association

Charlotte: The Sumwalt Law Firm

Durham: **\*\*Sponsor Needed!\*\***

Fayetteville: Britton Law, P.A.

Greenville: Hardee & Hardee, LLP

High Point: Manger Law Firm

Raleigh: Leone Noble & Seate (Co-Sponsor) **\*\*Co-Sponsor Needed!\*\***

Wilmington: **\*\*Sponsor Needed!\*\***

**CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW** - partnering with NCAJ to host our State Finals!

## **CALENDAR 2015 – 2016 MOCK TRIAL SEASON**

Final Registration Deadline and \$175 Team Fee Due	Friday, Dec. 11, 2015
Team Member List, Code of Ethics, Release Forms Due	Friday, Jan. 8, 2016
<b>**Last Day to Withdraw Without Penalty**</b>	Friday, Jan. 8, 2016
Regional Competition	Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016
Widenhouse Award Nomination Materials Due	Weds., Feb. 24, 2016
State Finals Competition	Fri. – Sat., March 11-12, 2016
National Championship, Boise, ID	May 12-14, 2016

### ***IT TAKES A VILLAGE . . .***

***Special thanks to our 2015-16 Regional Coordinators and CCCE Board Members: Asheville Regional Coordinators Mark Melrose and Marion Parsons-Groat, Charlotte Regional Coordinator Jennifer Errington, Durham Regional Coordinators Russell Johnson and Robert Jessup, Fayetteville Regional Coordinator Rebecca Britton, Greenville Regional Coordinator Phillip Entzminger, High Point Regional Coordinator Rich Manger, Raleigh Regional Coordinators Christine Scheef and Lindsey Granados, Wilmington Regional Coordinator John H. Anderson, Jr.; and CCCE Board Members Gordon Widenhouse, Rebecca Britton, Rich Manger, Adrienne Blocker, Chris Nichols, Katy Parker, Christine Scheef, and Brooke Schmidly.***

### ***Special thanks also to our 2015-16 Site Coordinators:***

***Asheville:*** Victoria Townley, ***Charlotte:*** Beverly K. Moore, ***Durham:*** Patti Clapper and Lakisha Chichester, ***Fayetteville:*** Elizabeth Owens, ***Greenville:*** Kristin Byrum and Jill Gustman; ***High Point:*** Karen Parrish, ***Raleigh:*** Michelle Keely and Sandra Strickland, ***Wilmington:*** Brandy Jo Lea and Christi Wert.

***\*\*If you are interested in supporting or learning more about the NCAJ High School Mock Trial program, please contact Sue Johnson, Program Coordinator, at [sueheathjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:sueheathjohnson@gmail.com), or Rebecca Britton or Gordon Widenhouse, Mock Trial Committee Co-Chairs, at [rebecca@brittonlawfirm.com](mailto:rebecca@brittonlawfirm.com) or [mgwidenhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:mgwidenhouse@yahoo.com).***