

# ***MOCK TRIAL NEWSLETTER***

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***“Investing in our future, creating tomorrow’s leaders”***

## **WHAT’S NEW FOR 2010/11 MOCK TRIAL SEASON?**

### **CCCE Brings Program Administrator on board**

Laura Bligh

We are pleased to welcome Laura Bligh as the Program Administrator for the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Program. Laura has a Masters in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Education. Since 2003 she has worked as an educator in eighth grade language arts, a program administrator for an Academically and Intellectually Gifted program, and has served as an Administrator/Site Coordinator for an after-school tutoring program. Laura was also a mock trial participant in her home state of Ohio in her junior and senior years of high school! Laura is also familiar with grant writing and working with nonprofit organizations. We are very pleased to have Laura on board and she will be immersed over the coming weeks in getting up to speed on our program and projects that we have under way.

We are looking forward to another terrific season for NCAJ High School Mock Trial, thanks to the support of NCAJ members and their firms. With our Program Administrator on board, we will be able to continue to grow NCAJ’s flagship public education program that has reached out to thousands of high school students across our state over the last 19 years.

### **Online Team Registration**

We are excited to offer **Online Team Registration** this year to any team who will be using a credit card to pay their registration fees. You will find a link on the [NCAJ Mock Trial](#) website. Once you’ve followed the link enter your primary email address. You do NOT need to be in the NCAJ database to register. As you continue through a few of the fields will not apply. Please ignore them. The only required fields are: First Name, Last Name, Preferred Nickname, Password (you need to enter a password of your choice), Phone number, County where you work, Address/City/Zip. This option is available only if you will be paying with a credit card. All others will continue to fax, email, or mail in their registration.

The registration forms offer another new feature for this year. Each school may request up to five flash drives that will contain the case files for this year. Hopefully this will conserve some trees and eat up less of our teacher’s paper allotments.

Lastly we are requesting that each student have a video/photo release on file. The form is found on the website and needs to be completed by each student participant and returned with final team rosters Friday, January 7, 2011.

### **CALENDAR FOR 2010/2011 MOCK TRIAL SEASON**

COMPETITION CASE PUBLISHED:	Friday, September 24, 2010
TEACHER/ADVISOR TRAINING SESSION	Saturday, October 23, 2010
FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE	Friday, November 19, 2010
REGISTRATION FEE/ROSTERS DUE	Friday, January 7, 2011
LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW	Friday, January 14, 2011
<b>REGIONAL COMPETITION DATE</b>	<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2011</b>
<b>STATE FINALS COMPETITION DATE</b>	<b>FRI/SAT, MARCH 4 &amp; 5, 2011</b>
<b>NATIONAL COMPETITION DATE</b>	<b>THURS/SAT, MAY 4-7, 2011</b>

### ***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.britton@hsbfirm.com](mailto:Rebecca.britton@hsbfirm.com) or [mgwidenhouse@yahoo.com](mailto: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!*

*\*\*If you wish to make a contribution to the mock trial program, or if your firm is interested in sponsoring a regional competition during the 2010/11 season, please contact us at the e-mails above.*

*For more information on the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Program, visit the NCAJ website at [www.ncaj.com](http://www.ncaj.com), click on public information and mock trial.*

**WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A CONTINUED GRANT FROM THE FLORENCE ROGERS CHARITABLE TRUST.** The Florence Rogers Charitable Trust has graciously provided a grant for the 2010/2011 Mock Trial Season. The FRCT is a private foundation with emphasis on arts, education, recreation, the welfare of children, and the quality of life within Fayetteville, Cumberland County or southeastern North Carolina.

**THANK YOU TO OUR REGIONAL AND STATE FINAL  
COMPETITION SPONSORS!**

***\*\*A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LAWYERS EAST FOR SPONSORING OUR GREENVILLE REGIONAL COMPETITION and TO TWIGGS, BESKIND, STRICKLAND & RABENAU, PA FOR SPONSORING OUR RALEIGH REGIONAL COMPETITION!***

**Charlotte: The Sumwalt Law Firm**

**Fayetteville: Hutchens, Senter & Britton, P.A.**

**Greenville: Lawyers East**

**Raleigh: Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabenau, P.A.**

**Wilmington: Shipman & Wright, LLP**

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

**REGIONAL SPONSORSHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR: ASHEVILLE, DURHAM, and HIGH POINT– *IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A REGIONAL COMPETITION, PLEASE CONTACT REBECCA BRITTON AT [Rebecca.britton@hsbfirm.com](mailto:Rebecca.britton@hsbfirm.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 2010/2011 season: Paul Goodson (Charlotte Regional Coordinator), Rich Manger and Adrienne Blocker (High Point Regional Coordinators), Ken Campbell (Wilmington Regional Coordinator), Russell Johnson (Durham Regional Coordinators), Mark Melrose (Asheville Regional Coordinator), Christine Scheef (Raleigh Regional Coordinator), Sonia Privette (Greenville Regional Coordinator) Michelle Robertson, John O'Neal, John H. Anderson, Jr., Chris Nichols, Mark Sumwalt, Elizabeth Kuniholm and Phillip Etminger.***

***Special thanks also to our Site Coordinators who have agreed to serve in the 2010/2011 season!***

***Asheville: Cindy Bryson, Charlotte: Beverly King, Durham: Patti Clapper, Fayetteville: Elizabeth Owens Greenville: Debi Welsh; High Point: Karen Parrish, Wilmington: Brandy Balderson.***