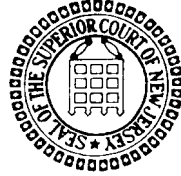


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Monmouth Vicinage Participates in Mock Trial Program

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The Monmouth Vicinage will host mock trial events during the first two weeks in January as part of the 2014 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition.

Assignment Judge Lawrence M. Lawson said, "The Monmouth Vicinage is proud to take part in this program. The competition will encourage students in our community to increase their knowledge and respect for the legal process. We also hope to build a foundation for future interest in court-related career opportunities."

Approximately 18 private and public schools in Monmouth County will join the competition at the courthouse. This year's mock trial program features a fictional vehicular homicide case.

A number of Superior Court and municipal court judges will dedicate their time to preside over the mock trials. More than 70 members of the Monmouth Bar Association will act as coaches and judges. The final round of the competition will be judged by Monmouth Bar Association President Peter C. Lucas and former Supreme Court Associate Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto.

In the preliminary mock trials, sponsored by the county bar associations, local high school students compete against each other as they assume the roles of plaintiffs, defendants, attorneys, and witnesses. Winners of the county finals will advance to the regional semi-finals, which are followed by the state championship competition.

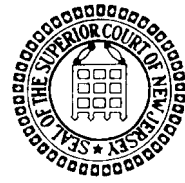
Mock trials will be held from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at the Monmouth County Courthouse.

For information on the mock trial schedule, contact the trial court administrator's office at 732-677-4212.

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