



SEPTEMBER 2020 MOCK TRIAL NEWS

NCAJ HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION CASE RELEASED!

This year's NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition case is now online! In 2021, high school students across North Carolina will try both sides of *Lee Jones, et al. v. Moore Chemicals, Inc.*, an environmental law case based in the state of Utopia. To access, visit <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete/case-materials/>:

The Jones family suffers from various severe medical conditions which they believe are a direct result from contaminants in the environment released by Moore Chemicals, Inc. Moore Chemicals manufacturing plant is located near the Jones' residence. Moore Chemicals has a history of spills which has resulted in contamination to the creek that runs behind their facility, as well as ground-water. The Jones family is also unhappy with the noxious fumes that Moore Chemicals' manufacturing processes generate and claims that such fumes interfere with the use and enjoyment of their property. The Jones have filed claims for negligence, trespass and nuisance against Moore Chemicals.

The NC Mock Trial Program (NCMTP) thanks the Wisconsin State Bar and the Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Tournament for granting permission to edit their original 2009 case (*Lee Jones, et al. v. Badger Aeromechanical Corporation*). We also thank the following members of the NCMTP Case Committee for their edits to the original case: **Brad Bannon** of Patterson Harkavy LLP; **Adrienne Blocker** of DeMayo Law Offices; **Rebecca Britton** of Britton Law, P.A.; **Gayle Goldsmith** of Goldsmith Tuch Law; and **Hayes Jernigan Finley** of Fox Rothschild LLP.

Given the recent coal ash spill and river contaminations in our state, this case is timely and also lends itself to numerous lesson plans, including these linked below, which focus on the landmark environmental case from Woburn, Mass: *Anne Anderson et al. versus W.R. Grace & Co. and Beatrice Foods, Inc.* <https://serc.carleton.edu/woburn/index.html>.

ONLINE COMPETITION RULES: POSTED

Given current trends and predictions, the North Carolina Mock Trial Program has planned an online regional mock trial competition on Zoom for February 5 and 6, 2021 (1.5 day event). The 2020-2021 NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition Rules reflect online competition. Now

posted (with memo summarizing rule changes) at <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete/case-materials>.

If the crisis situation improves and an in-person regional competition at courthouses across the state becomes possible, the NCMTTP will announce (before December 1) its decision to move to hosting in-person regional competitions on Saturday, February 6 (with social distancing if needed). If that decision is made, a new version of the competition rules (appropriate for in-person competition) will be posted online at ncmocktrial.org.

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE PRACTICE SCRIMMAGE

If you are registered for this mock trial season, the NC Mock Trial Program will put you in touch with a team to run a practice scrimmage with on Zoom. If needed and requested, the NCMTTP will also arrange the Zoom call link for you, too. We will put teams in touch as soon as October and through January based on schools' interest and availability. Sign up at <https://ncmocktrial.org/team-scrimmages/>.

2020 – 2021 MOCK TRIAL SEASON CALENDAR

Final Registration Deadline and \$275 Team Fee Due	Friday, Dec. 11, 2020
Team Member List, Code of Ethics, Release Forms Due	Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021
Last Day to Withdraw Without Penalty	Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021
Regional Competition	Fri. – Sat, Feb. 5-6, 2021
Widenhouse Award Nomination Materials Due	Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021
State Finals Competition	Fri. – Sat., March 5-6, 2021
National Championship, Evansville, IN	Thurs. – Sat., May 13-15, 2021

HELP US EXPAND MOCK TRIAL IN THE STATE AT NO COST TO YOU!

Did you know? **AmazonSmile** is a simple way to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you! Will you consider setting up your Amazon account to support NC High School Mock Trial? One click [here](#) is all it takes. Please give high school students the chance to learn critically important life skills with the NC Mock Trial Program at no cost to you.

NEW TO MOCK TRIAL? ATTEND A VIRTUAL INTEREST MEETING

Are you a teacher or homeschool group new to mock trial but interested in fielding a team? You can learn a lot about how to teach mock trial to your students at <https://ncmocktrial.org/resources/training-materials/>. Also, you are welcome to sign up for one of our **virtual interest meetings** to get your additional questions answered. To sign up to attend the below event or tell us your preferred availability this fall, click [here](#).

NEXT VIRTUAL INTEREST MEETING:

Monday, October 5 | 7:00-8:00 pm
Attorney Coach **Nicole Winget** & NCMTTP Coordinator **Liz Avery-Jones**
Zoom link to be provided to registrants

NCMTP REGIONAL & SITE COORDINATORS

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 last season. Their roles will look different at the online competition but we are grateful for their support and time. 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>to be announced</i>
<i>Hendersonville</i>	<i>Mary Ann Hollocker and Beth Stang</i>
<i>Hickory</i>	<i>to be announced</i>
<i>High Point</i>	<i>Rich Manger</i>
<i>Hillsborough</i>	<i>Drew Haywood, Robby Jessup, and Rebecca Ugolick</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>Beverly Moore and Jacqueline Thurman</i>
<i>Greenville</i>	<i>Sandi Baughman-Egan and Nelia Willis</i>
<i>Hendersonville</i>	<i>Melanie Miller</i>
<i>Hickory</i>	<i>to be announced</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>Anna Hardin</i>
<i>Wilmington</i>	<i>Catherine Holland and Rachel Royal</i>

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 David Henson (ex officio)*

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State Finals Sponsor: **The Sumwalt Law Firm**
State Finals Host: **Campbell University School of Law** (pending decision re Covid-19)

Regional Sponsors

Fayetteville:	Britton Law, P.A.
<i>Supporter:</i>	Cumberland County Bar Association
Gastonia:	to be announced
Greenville:	to be announced
Hendersonville:	to be announced
Hickory:	The Law Office of Jason E. Taylor, P.C. & Orndoff Law Firm
High Point:	High Point Bar Association
Hillsborough:	to be announced
Raleigh:	Settlement Planning Services, LLC
Salisbury:	Rowan County Bar Association
Wilmington:	to be announced