



NOVEMBER 2020 MOCK TRIAL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS LIZ JONES!

By Rebecca Britton, NCMTP President

Many of us know and realize the amount of work Liz Jones has put in over the past year and a half as Program Coordinator for the NCMTP. Liz has been an absolute joy to work with. Her dedication, creativity and commitment to NCMTP has



strengthened our program and made it possible for us to continue to offer both a successful summer camp and a full competition season to our students statewide under the difficult challenges of Covid. It is because of Liz's tremendous work and leadership skill that the NCMTP Board of Directors voted recently to promote Liz to **Executive Director of the NCMTP**. We are excited about the future of the NCMTP under Liz's leadership.

Liz's work, with the support of the NCMTP Executive Committee and Board, will focus on making this challenging Mock Trial year the best and safest it can be for our students, teachers and coaches. We look forward to a great year ahead! Thank you Liz – and congratulations!

NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

All NC teams are working so hard during this difficult year; keep up the terrific work! We look forward to announcing the 2021 State Champion team at the close of State Finals in March. As you know, that team will win the opportunity to compete at the *National High School Mock Trial Championship* in May 2021. That event, hosted by the Indiana Bar Foundation, will be held virtually from May 13 through May 15, 2021. Initial details are at <https://www.nationalmocktrial.org>; more details coming soon.

SENIORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Get recognized for your leadership skills this year! High school seniors who participate in our February regional mock trial competition can apply for the **M.**

Gordon Widenhouse Jr. Scholarship Award. Deadline is Feb 17; fillable application and details about the \$1000 scholarship are [here](#). We look forward to recognizing inspirational leadership again this year!

NOV 30 DEADLINE: MOCK TRIAL STATE FINALS T-SHIRT DESIGN

Are you a student or teacher with an idea for this year's **State Finals t-shirt/hat design**? Email liz@ncmocktrial.org with your recommendation of a short saying based on this year's case - or mock trial generally - for potential printing on the 2021 State Finals shirt and hat. **Deadline: Nov 30!** Respondents will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a prize. Past examples: Mock On; Got Mock.

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 NCMTP 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. If you have not yet, sign up at <https://ncmocktrial.org/team-scrimmages/>.

DECEMBER 1 SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE



Will you help us set a stable foundation so that the North Carolina Mock Trial Program can expand each year? During the month of December, we ask and hope you participate in our social media challenge: Please share this image and this [donation link](#) on your social media feed, **including a description of what the program has meant to you.**

Remember to tag us at @ncmocktrial and use #ncmocktrial. Teachers and coaches: please share this challenge with involved parents, too!

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
State Finals Competition
National Championship, Evansville, IN

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021
Fri. – Sat., March 5-6, 2021
Thurs. – Sat., May 13-15, 2021

ATTORNEY ADVISORS AND THEIR TREMENDOUS IMPACT

Please visit [our website](#) for a full list of the attorneys across North Carolina who mentor our high school mock trial students, preparing them for mock trial competition and for life beyond. THANK YOU COACHES!

Would you join their ranks? Below are the **main reasons** we hope you consider volunteering as a mock trial coach soon:

- Teaching high school students will sharpen your trial skills and is a rewarding way to keep the Rules of Evidence fresh in your mind.
- You will be inspired to see high school students develop a strong understanding of our justice system and hone important life skills such as critical thinking, public speaking, teamwork, and leadership abilities.
- You will join a network of hundreds of other attorneys who support mock trial as presiding judges, scoring jurors, and regional coordinators – a stellar networking opportunity.
- The NCMTP gives you all the [teaching resources](#) you would need.
- Many teams are meeting virtually this year to practice social distancing.
- You will help us bring this program into diverse communities across the state to ensure all interested students can access the valuable life lessons this program develops!

We are looking to ensure schools in all areas of the state, especially in more rural communities, can participate in mock trial. **Will you let us know (liz@ncmocktrial.org) if you are willing to be added to our list of potential attorney advisors?**

NCMTP REGIONAL & SITE COORDINATORS

The below group of attorneys and paralegals generously volunteer their time to make mock trial competition run smoothly each year. Learn more about them 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>Hendersonville</i>	<i>Mary Ann Hollocker and Beth Stang</i>
<i>Hickory</i>	<i>Blia Vang</i>

High Point *Rich Manger*
Hillsborough *Drew Haywood, Robby Jessup, and Rebecca Ugolick*
Raleigh *Lindsey Granados and Christine Scheef*
Salisbury *John Basinger*
Wilmington *John H. Anderson, Jr.*

Site Coordinators:

Fayetteville *Tanja Shurling*
Gastonia *Beverly Moore and Jacqueline Thurman*
Hendersonville *Melanie Miller*
Hickory *Bianca Lopez*
High Point *Grace Lay*
Hillsborough *Patti Clapper*
Raleigh *Michelle Keely*
Salisbury *Anna Myers*
Wilmington *Catherine Holland and Rachel Royal*

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Hillsborough:	Patterson Harkavy LLP
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