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**Morris/Sussex Vicinage Announces Winners of Mock Trial Finals**

The mock trial team from High Point Regional High School bested Lenape Valley Regional High School in the final round of the Sussex County mock trial competition on Tuesday, Jan. 28. West Morris Mendham High School, the 2013 state champions, beat Villa Walsh academy to earn the first-place win in Morris County on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Assignment Judge Thomas L. Weisenbeck said, “The mock trial competitions are an opportunity for these bright, dedicated kids to really shine. I was impressed with their preparation, their maturity and their enthusiasm for the law.”

Judge Weisenbeck and Civil Division Presiding Judge Thomas V. Manahan presided over the Morris County competition at the Morris County Courthouse. The competition was sponsored by the Morris County Bar Association.

In Sussex County, Superior Court Judges William J. McGovern III and Robert J. Gilson presided over the competition, which was sponsored by the Sussex County Bar Association.

Both winning teams will move on to regional competitions held as part of the annual Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition, which is sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation. The state finals will be held in March at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick.

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