

MOCK TRIAL NEWSLETTER
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CCCE HIRES NEW PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

By Rebecca J. Britton

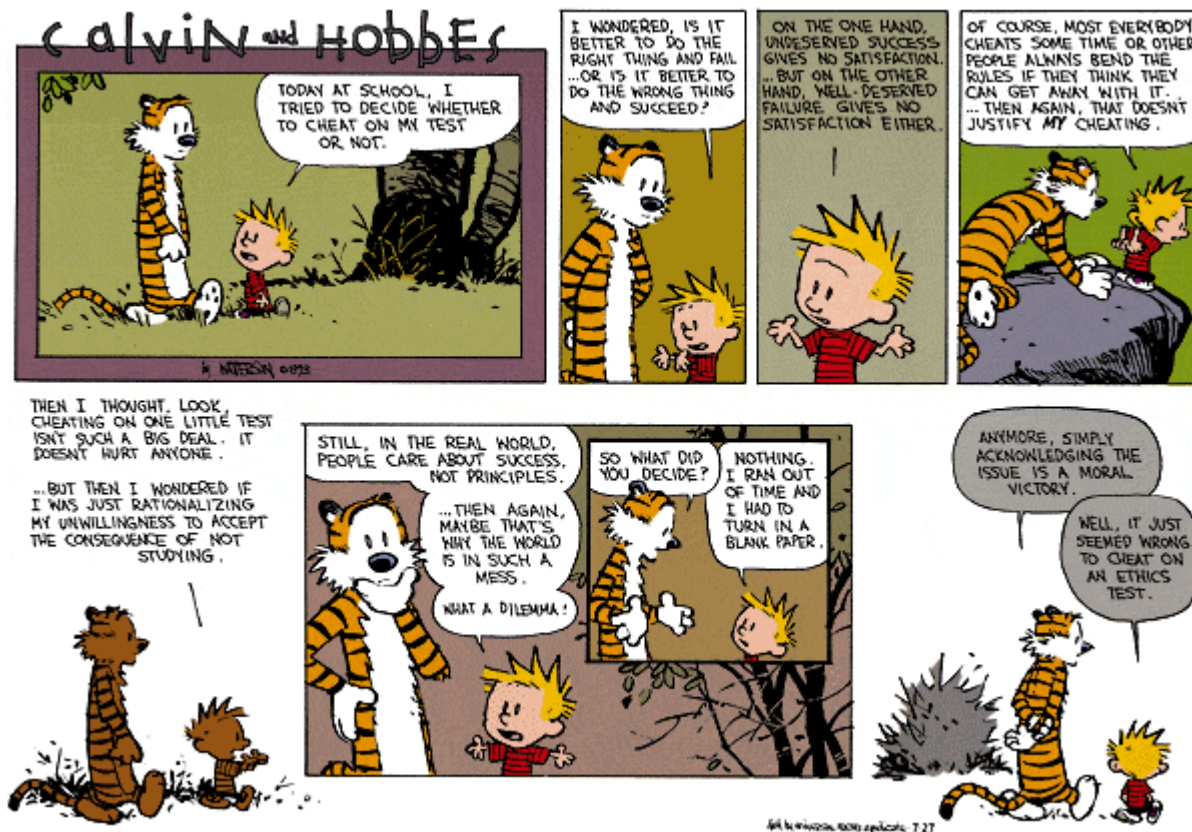
NCAJ Mock Trial Committee Co-Chair

The saying is true that where one door closes another will open. Laura Bligh, who has served as our CCCE Program Administrator since August 2010, recently relocated to Georgia with her husband due to military reassignment. While we were disappointed to see Laura leave, we were fortunate that, as fate would have it, our new Program Administrator was looking for a challenge that would be intellectually stimulating and would allow her to positively impact the lives of others. We welcome Susan Heath Johnson as Program Administrator for the Carolina Center for Civic Education. Sue Johnson is no stranger to education or educational competitions. With a BA in Mathematics, a Masters of Public Health in Nutrition and, now completing her Paralegal education and certification at Meredith College, Sue has been extensively involved in instructing and tutoring high school students in areas from Research and Writing to chemistry, biology, physics, calculus, Latin, forensics and SAT prep. In home schooling her own children, Sue has coached, recruited judges and helped coordinate Moot Court and Debate competitions. She has especially excelled with Mock Trial, taking the NC State Championship last season with the NCHE Speech Club, which went on to take 9th out of 48 teams at the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Phoenix, AZ in May of this year. We are very fortunate to have Sue join our team. With Sue's experience and tremendous enthusiasm, we are excited to see what is coming on the horizon for the Mock Trial program!

REGIONAL COMPETITIONS JUST AROUND THE CORNER – WE NEED YOU!

On Saturday, February 4th, eight regional competitions will run like clockwork around the state: Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Fayetteville, Greenville, High Point, Raleigh and Wilmington. It takes a village of volunteers to make these competitions a success! We count on legal assistants and paralegals and law students as site volunteers to help with the logistics of the competition day, and attorneys and judges to serve as scoring jurors and presiding trial judges for morning and afternoon trial rounds. Come and join the excitement of the competition and be impressed by the performance of our amazing students! **[CLICK HERE](#)** to volunteer at one of our 8 regional competitions. We look forward to seeing you there!

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-We welcome your stories of students behaving ethically and professionally for future newsletters.

CALENDAR 2011/2012 MOCK TRIAL SEASON

Team Roster Form and Money Due
Last Day to Withdraw Without Penalty
Regional Competition
State Finals-Campbell Law School, Raleigh
National Championship-Albuquerque, New Mexico

Friday, January 6, 2012
Friday, January 12, 2012
Saturday, February 4, 2012
Friday/Saturday, March 2-3, 2012
Wednesday-Sunday, May 2-6, 2012

THANK YOU TO OUR REGIONAL AND STATE FINAL COMPETITION SPONSORS!

*A special thank you to **Hardee & Hardee** for stepping up to sponsor Greenville and to **Lawyers Mutual** for sharing sponsorship of Durham with Howard, Stallings, From & Hutson, P.A. All regional competitions are now sponsored for this season. Thank you to all of our sponsors!!*

Asheville: Melrose, Seago & Lay, P.A.
Charlotte: The Sumwalt Law Firm
Durham: Howard, Stallings, From & Hutson, P.A. and Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Company of North Carolina

Fayetteville: Britton Law, P.A.
Greenville: Hardee & Hardee, LLP
High Point: Crumley Roberts, LLP
Raleigh: Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabeneau, P.A.
Wilmington: Shipman & Wright, P.A.
State Finals: Rudolf, Widenhouse & Fialko

CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW - partnering with NCAJ to host our state final competition!

Special thanks to Mock Trial Committee Members and Regional Coordinators who have agreed to serve for the 2011/2012 season: Paul Goodson (Charlotte Regional Coordinator), Rich Manger and Adrienne Blocker (High Point Regional Coordinators), John H. Anderson, Jr., (Wilmington Regional Coordinator), Russell Johnson (Durham Regional Coordinator), Mark Melrose (Asheville Regional Coordinator), Christine Scheef and Sheila Chavis (Raleigh Regional Coordinators), Philip Entzminger (Greenville Regional Coordinator), John O'Neal, Chris Nichols, Mark Sumwalt, Elizabeth Kuniholm, and Elizabeth Spruill.

Special thanks also to our Site Coordinators who have agreed to serve in the 2011/2012 season! Asheville: Cindy Bryson, Charlotte: Beverly King, Durham: Patti Clapper, Fayetteville: Elizabeth Owens, Greenville: Dallas Young, Kristen Miller; High Point: Karen Parrish, Raleigh: Lindsey Granados, Wilmington: Brandy Balderson.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

CLICK HERE to volunteer for a regional competition near you!

*****If you are interested in serving on the NCAJ Mock Trial Committee, please contact either Sue Johnson, Program Administrator, at sueheathjohnson@gmail.com, or Rebecca Britton or Gordon Widenhouse, Committee Co-Chairs, at rebecca@brittonlawfirm.com or mgwidenhouse@yahoo.com.***

*****If you would like to coach a team, let us know and we'll connect you with a high school in your area! For more information on the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Program, visit the NCAJ website at www.ncaj.com, click on "your resources" and "mock trial."***