

NOVEMBER 2021 MOCK TRIAL NEWS

DESIGN CONTEST TIME! Want YOUR design on our t-shirt?

The North Carolina Mock Trial Program is holding a <u>DESIGN CONTEST</u> for a logo/slogan for our 30th anniversary t-shirt which will be available for sale online to all teams, parents, supporters. The goal of the t-shirt is to celebrate high school mock trial's impact in North Carolina over the last 30 years! Winning entry will win a \$50 **cash prize** (and 2 free tshirts). **Contest details**:

WHO: any current student (or past program alum) formally or informally tied to any mock trial team (past or present) can participate!

WHEN: design entries are due by Noon on Dec 10

HOW: send a visual design (ONLY 1 or 2 colors in logo/design) (with embedded slogan of your choice, if applicable) as a jpeg or gif file to <u>liz@ncmocktrial.org</u>. 300 dpi resolution or better. Entries will be judged by the NCMTP 30th Anniversary Committee.

WHAT: The shirt will be **heather gray** with the winning **design on the back** of the shirt (about 1/2 of the shirt). The words "NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition" will be on the back (but doesn't have to be a part of the design entry). The NCMTP logo will be on the **front** in the top right corner.

Design contest participants are encouraged to be either playful or serious in their design creation! Any design should celebrate or mark the 30th anniversary of the competition.

Covid-19 Mitigation for Regionals 2022

Given the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the North Carolina Mock Trial Program Board has announced <u>these steps</u> to keep all mock trial students, teachers, advisors, judges, jurors, event administrators and team observers as safe as possible at the courthouses in February. As the first paragraph of the <u>mitigation policy</u> indicates, measures may be relaxed or tightened depending on health metrics in North Carolina in February 2022. Please reach out if you have any questions and thank you for your help as we work to mitigate risk for all NCMTP participants and volunteers.

NC Attorneys Needed as Scoring Jurors and Presiding Judges on Feb 5

Attorneys in North Carolina: We hope you will join us on **Feb 5**, **2022** to help as judge or juror at the students' next regional-level competition! We are expecting ~ 90 high school teams to compete at courthouses throughout the state; all regional events will follow these <u>Covid-19</u>

mitigation processes. Saturday, Feb 5 volunteer time slots (which include time for orientation) are 8:45 am-1130 am, 1245 pm-315 pm and 3:30-6:15 p.m. Thank you! Volunteer form

Mock Trial State Finals T-Shirt "Slogan" by December 8

Each year, we ask students to share their ideas for a State Finals t-shirt (and hat) slogan. Are you a student or teacher with an idea for this year's State Finals t-shirt/hat slogan? Email liz@ncmocktrial.org before December 8 with your recommendation of a short saying based on this year's case - or mock trial generally - for potential printing on the 2022 State Finals shirt and hat. Respondents will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a prize. Past examples: Mock On; Got Mock; Mockstar.



GivingTuesday is November 30!!

If you can, we hope you support NC High School Mock Trial as we celebrate our 30th year by donating \$30 for 30 years <u>HERE</u>. Your help will make it possible to bring mock trial to even more students each year. #ncmocktrial #GivingTuesday

We deeply appreciate everyone who has made high school mock trial possible for the last 30 years mock trial teachers, attorney coaches, judges, jurors, competition hosts, volunteers, sponsors, and of course, the many hardworking students who grow and learn through their mock trial experience.

2021-2022 Mock Trial Season Calendar

Team Registration Closes | Friday, December 10, 2021 Sign Notice of Withdrawal Deadlines Form; \$325 Team Fee Due | Friday, December 10, 2021 Team Member List, Code of Ethics, Student Release Forms Due| Thursday, January 6, 2022 *Last Day to Withdraw without Penalty* | Thursday, January 6, 2022 Regional Competition | Saturday, February 5, 2022 Widenhouse Award Nomination Materials Due at 5 pm | Wednesday, Feb 16, 2022 State Finals Competition, Raleigh, NC | Fri-Sat, March 18-19, 2022 National Championship, Kalamazoo, MI | Thurs-Sat, May 5-7, 2022

NCMTP Regional and 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 <u>https://ncmocktrial.org/supporters</u>. We thank both our new coordinators and long-time coordinators very much:

Regional Coordinators

- Fayetteville: Rebecca Britton and Jordan Godwin
- Gastonia: Holden Clark and Ivana Hughes
- Greenville: Meredith Hinton
- Hendersonville: Mary Ann Hollocker
- Hickory: Blia Vang
- High Point: Rich Manger
- Hillsborough: Drew Haywood and Rebecca Ugolick
- Raleigh: Lindsey Granados and Christine Scheef
- Salisbury: John Basinger
- Wilmington: John H. Anderson, Jr.

Site Coordinators:

- Fayetteville: Tanja Shurling
- Gastonia: Jacqueline Thurman
- Greenville: Sandra Strickland and Caitlin Tatum
- Hendersonville: Melanie Miller
- Hickory: Bianca Lopez
- High Point: Grace Lay
- Hillsborough: Patti Clapper
- Raleigh: Michelle Keely and Amanda Miller
- Salisbury: Alicia Coggins, Connie Cassatt, Deandra Hall
- Wilmington: Catherine Holland and Rachel Royal

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)

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- Gastonia: Holden B. Clark, Atty at Law, PLLC and to be announced
- Greenville: Hardee, Massey, Blodgett, LLP
- Hendersonville: The Van Winkle Law Firm and Melrose Law
- Hickory: The Law Office of Jason E. Taylor and Orndoff Law Firm •
- High Point: High Point Bar Association •
- Hillsborough: Patterson Harkavy LLP and the 18th Judicial District Bar •
- Raleigh: Settlement Planning Services, LLC & Maginnis Howard •
- Salisbury: 19C Judicial Bar
- Wilmington: Shipman & Wright, LLP •