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## **Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage to Host 2018 Mock Trial Competitions**

The Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage and the Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem County bar associations will host the 2018 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition beginning Tuesday, Jan. 9.

The competitions involve more than 100 students from 19 schools in the three counties.

Salem County high school teams will compete on Jan. 9 at the Salem County Courthouse, 92 Market St., Salem. Cumberland County high school teams will compete on Jan. 9 and Friday, Jan. 12 at the Cumberland County Courthouse, 60 W. Broad St., Bridgeton. Gloucester County high school teams will compete on Wednesday, Jan. 24 and Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the Gloucester County Justice Complex, 70 Hunter St., Woodbury.

This year's mock trial will involve a fictional criminal defendant facing prison time for selling a deadly batch of fentanyl to her longtime friend. The students will assume the roles of defendant, prosecutors, defense attorneys, witnesses and jurors.

The winner of each county competition will advance to regional semifinals, with an opportunity to advance to the state championship.

The mock trials are coordinated by attorneys Teri Giordano, Gary Thompson and Christopher Pine. Local students, teachers, judges, attorneys, court staff and others assist in varying roles in these competitions.

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