



JULY 2021 MOCK TRIAL NEWS

NORTH CAROLINA MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

This month kicks off the 30th season of high school mock trial competition in North Carolina! Since 1992, high school students in this state have had the opportunity to grow and learn through mock trial, developing their critical thinking, public speaking, and leadership skills for bright futures ahead. We are celebrating all season, including by launching a *Friends and Alumni* Facebook group, offering 30th anniversary t-shirts, and much more. Please join us!

NCAJ PAST PRESIDENTS HELP KICK OFF 30th YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The Past Presidents of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice (NCAJ) have helped us begin our 30th year celebrations in a very impactful way. Please join us in thanking **Doug Abrams, Peggy**

Abrams, Bradley Bannon, Charles Becton, Clifford Britt, Rebecca Britton, Janet Ward Black, Wade Byrd, Burton Craige, Joe Cheshire, Danny Glover, Jim Fuller, David Henson, Rick Hunter, Gary Jackson, John McCabe, Bill Mills, Chris Nichols, Spencer Parris, Bill Powers, Adam Stein, Mark Sumwalt, Vernon Sumwalt, Mary Ann Tally and David Teddy for generously supporting high school mock trial at the [NCMTP Champions](#) level this year. Their help will ensure high school mock trial can continue in North Carolina.



Thank you
NCAJ Past Presidents!
We appreciate your very impactful
support of high school mock trial
in North Carolina!

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\$30 FOR 30

We are asking everyone positively touched by mock trial – parents, coaches, judges and jurors – to please consider contributing in celebration of our 30th year! We offer many different giving levels including a new level of support called \$30 for 30. Please click below to learn more about how you can support this powerful program and increase its impact:

<https://ncmocktrial.org/about/north-carolina-mock-trial-program/individual-contributors/>

NCAJ MEMBERS: Are you an NC Mock Trial Alum?

We want to hear from you!! We're celebrating the impact that high school mock trial in North Carolina has had on the lives of our alumni. Would you join our *NC Mock Trial: Friends and Alumni* Facebook group? Launch date is August 1, accessible from facebook.com/ncmocktrial. If

you are not on Facebook, please send us a testimonial of the program's impact on your life to liz@ncmocktrial.org!

MOCK TRIAL SUMMER CAMP IS A WRAP – SEMINAR VIDEOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

It's a wrap! Thank you to all the students who participated in our online camp July 16-17. Our 36 campers came from as far away as Ireland; others hailed from Arkansas, Delaware, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, South Carolina and from throughout North Carolina. Campers attended interactive skill-building seminars online led by terrific North Carolina mock trial coaches throughout June. Thank you to **Darren Allen, Hailey Bunce, Kelli Clancy, Cpt**



Amanda Perry, Brooke Schmidly, and Nicole Winget for kindly sharing their time and wisdom with our campers. Those skills seminars are available online at ncmocktrial.org/shop (\$25/seminar).

Law school students **Carrie Duhon, Jennifer Garcia, Mariella Rutigliano** and **Camille Wrotenbery** – joined by undergraduate criminal justice student **Albert Jackson** and recent mock trial team captain graduates **Brooks Meine** and **Payton Roberson** – expertly prepared four novice teams and two advanced teams for an end-of-camp scrimmage, presided by **Steven Decillis, Judge Quon Bridges** and NCMTTP Vice President **Rich Manger**. Jurors and liaisons included NCMTTP President **Rebecca Britton, Darren Allen, Patti Clapper, Chris Smith** and **Jacqueline Thurman**. *Thank you all for your kind support of high school mock trial!*

NCAJ HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION – IN-PERSON IN 2022

The North Carolina Mock Trial Program (NCMTP) Board is very pleased to announce that the NCMTTP will plan to hold the 2021-2022 NCAJ High School Mock Trial regional and state final competitions **in-person** in 2022. At this time, we are planning for the regional mock trial competitions (including a courtroom artist competition) to be held in courthouses throughout the state on **Saturday, February 5, 2022**; Campbell University School of Law is generously hosting the 2022 State Finals competition at their Raleigh campus in March 2022 (dates tba). Team registration for the season opens on September 1; see ncmocktrial.org for all details.

NEW TO MOCK TRIAL? ATTEND OUR ZOOM INTEREST MEETING / AUG 13 at 3 pm

Learn all you need to know about starting a mock trial team at your high school and giving YOUR students the chance to compete at our February 5, 2022 regional NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition by attending this upcoming interest meeting on Zoom:

MOCK TRIAL INTEREST MEETING on Zoom | Friday, August 13 | 3 - 4 pm

SPEAKERS:

Jerry Smith, Social Studies Teacher and Mock Trial Coach, Hendersonville High School
&
Liz Avery-Jones, NC Mock Trial Program

Click [here](#) to register for this free seminar. Zoom link will be shared with registered attendees.

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 all coordinators 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>tba</i>
<i>Hendersonville</i>	<i>Mary Ann Hollocker and Beth Stang</i>
<i>Hickory</i>	<i>Blia Vang</i>
<i>High Point</i>	<i>Rich Manger</i>
<i>Hillsborough</i>	<i>Drew Haywood 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>Jacqueline Thurman</i>
<i>Greenville</i>	<i>tba</i>
<i>Hendersonville</i>	<i>Melanie Miller</i>
<i>Hickory</i>	<i>Bianca Lopez</i>
<i>High Point</i>	<i>Grace Lay</i>
<i>Hillsborough</i>	<i>Patti Clapper</i>
<i>Raleigh</i>	<i>Michelle Keely and Amanda Miller</i>
<i>Salisbury</i>	<i>tba</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 John McCabe (ex officio)*