



FEBRUARY 2022 MOCK TRIAL NEWS

Regional Competition Results

The 78 teams (nearly 1000 students) who participated in the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition online on February 5, 2022 did an outstanding job trying both sides of the criminal case *State v. O'Grady*. We congratulate them on their performance.

And we are very pleased to announce the year's Regional Champions and two at-large teams who will compete at the State Finals competition (also to be held online) on March 18-19, 2022.

Fayetteville: Terry Sanford High
Gastonia: Gray Stone Day (Ancalagon)
Greenville: JH Rose High (Green)
Hendersonville: Gray Stone Day (Smaug)
Hickory: East Chapel High (Grey)
High Point: Central Carolina Homeschoolers (Lux)
Hillsborough: Central Carolina Homeschoolers (Veritas)
Raleigh: Regional Champion Broughton High (Purple)
Salisbury: Raleigh Charter (Silver)
Wilmington: Middle Creek High
At-Large Teams: Hendersonville High (Cats) & Carrboro High

For a full listing of Regional participating schools and teams and all best attorney and best witness award recipients, please visit <https://ncmocktrial.org/compete/regionals/>. Also visit [facebook.com/ncmocktrial](https://www.facebook.com/ncmocktrial) to see this year's courtroom artist winning entries, as listed [here](#).

Thank you to our 400 Attorney Volunteers! Please Join us at State Finals | March 18-19

We are grateful to the over 400 legal professionals who played an important role on February 5 as presiding judges and scoring jurors. The students appreciated your thoughtful feedback and support. [See full list here](#).

Would you help during our online State Finals competition on Friday, March 18 (afternoon) or Saturday, March 19? We hope to hear from you soon: [Details and](#)

[volunteer form](#). Paralegals and legal students: [please share your time as courtroom liaisons](#) on March 18 and 19, too.

Remember to Apply for the M. Gordon Widenhouse Scholarship | Feb 16 at 5 pm

We encourage all mock trial coaches to consider nominating a high school mock trial senior who has shown to have incredible leadership skills developed through mock trial to apply for the M. Gordon Widenhouse Jr Award for Inspirational Team Leadership. All details and application form [here](#). Applications are due by 5pm on Feb 16, 2022 and the scholarship winner will be recognized and celebrated at State Finals.

Transitions

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Liz Avery-Jones as our Executive Director for the North Carolina Mock Trial Program. Due to health reasons, Liz will step away as Executive Director of the NCMTP, effective Tuesday, February 15. Please join us in thanking Liz for her tireless dedication to this program and her constant and inspirational leadership and professionalism. Words simply cannot express our deep appreciation for Liz or how much she will be missed. *Rebecca Britton, NCMTP President*

Note from Liz: In mid-January I was hospitalized for several days due to a cardiovascular event that caused some nerve damage impacting my eyes which will need time (especially away from the computer) to heal. I very much thank NCMTP President Becky Britton and every member of the terrific NCMTP Board for their incredible support over these last weeks and during this time of transition. It has been a great honor and privilege to work with all the talented and hardworking teacher and attorney coaches, student leaders, and the dedicated and generous regional/site coordinators and Board members who make the North Carolina Mock Trial Program possible. What a super fantastic group of people. I will miss you all but I know that I need to focus on my health and that the program is in terrific hands with a great plan moving forward. NCMTP President Rebecca Britton at rebecca@ncmocktrial.org will be your primary point of contact in the short-term.

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 <https://ncmocktrial.org/supporters>. 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 and Connie Cassatt
- 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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- 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