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## **Middlesex Vicinage to Host 2019 Mock Trial Competition**

The Middlesex Vicinage and the Middlesex County Bar Foundation will host the 2019 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition from Thursday, Jan. 24 to Tuesday, Jan. 29 at the Middlesex County Courthouse, 56 Paterson St., New Brunswick.

The competition will begin at 5 p.m. each weekday during that time in courtrooms on the third floor, with the preliminary rounds being held on Jan. 24 and Monday, Jan 28, and the semi-final and final rounds on Jan 29.

This year, 12 public and private schools will participate in a competition that features a fictional civil case involving a roller coaster accident. The students will play the roles of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, witnesses and jurors.

Winners of the county competition will advance to the central regional competition to be held in February at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick, where they will have the opportunity to advance to the state championship.

Serving as judges during the competition will be Assignment Judge Alberto Rivas and Superior Court Judges Andrea Carter, Colleen Flynn, Pedro Jimenez and Joseph Paone. Members of the Middlesex County Bar Association and teachers will serve as judges, attorney advisors and coaches.

The vicinage's mock trials are coordinated by attorneys Tyler J. Hall and Jenee Ciccarelli.

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