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# **November 2022 Mock Trial News**



The North Carolina Mock Trial Program wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday. This Thanksgiving, we are thankful for all of our wonderful Sponsors that help to make our program successful as well as our Board members, Regional Coordinators and Site Coordinators, and the many amazing volunteers who are getting ready for our 2023 Regional Mock Trial Competition set on **Saturday, February 4, 2023**.

# **GIINGTUESDAY**

Giving Tuesday is November 29th! If you can, we hope you support NC High School Mock Trial as we celebrate our 31st year by donating \$31 for 31 years <u>HERE</u>.
Your help will make it possible to bring mock trial to even more students each year. Use the hashtags #ncmocktrial #GivingTuesday to share on social media.
We deeply appreciate everyone who has made high school mock trial possible for the last Thirty-one years-- mock trial teachers, attorney coaches, judges, jurors, competition hosts, volunteers, sponsors, and of course, the many hardworking students who learn and grow through their mock trial experience!

# 2022-2023 MOCK TRIAL SEASON CALENDAR

## DECEMBER DATES:

Team Registration Closes | Friday, **December 9, 2022** Registration Fee of **\$325.00** per team Due | Friday, **December 9, 2022** Sign Notice of Withdrawal Deadlines Form | Friday, **December 9, 2022** 

## JANUARY DATES:

Team Member List, Code of Ethics, Student Release Forms Due | Thursday, January 5, 2023
\*Last Day to Withdraw without Penalty\* | Thursday, January 5, 2023
Regional Competition | Saturday, February 4, 2023
Widenhouse Award Nomination Materials Due at 5 pm | Wed., Feb. 15, 2023
State Finals Competition, Raleigh, NC | Fri-Sat, March 17-18, 2023
National Championship, Little Rock, Arkansas | Thurs-Sat, May 18-20, 2023

Please note, all forms may be submitted online by accessing: <u>https://ncmocktrial.org/compete/important-forms/</u>. Please email <u>joyce@ncmocktrial.org</u> with any questions.

## **ATTORNEY ADVISORS NEEDED!!**

Are you an attorney who can partner with a local teacher and help to coach high school students in your community as they prepare for mock trial? We are still in need of Attorney Advisors in the following cities:

- Cary
- Davidson
- Greensboro
- Hendersonville

Attorney Advisors typically meet with students approximately 6-8 times between *November* and *February* (this is flexible, depending on what your schedule allows). The NCMTP offers attorney advisors plenty of support including this list of **suggested activities** and all of these student **training materials**. Can you help coach? Your role as a mentor will be forever remembered by these students and you will be joining a network of hundreds of lawyers who support this important program as regional coordinators, presiding judges, and attorney advisors. If available to help, please email joyce@ncmocktrial.org.

## <u>NC Attorneys Needed as Scoring Jurors and Presiding</u> <u>Judges during Regionals - Feb. 4th</u>

Attorneys in North Carolina: We hope you will join us in-person on February 4, 2023 to volunteer as a judge or juror at the NCAJ's high school mock trial competition! We are expecting ~ 80 high school teams to compete at courthouses throughout the state. Saturday, February 4th, volunteer time slots (which include time for orientation) are as follows:

- 8:30 am 11:15 am
- 12:45 pm 3:00 pm
- 4:00 pm 6:15 pm

Please access our <u>Volunteer Form here</u>. Questions? Feel free to reach out to Joyce Britt, Program Coordinator at <u>joyce@ncmocktrial.org</u>.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Be on the lookout for our upcoming announcement regarding the NC Mock Trial Program Board's decision regarding the Covid-19 mitigation policy for our in-person competition in February 2023!

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#### **Program Outreach Sponsors:**

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#### **Regional Sponsors:**

- Fayetteville: Britton Law
- Gastonia: Hometown Counsel
- Greenville: Hardee, Massey & Blodgett, LLP
- Hendersonville: Van Winkle Law Firm and TBA
- Hickory: Orndoff Law Firm; and Law Offices of Jason E. Taylor, P.C.
- High Point: High Point Bar Association
- Hillsborough: Patterson Harkavy LLP and TBA
- Raleigh: Settlement Planning Services, LLC; and Maginnis Howard
- Salisbury: 19C (Rowan) Judicial Bar
- Wilmington: Shipman & Wright, LLP

## 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, Jordan Godwin
- Gastonia: Holden Clark
- Greenville: TBD
- Hendersonville: Mary Ann Hollocker
- Hickory: TBD
- High Point: Rich Manger, Eric Richardson
- · Hillsborough: Drew Haywood and Rebecca Ugolick
- Raleigh: Kathryn Martin
- Salisbury: John Basinger
- Wilmington: John H. Anderson, Jr.

### Site Coordinators:

- Fayetteville: Tanja Shurling
- Gastonia: Jacqueline Thurman
- · Greenville: Sandra Strickland and Hillary Lassiter
- Hendersonville: Melanie Miller

- Hickory: TBD
- High Point: Grace Lay
- Hillsborough: Patti Clapper
- Raleigh: Michelle Keely and Amanda Miller
- Salisbury: Alicia Coggins and Connie Cassatt
- Wilmington: Catherine Holland

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