



## APRIL 2021 MOCK TRIAL NEWS

### **ONLINE MOCK TRIAL SUMMER CAMP : JUNE SEMINARS & JULY SCRIMMAGE**

The North Carolina Mock Trial Program is welcoming high school students to attend six (two-hour) interactive skill-building seminars on Zoom led by very experienced NC mock trial attorney coaches throughout June 2021 ([June schedule here](#)). The June seminars:

Powerful Opening Statements | June 2 (morning) | **Brooke Schmidly**  
Guide to Direct Examinations | June 3 (morning) | **Amanda Perry**  
How to be an Invaluable Witness | June 9 (afternoon) | **Kelli Clancy**  
Cross Examinations: What to Know | June 11 (morning) | **Darren Allen**  
Objections & Rules of Evidence 101 | June 22 (morning) | **Hailey Bunce**  
Impactful Closing Arguments | June 23 (afternoon) | **Nicole Winget**

Campers who attend 5 of 6 lectures (or watch them on-demand at their convenience, \$25/seminar) are invited to attend a two-day camp + trial scrimmage (July 16+17) led by undergraduate and law school mock trial mentors. We look forward to introducing our mentors soon. At the July camp, students will be grouped into teams of six to work with their mentor to prepare for the Saturday, July 17 afternoon scrimmage. At the scrimmage, practicing attorneys will serve as presiding judges and jurors. [July schedule](#).

For more details or to register: [ncmocktrial.org/camps/ncmtp-summer-camps/](https://ncmocktrial.org/camps/ncmtp-summer-camps/).

Please email [liz@ncmocktrial.org](mailto:liz@ncmocktrial.org) with questions or to volunteer as judge/juror/mentor. We hope to see you at camp!

### **CATCHING YOU UP: STATE FINALS IN MARCH**

Did you miss our [community newsletter](#) in March? [Subscribe here](#)! Here's the update: Twelve incredibly talented mock trial teams came together online to participate in State Finals on March 5 & 6, 2021. For a full list of all State Finalist teams, all best witness and best attorney award recipients, and all **volunteer judges/jurors**, click [here](#). We thank all participants and teachers for their terrific showing and all volunteers for their kind support. We are honored that the competition's livestreamed [final round](#) between Central Carolina Homeschoolers (Lux) and Davie County High Mock Trial was



presided by the Honorable Chief Justice of the NC Supreme Court Paul Newby and scored by distinguished trial lawyers **Janet Ward Black, Burton Craige, David Henson, John McCabe** and **Mark Sumwalt**. Congrats to Davie County High (pictured) on being 2021 NC State Champions. We will be rooting for them at Nationals on May 13-15!

**HELP US EXPAND INTO MORE SCHOOLS IN RURAL NORTH CAROLINA**

Will you support the NC Mock Trial Program so that we can expand each year? We are seeking to bring this program that builds critical thinking and public speaking skills in the next generation into more under-served communities in rural North Carolina each year. [Please help us grow by making a donation](#) OR help at no cost to you -- by asking Amazon to donate to mock trial students every time you use your account! Please click icon to set this up with one click:



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We very much thank the following attorneys (and experienced mock trial competitors) for kindly volunteering to be on our 2021-2022 Case Committee to edit/proofread our original criminal case this summer. We are looking forward to working with them! If you would like to volunteer with the NC Mock Trial Program as a coach, case writer, lecturer, or camp mentor, please email [liz@ncmocktrial.org](mailto:liz@ncmocktrial.org).

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