



FEBRUARY - MARCH 2021 MOCK TRIAL NEWS

FIRST-EVER REGIONAL COMPETITION HELD ON ZOOM IN FEBRUARY

Because of the ongoing pandemic, 72 teams (nearly 700 students) participated in a first-ever *online* NCAJ High School Mock Trial Regional Competition on February 5-6, 2021 on Zoom; we congratulate all mockers on their terrific performance and their show of resilience during this difficult time.

We are very pleased to announce the year's Regional Champions and at-large teams who will compete at the State Finals competition on March 5 and 6, 2021 on Zoom.

Fayetteville:	Regional Champion J.H. Rose High (Green)
Gastonia:	Regional Champion Gaston Christian Academy (Red)
High Point:	Regional Champion Central Carolina Homeschoolers (Veritas)
Hickory:	Regional Champion East Chapel Hill High (Black)
Hillsborough:	Regional Champion Unity Mock Trial (Purple)
Raleigh:	Regional Champion Chapel Hill High (Gold)
Salisbury:	Regional Champion Central Carolina Homeschoolers (Lux)
Wilmington:	Regional Champion NC School of Science and Mathematics (Gold)
Hendersonville:	North Buncombe & Terry Sanford High (technical issue during final round)
At-Large Teams:	Ardey Kell High (Black) and Davie County High

For a list of all participating schools and this year's best witness and best attorney award recipients, please visit the NCMTTP [regional pages](#). The North Carolina State Champion will be invited to the [National High School Mock Trial Championship](#) (also on Zoom) 'hosted' by Evansville, Indiana on May 13-15, 2021.

We are very grateful to the nearly 100 teacher coaches and attorney advisors who expertly guided these students through this trying time with incredible patience and much dedication. We also thank the nearly [250 attorneys](#) who volunteered as judges, jurors and hosts/coordinators across 5 Zoom calls, offering constructive, helpful feedback to all teams. This experience was possible because of these hardworking groups who came together to make the two-day event successful.

CHIEF JUSTICE PAUL NEWBY TO PRESIDE OVER THE FINAL ROUND AT STATES

We are honored that Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court Paul Newby will preside over the final round at State Finals on Saturday, March 6 at 3 pm. Chief Justice Paul Martin Newby is the 30th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, having first been elected in 2004. Justice Newby is also an Adjunct Professor at Campbell University School of Law, where he teaches courses on state constitutional law and appellate practice. For his full biography, visit <https://www.nccourts.gov/judicial-directory/paul-newby>.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER CHANDRA TAYLOR AT MARCH 5 AWARDS CEREMONY | 7 pm

As the students continue to try both sides of the environmental law case *Lee Jones, et al. v. Moore Chemicals, Inc.* at State Finals, we are excited to welcome **Chandra Taylor** Senior Attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center (and Leader of SELC's Environmental Justice Initiative) to join us as keynote speaker at our M. Gordon Widenhouse Award Ceremony on March 5 at 7 pm. She will speak to the importance of environmental advocacy through the courts system and offer her advice and wisdom to State Final mock trial teams. Read her bio [here](#).

{Thank you to the 15 students who submitted applications for the M. Gordon Widenhouse Scholarship Award for Inspirational Team Leadership; the Executive Committee is reviewing all applications and they thank all of these strong applicants for their leadership within their mock trial teams.}

NCMTP REGIONAL & SITE COORDINATORS

The below group of attorneys and paralegals generously volunteer their time to make mock trial competition run smoothly each year. They kindly shared even more time to make it possible to offer this program over Zoom; we especially want to thank “Zoom Managers” – **Rebecca Britton, Christine Scheef, Rich Manger and Drew Haywood**. Learn more about all coordinators at ncmocktrial.org/supporters.

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<i>Gastonia</i>	<i>Holden Clark and Daniel O’Shea</i>
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<i>Wilmington</i>	<i>John H. Anderson, Jr.</i>

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