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## Middlesex Vicinage to Host High School Mock Trial Competition

The Middlesex Vicinage, in cooperation with the Middlesex County Bar Foundation, will begin hosting its annual mock trial competition next week.

The competition will take place on Monday, Jan. 30, Tuesday Jan. 31 and Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. in Rooms 301 and 308 of the Middlesex County Courthouse, 56 Paterson St., New Brunswick. This year's competition will include participants from 16 high schools.

Attorneys and judges volunteer to serve as advisors and judges.

This year's program centers around a defamation lawsuit involving a fictional internet blog. In the preliminary mock trials, high school students compete against each other as they assume the roles of defendants, attorneys, and witnesses. Winners of the county finals will advance to the regional semifinals, where they will have a chance to advance to the state championship.

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