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Monmouth Vicinage Hosts Mock Trial Program

The Monmouth Vicinage and the Monmouth Bar Association are hosting the 2020 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition.

Mock trials were held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, and continue Wednesday, Jan. 15, Thursday, Jan. 16, Tuesday, Jan. 21, Wednesday, Jan. 22, and Thursday, Jan. 23 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Monmouth County Courthouse, 71 Monument Park, Freehold. In the case of inclement weather, Monday, Jan. 27 and Tuesday, Jan. 28 are designated as alternate dates.

Sixteen private and public schools in Monmouth County are participating in the competition. This year's program features a complex criminal matter with high school students competing against each other as they assume the roles of defendants, attorneys, and witnesses. Superior and municipal court judges preside over the mock trials, and members of the Monmouth Bar Association act as coaches and judges.

Winners of the county finals advance to the regional semifinals, where they will have a chance to advance to the state championship.

For information on the mock trial schedule, contact the Trial Court Administrator's Office at 732-358-8700, ext. 87025.

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