



MOCK TRIAL NEWSLETTER
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STUDENT AT LOCAL UNIVERSITY CHARGED WITH CYBERSTALKING

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Jamie “Jammin” Anderson was a little “freaked out” when the first threat against her appeared on-line in a campus-sponsored chat-room. The Magnolia University student huddled in her dorm room and feared the worst as comments and threats escalated last fall against her, with the last and final post threatening her life. The alleged cyber-trail led police to over-achiever and loner, Kinsley Williams. Will a jury find Kinsley Williams guilty of cyberstalking Jamie Anderson? We will see on February 4, 2012 as high school students across North Carolina try the case of *State of Arcadia v. Kinsley Williams*.

The 2011/12 season of NCAJ High School Mock Trial has officially begun! Registrations are coming in and students are pouring over the case of *State of Arcadia v. Kinsley Williams*, which was released on-line on Friday, September 23d. This case was inspired by the 2009 Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition Case, the 2008 Idaho Law Related Education Committee Mock Trial Case, and the 2004 Illinois State Bar Association Mock Trial Office Mock Trial Case. The CCCE and the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Committee thank Georgia, Idaho, and Illinois for making their cases available and allowing us to adopt them for use in our program this season.

Please join the Carolina Center for Civic Education and the NCAJ Mock Trial Committee in thanking Gordon Widenhouse, Katy Parker, and Ken Campbell for their leadership and talents in adapting and finalizing this case for the coming mock trial season. *State of Arcadia v. Kinsley Williams* is now posted on the [NCAJ Mock Trial](#) website.

We look forward to seeing you in February!

Attorneys Needed

Teams in the following areas have indicated they are in need of an attorney advisor: **Franklin County** about **20 minutes west of Raleigh**, **Mint Hill** in **Mecklenburg County**, and **Fayetteville** in **Cumberland County**. Please contact Laura Bligh (lbblich@gmail.com) or Rebecca Britton (rebecca@brittonlawfirm.com) if you are willing to help.

Focus on Professionalism



Cartoon strip from <http://pactiss.org/resources/media-articles-cartoons/Ethics.jpg>

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

Teacher/Coach Training

Please make plans to attend in person or via phone conference the Teacher/Coach Training to be held at **10 am Saturday, October 22nd**. Rule changes as well as suggestions and tips for new coaches will be discussed. The meeting will be held at the upstairs conference room at the NCAJ offices, 1312 Annapolis Drive Raleigh, NC 27605. For phone conference access, please contact Laura Bligh - (lbbligh@gmail.com).

CALENDAR 2011/2012 MOCK TRIAL SEASON

Teacher/Coach Training-Raleigh or via Phone Conference

Registration Deadline

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

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Friday, November 18, 2011

Friday, January 6, 2012

Friday, January 12, 2012

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Friday/Saturday, March 2-3, 2012

Wednesday-Sunday, May 2-6, 2012

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

***If you are interested in serving on the NCAJ Mock Trial Committee, please contact either 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR REGIONAL AND STATE FINAL COMPETITION SPONSORS!

Asheville: Melrose, Seago & Lay, P.A.

Charlotte: The Sumwalt Law Firm

Durham: Howard, Stallings, From & Hutson, P.A.

Fayetteville: Britton Law, P.A.

Greenville:

High Point: Crumley Roberts, LLP

Raleigh: Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabeneau, P.A.

Wilmington: Shipman & Wright, P.A.

State Finals: Rudolf, Widenhouse & Fialko

THE GREENVILLE REGIONAL COMPETITION IS STILL IN NEED OF A SPONSOR. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT REBECCA BRITTON AT rebecca@brittonlawfirm.com

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: Dalas Young, Kristen Miller; **High Point:** Karen Parrish, **Raleigh:** Lindsey Granados,
Wilmington: Brandy Balderson.*