



NOVEMBER 2019 MOCK TRIAL NEWS

NEW THIS YEAR! COURTROOM ARTIST COMPETITION

Exciting news! The NC Mock Trial Program is pleased to offer a ***Courtroom Artist Competition*** at both the Regional and State Finals level of the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition. Each school or homeschool group that has registered a team for the 2019-2020 year can enroll one student from their school. Regional winners will be invited to compete at State Finals for the chance to be invited to represent North Carolina at the National High School Mock Trial Championship. For rules and details, [click here](#).

PUBLIC SPEAKING TIPS FOR MOCK TRIAL AND LIFE

By Liz Avery-Jones, NCMTP Program Coordinator

One of the many positive outcomes of mock trial is that students come away with improved public speaking and communication skills. Although these skills are often very important to career success, many struggle to feel comfortable speaking in front of a crowd and lose out on promotions and opportunities as a result. Congratulations to all our participating students for taking steps to develop this important skill. We have compiled a few additional public speaking resources below for students, teachers and coaches in the hopes that they complement the lessons of mock trial:

- [Presentation Zen](#), a blog by internationally acclaimed communications consultant **Garr Reynolds**, offers great tips for public speaking with a focus on the power of storytelling ([presentationzen.com](#)). Garr Reynolds has also written best-selling books, including the award-winning *Presentation Zen*, *Presentation Zen Design*, and *The Naked Presenter*.
- While [TEDTalk videos](#) ([ted.com/talks](#)) offer an excellent opportunity to learn by listening to great speakers, also consider the online resource [American Rhetoric](#) ([americanrhetoric.com](#)). Their online speech bank of more than 5,000 speeches can be accessed for free, including speeches from John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.
- Lastly, the career development blog [MindTools.com](#) ([mindtools.com](#)), provides some good insights into the importance of presenting and how to become better at it. Their communication skills page also offers a lot of free information on how to be a better communicator.

COMPETITION FOR BEST 'QUOTE' FOR STATE FINAL HATS / SHIRTS

Competitors at the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition State Finals Competition in March 2020 will receive mock trial t-shirts and the students competing in the final round will also each receive a

mock trial hat. By December 6, email liz@ncmocktrial.org your recommendation of a short saying based on this year's case - or mock trial generally - for potential printing on the shirt/hat. All respondents will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a prize. Past examples: Mock On; Mock Addict; Got Mock?

NC ATTORNEYS : WE NEED PRESIDING JUDGES AND SCORING JURORS

Please Save the Date! If you live in Fayetteville, Gastonia, Greenville, Hendersonville, Hickory, High Point, Hillsborough, Raleigh, Salisbury or Wilmington, we would much appreciate your help at the **Feb 1, 2020 regional competition** held at your local courthouse in either of these two ways; would you please Save the Date and join us?

Presiding Judge: judiciary or attorneys with mock trial experience; preside / make evidentiary rulings.

Scoring Juror: judiciary or attorneys. No experience necessary; orientation is provided!

Trials take place all day: two preliminary rounds (**9 a.m.–12 p.m.** and **1–4 p.m.**) and a final round (**3:30 – 6:30 p.m.**). If you can help, click [here](#) or email Coordinator Liz Avery-Jones at liz@ncmocktrial.org.

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL

Middle school mock trials in Greensboro (12/6 at Old Guilford Courthouse) and Charlotte (12/13, Old Civil Courts Building) are seeking volunteers to serve as presiding judges and scorers. Volunteers can participate in the morning sessions, afternoon sessions, or both. Judging or scoring experience is preferred but not required. Click [here](#) to request more information from the NC Bar Association.

CALENDAR FOR THE 2019 – 2020 MOCK TRIAL SEASON

Final Registration Deadline and \$275 Team Fee Due	<u>DUE SOON</u>	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

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