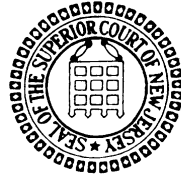


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Monmouth Vicinage Hosts Mock Trial Program

Monmouth Vicinage and the Monmouth Bar Association will host mock trial events during the second and third weeks of January as part of the 2015-2016 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition.

Mock trials will be held on Jan. 14, 19, 20, and 21 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Monmouth County Courthouse, 71 Monument Park in Freehold. Approximately 20 private and public schools in Monmouth County will participate in the competition.

Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton said, "We look forward to engaging students through the mock trial program and hope to increase their understanding and respect for the court system."

This year's mock trial program features a fictional murder case. In the preliminary mock trials, high school students will compete against each other as they assume the roles of defendants, attorneys, and witnesses. Superior and municipal court judges will preside over the mock trials and more than 70 members of the Monmouth Bar Association will act as coaches and judges of the competition.

Winners of the county finals will advance to the regional semifinals, which are followed by the state championship competition.

For information on the mock trial schedule, contact the Trial Court Administrator's Office at 732-677-4212.