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Hudson Vicinage Hosts High School Mock Trial Competition

The Hudson Vicinage and the Hudson County Bar Association will host the 2018 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition from Monday, Jan. 29 to Thursday, Feb. 1 at the William J. Brennan Jr. Historic Courthouse, 583 Newark Ave., Jersey City.

The competition will begin at 4:30 p.m. each day.

This year, 11 public and private schools will participate in a competition that involves a fictional criminal case in which the defendant faces prison time for selling a deadly batch of fentanyl to her long-time friend. The students will play the roles of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, witnesses and jurors.

Winners of the county competition will be announced at the Law Day ceremony on Tuesday, May 1 at the Brennan Courthouse. They will advance to the regional semifinals, where they will have a chance to advance to the state championship.

Serving as judges during the competition are Assignment Judge Peter F. Bariso Jr., Chancery Presiding Judge Barry P. Sarkisian, and Superior Court judges Mark A. Baber, Daniel D'Alessandro, Anthony V. D'Elia, Jeffrey R. Jablonski, Radames Velazquez, Tara Schillari Rich and Christine Vanek. Members of the bar association, court staff and teachers also will serve as judges, coaches and timekeepers.

The vicinage's mock trials are coordinated by attorney Stephen McCurrie, who serves on the vicinage's Law Day Planning Committee. Judge Jablonski chairs the committee.

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