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Passaic Vicinage to Hold Mock Trial Competition

Passaic Vicinage will be hosting its annual high school mock trial competition on Thursday, Jan. 23 and Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Passaic County Courthouse, 77 Hamilton St., Paterson. The championship round will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m.

Ten high schools will compete this year, the largest number in 10 years. Students take on the roles of attorneys, plaintiffs, defendants, witnesses, jury and recorder. Superior Court Judge Bruno Mongiardo will preside over the mock trials, and 15 attorneys will assist the teams.

Attorney Alfred Acquaviva who has coordinated the program in Passaic County for the last 10 years said, " In October the students begin to prepare for the mock trial and for the next several months they take time out of their busy schedules to be ready for the competition. It could not be accomplished without the support of the parents, the school district and the teachers who coordinate the program. Every year I always hear from attorneys and judges on how well prepared and thorough the students are when they present their cases."

The county mock trials are sponsored by the bar associations in each county as part of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition. Winners of the county mock trials will advance to the regional semi-finals, followed by the state championship.

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