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Burlington Vicinage Hosts High School Mock Trial Competition

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

Mock trials began on Tuesday, Jan. 14. The final trial will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in courtrooms 7A and 7B of the Burlington County Courts Facility, 49 Rancocas Road, Mount Holly. Superior Court Presiding Judges Terrence R. Cook and Aimee R. Belgard will preside over the final competition.

Eight private and public schools in Burlington 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. Members of the 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 609-288-9500, ext. 38124.

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