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Ocean Vicinage to Host 2019 Mock Trial Competition Finals

The Ocean Vicinage and the Ocean County Bar Association will host the local finals of the 2019 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. in historic Courtroom 1 of the Ocean County Courthouse, 118 Washington St., Toms River.

This year, 11 high schools from the county are participating in the competition, which features a fictional civil case involving a roller coaster accident. The students will play the roles of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, witnesses and jurors.

The participating schools are Brick Memorial, Brick Township, Central Regional, Jackson Liberty, Jackson Memorial, Lakewood, Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Point Pleasant Beach, Southern Regional, Academy of Law and Public Safety, and Toms River South.

Superior Court Judges Robert E. Brenner and Lisa A. Puglisi will preside over the finals. Winners of the county finals advance to the regional semifinals, where they will have a chance to advance to the state championship.

Participants and observers arriving for the competition after 4:30 p.m. will have access to the courthouse only through the entrance at 118 Washington St.