



## SEPTEMBER 2019 MOCK TRIAL NEWS

### **CRIMINAL CASE PUBLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 13**

By Liz Avery-Jones, NCMTP Program Coordinator

Students participating in the 2019-20 NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition will be presenting both sides of a first-degree murder case, *State of Utopia v. Shay Jackson*. Just twenty-five hours after an altercation at the gaming tables, long-time casino patron Jeremy Parker is dead, murdered in the alley right outside the casino. Casino employee Shay Jackson has been accused of his murder and has entered a plea of not guilty. Did the police have tunnel vision in this case? Did Shay Jackson have motive to kill?

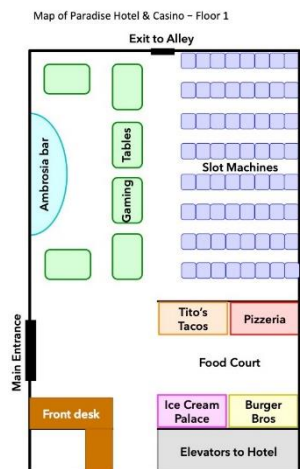
The case, published at [ncmocktrial.org](http://ncmocktrial.org), includes affidavits from casino bartender Kieran O’Sullivan, the defendant’s neighbor Skyler de Vries, the Police Department’s Assistant Division Chief Emory Lee, the defendant Shay Jackson, EMT Technician Gabi Garcia and DNA expert Dr. Max Nouali. Additional jury instructions outline the six elements that the state needs to prove beyond a reasonable doubt for conviction in a first-degree murder case. Also, the case materials include eleven stipulations for teams to keep in mind, including that Defendant Shay Jackson has waived the right against self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution and will testify.

Teachers: Please notice the teachable moment to discuss the problems of teen gambling which has become more prevalent in recent years with the advent of online gaming. For resources visit [gamblersanonymous.org/ga/](http://gamblersanonymous.org/ga/) and [youthgambling.com/](http://youthgambling.com/) and review the teacher resources at <https://preventionlane.org/youth-gambling-info-teachers>.

Thank you to our case co-authors, former Carolina Center for Civic Education (CCCE) State Coordinator **Susan H. Johnson** and **Elise Wilson**, a rising 3L at Emory School of Law. We also express our appreciation to **Justin Bernstein** of UCLA School of Law for his insights in refining this case. Thank you also to NCMTP Board members **Brad Bannon**, **Adrienne Blocker** and **Rebecca Britton** for proofreading, editing and finalizing the case drafts.

### **SCRIMMAGE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THIS FALL!**

Homeschool Academic Resource Center (HARC) is again hosting a multi-school scrimmage at Colonial Baptist Church in Cary, NC this January. Please reach out if you are interested in participating!



**Date:** January 11, 2020 | 8am - 5pm  
**Structure:** morning scrimmage | lunch break | afternoon scrimmage  
**Cost:** \$25 registration fee (due to need for paid security)  
**RSVP:** Registration [form](#). 14 team max; first come first serve.  
**Questions?** Email Sue Gray at [hope2kidz@gmail.com](mailto:hope2kidz@gmail.com).

HARC is also working with individual teams to arrange scrimmages on Tuesday evenings from 5-9 starting in December. These smaller scrimmage opportunities will continue until the final week before the regional tournament.

### **ATTORNEY ADVISORS NEEDED – WAKE / DURHAM / MECKLENBURG**

High school students in your community need your help! Local teachers need attorneys to help their students prepare for the NC Mock Trial Program's high school regional mock trial competition. Attorney advisors typically meet with students approximately 6-8 times between October and February (flexible, depending on what your schedule allows). The NCMTTP offers attorney advisors plenty of support including this list of [suggested activities](#) and all of these student [training materials](#). Can you help coach? Your role as mentor will be forever remembered by these students and you will join a network of hundreds of lawyers who support this important program as regional coordinators, presiding judges, and attorney advisors. If available to help, please email Program Coordinator Liz Avery-Jones at [liz@ncmocktrial.org](mailto:liz@ncmocktrial.org).

### **SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT MOCK TRIAL IN OCTOBER**

The NC Mock Trial Program will be holding a silent auction – both at [ncmocktrial.org](http://ncmocktrial.org) and at NCAJ's upcoming Sustainer Summit in Asheville (Oct 17-19, 2019) – to grow this program beyond current participating schools. Do you have any items you could contribute? If so, please click [here](#) or contact Liz Avery-Jones at [liz@ncmocktrial.org](mailto:liz@ncmocktrial.org). We hope you help us reach underserved schools across the state!

### **CALENDAR 2019 – 2020 MOCK TRIAL SEASON**

Early Registration Deadline	Friday, Sept. 27, 2019
Final Registration Deadline and \$275 Team Fee Due	Friday, Dec. 13, 2019
Team Member List, Code of Ethics, Release Forms Due	Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020
**Last Day to Withdraw Without Penalty**	Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020
Regional Competition	Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020
Widenhouse Award Nomination Materials Due	Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020
State Finals Competition	Fri. – Sat., March 13-14, 2020
National Championship, Evansville, IN	May 6-9, 2020

### **NCMTTP REGIONAL AND SITE COORDINATORS FOR THE 2019-20 SEASON**

Learn more about our terrific volunteer leaders at [ncmocktrial.org/supporters](http://ncmocktrial.org/supporters).

#### ***Regional Coordinators:***

<i>Fayetteville</i>	<i>Rebecca Britton</i>
<i>Gastonia</i>	<i>Holden Clark and Daniel O'Shea</i>
<i>Greenville</i>	<i>Nancy Ray</i>
<i>Hendersonville</i>	<i>Mary Ann Hollocker</i>
<i>Hickory</i>	<i>Jason Orndoff</i>
<i>High Point</i>	<i>Rich Manger</i>
<i>Hillsborough</i>	<i>Drew Haywood and Robert "Robby" Jessup</i>
<i>Raleigh</i>	<i>Lindsey Granados and Christine Scheef</i>

Salisbury                    *to be announced*  
Wilmington                *John H. Anderson, Jr.*

**Site Coordinators:**

Fayetteville                *Tanja Shurling*  
Gastonia                    *Jacqueline Thurman and Beverly Moore*  
Greenville                  *Sandi Baughman-Egan*  
Hendersonville            *Melanie Miller*  
Hickory                     *Angie Beach*  
High Point                  *Grace Lay*  
Hillsborough               *Patti Clapper*  
Raleigh                     *Michelle Keely*  
Salisbury                    *to be announced*  
Wilmington                *Rachel Royal and Catherine Holland*

**NCMTP Board Members:** *Rebecca Britton (President), Rich Manger (Vice President), Andrew McVey (Treasurer), Adrienne Blocker (Secretary), Helen Baddour, Bradley Bannon, Drew Haywood, Christine Scheef, Brooke Schmidly, Mark Sumwalt, and Vernon Sumwalt (ex officio)*

**TEACHERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE**

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Although over 780 volunteer roles within the NC Mock Trial Program are filled by legal professionals – from regional coordinators, site coordinators and scoring directors, to presiding judges, scoring jurors and team attorney advisors – **teacher coaches play a critical role** within the NC Mock Trial Program. We acknowledge their dedication to their students as they shepherd them through this academic experience. Below is a listing of the teachers who fielded a team at Regional Competition last year. *Thank you!*

Mr. Mallonee   Ardrey Kell	Ms. Perry   Enloe	Ms. King   Middle Creek
Ms. Roycroft   Blackstone	Ms. McNeice   Fayetteville Academy	Mr. Crawley   Millbrook
Ms. Lineberger   Broughton	Mr. Cromie   Forsyth Country	Mr. DeGraaf   Millennium Charter Academy
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Mr. Campion   Carolina Friends School	Ms. Holland   Green Hope	Mr. Irvin   Nesbitt Discovery Academy
Ms. Polson   Central Carolina	Mr. Wade   Grimsley	Mr. Anderson   N. Buncombe
Mr. North   Chapel Hill	Ms. Gray   HARC	Mr. Lewin   NW School of the Arts
Mr. Coddington   Charlotte Country Day	Mr. Smith   Hendersonville	Ms. Wilkins   Page High
Ms. Karim   Charlotte Islamic Academy	Mr. Wheeler   Hickory Christian Academy	Ms. Schoonmaker   Port City Mock Trial
Mr. Yodice   Community School of Davidson	Mr. Smith   High Point Christian Academy	Ms. Young   Providence Day
Ms. Caudle   Davie County	Ms. Fersinger   Hoggard	Mr. Felder   Raleigh Charter
Ms. Jones   EA Laney	Ms. Smith   Hough	Ms. Lewis   Research Triangle
Ms. Brown   East Chapel Hill	Ms. Dobie   Jack Britt	Mr. Palmer   Reynolds
Ms. Watson   East Forsyth	Ms. Knight   JH Rose	Ms. Fry   Southwest Guilford
	Mr. Kay   KIPP Pride	
	Mr. Brown   Lake Norman Charter	

Ms. Williams | STEM Early  
College  
Mr. Sashidhar | Terry Sanford  
Ms. Rogers | Triton  
Ms. Creech | Unity Mock  
Trial

Ms. Wright | Uwharrie  
Charter  
Mr. Chisholm | Victory  
Christian Center  
Ms. McAteer | Village  
Christian Academy

Ms. Wullschleger | Wake  
Christian Academy  
Ms. Hobbs | Wayne School of  
Engineering  
Mr. Brewer | West Henderson  
Mr. Bryson | Westchester