



FEBRUARY 2020 MOCK TRIAL NEWS

EXCITING FINISH TO REGIONAL COMPETITION

The 87 teams (nearly 800 students) who participated in the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition on February 1, 2020 in 10 different cities throughout North Carolina did an outstanding job trying both sides of the criminal case *State v. Jackson*. We congratulate them on their performance. And we are very pleased to announce the year's Regional Champions and two at-large teams who will compete at the State Finals competition in Raleigh on March 13-14, 2020.

Fayetteville Regional Champion: **Village Christian Academy (Purple)**

Gastonia Regional Champion: **Gray Stone Day (Team 1)**

Greenville Regional Champion: **JH Rose High (Green)**

Hendersonville Regional Champion: **Hendersonville High (Red)**

Hickory Regional Champion: **Hickory Christian Academy (Navy)**

High Point Regional Champion: **Gaston Christian Academy (Red)**

Hillsborough: Regional Champion: **NC School of Math and Science (Mock & Roll)**

Raleigh Regional Champion: **Central Carolina Homeschoolers (Veritas)**

Salisbury Regional Champion: **East Chapel Hill High (Black)**

Wilmington Regional Champion: **Unity Mock Trial (Purple)**

At-Large Teams: **Hendersonville High (White) & Central Carolina Homeschoolers (Libertas)**

For a full listing of participating schools and teams, please visit ncmocktrial.org. And for all event pictures, see facebook.com/ncmocktrial.

STATE FINALS COMPETITION TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL ROUND

For the first time, the NCAJ High School Mock Trial **State Finals** Competition in March will include an additional round of competition! The NC Mock Trial Program Board [approved this rule change](#) in 2019 to give students an extra chance to showcase and practice their well-developed mock trial skills at this level of the competition.



We are grateful to our generous host venue, Campbell University School of Law, and to our State Finals Sponsor, [The Sumwalt Law Firm](#), for making this event possible. The added competition round means we are asking attorneys to join us on Friday as well as Saturday. Visit <https://ncmocktrial.org/get-involved/volunteer/register2020-state/> to volunteer for any of these time slots:

Friday, March 13:

Afternoon: (12:45-4:00 pm) *Judges and Jurors are welcome to stay for the Awards/Welcome Ceremony immediately following Round I.*

Saturday, March 14:

Morning: (8:45 am - Noon) | Afternoon: (11:45 am– 3:00 pm) | Final: (3:00 – 6:00 pm)

Our State Final Champion will be invited to travel to Evansville, Indiana to represent North Carolina at the [National High School Mock Trial Championship](#) from May 6-9, 2020.

COACHES: NOMINATE A SENIOR FOR THE M. GORDON WIDENHOUSE, JR. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Do you know a senior who has shown great leadership in holding the mock trial team together through practices and competitions? Please help us reward them! Team advisors can nominate one student (seniors only) per team. [Applications](#) are due Feb 19.



NCMTP REGIONAL & SITE COORDINATORS IN 2019-2020

The below group of attorneys and paralegals generously shared their time to recruit volunteers and to expertly host students, parents, teachers and attorney coaches at their competition site on Feb 1. Learn more about our terrific volunteer leaders at 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>
<i>Salisbury</i>	<i>John Basinger</i>
<i>Wilmington</i>	<i>John H. Anderson, Jr.</i>

Site Coordinators:

<i>Fayetteville</i>	<i>Tanja Shurling</i>
<i>Gastonia</i>	<i>Jacqueline Thurman and Beverly Moore</i>
<i>Greenville</i>	<i>Sandi Baughman-Egan</i>
<i>Hendersonville</i>	<i>Melanie Miller</i>
<i>Hickory</i>	<i>Angie Beach</i>
<i>High Point</i>	<i>Grace Lay</i>
<i>Hillsborough</i>	<i>Patti Clapper</i>
<i>Raleigh</i>	<i>Michelle Keely</i>
<i>Salisbury</i>	<i>Nathaniel Drum</i>
<i>Wilmington</i>	<i>Rachel Royal and Catherine Holland</i>

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State Finals Host: **Campbell University School of Law**

Regional Sponsors

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Hendersonville:	The Van Winkle Law Firm
<i>Supporter:</i>	Asheville Area Paralegal Association
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High Point:	Manger Law Firm
Hillsborough:	Patterson Harkavy LLP
Raleigh:	The Law Offices of John M. McCabe, P.A. & Settlement Planning Services, LLC
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