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July 2022 News

[Welcoming our new 2022-2023 Board Members!](#)

For its 2022-2023 season, the NC Mock Trial Program welcomes new members to its Board of Directors, pictured below from left to right: NCAJ President, Valerie A. Johnson (*ex officio*) of Johnson & Groninger in Durham, Jacob Morse of Milberg Law in Raleigh, and John H. Anderson, Jr. of McGuireWoods in Wilmington.



We also thank Helen Baddour (pictured bottom left) of Johnson & Groninger, and John M. McCabe (pictured bottom right) of the Law Offices of John M. McCabe, for their service on our NCMTTP Board and their long time support of mock trial in North Carolina!



[Pre-Season Tips from a Mock Trial alum](#)

On behalf of the NC Mock Trial Program, we hope you are having a safe and happy summer! With the 2022-2023 competition season approaching, there are several ways eager mockers can get ahead or brush up on mock trial concepts, rules and procedures before this year's civil case is released in the fall.

I'm Michael, the NCMTTP 2022 summer intern. As an enthusiastic mock trial alum, I know firsthand that for some students the mock trial season can't come soon enough. Here are my tips to fellow students preparing for the upcoming season:

1. Check out the recordings of the state finals trials from the [2022](#) and [2021](#) competitions.

These rounds can be viewed on the North Carolina Mock Trial Program's YouTube channel. For returning mock trial participants, hearing the theories and themes of fellow students is an excellent opportunity to consider former cases from new perspectives. For new mockers, watching a competition round is a helpful introduction to the pace and structure of mock trial.

2. Reach out to current and future team members

It's never too early to get in communication with your mock trial team. Begin planning how your team will collaborate throughout the school year, reflect on the successes and challenges of previous mock trial seasons, and get to know the incoming students who may join your team. When the case releases, you'll be equipped to start strategizing right away.

Your mock trial team will benefit from new participants and the perspectives they bring with them. You never know who might find a passion for it—mock trial doesn't only benefit students interested in law, but also those excited about theater, public speaking, science, and more. Encourage your classmates to give it a try!

3. Review the training materials available on our website.

Feel free to make use of the training materials at ncmocktrial.org/resources. It's always useful to get a refresher on rules of evidence, courtroom procedures, and presentation strategies. Guiding new participants towards these resources will help them approach the season with a strong foundation.

4. Stay connected to receive important mock trial updates.

Regularly visit our website and check our [Facebook page](#) for important updates regarding our upcoming 2022-2023 season, including team registration dates, and case release date!

The new mock trial season is just around the corner -- it's never too soon to get started!

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