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State's Judges to Preside over Mock Trials

New Jersey's state and municipal judges once again will dedicate their time and expertise to the statewide mock trial program sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation (NJSBF), today announced Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts. The judges will join many of the state's attorneys to preside over local, county, regional and statewide high school competitions.

"The Mock Trial program offers a unique opportunity for high school students to learn more about the history and philosophy behind our justice system, the processes and procedures by which justice is administered in our courts, and the speaking, listening, analysis and writing skills that will help them become leaders of the future," said Judge Grant. "This program exemplifies the successful partnership and cooperation we enjoy between the bench and the bar in New Jersey. Our judges graciously and enthusiastically work alongside the local and county bar associations as a way to educate our youth and to encourage them to consider careers in the legal profession."

In the preliminary rounds, which are co-sponsored by each of the 21 county bar associations, teams from each participating high school compete against each other as they play various courtroom roles, including attorneys, witnesses, and jurors, in a fictional court case developed by the NJSBF. Winners at the county level then will proceed to the regional, semi-final and final competitions, which will be held at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square, New Brunswick.

This year's state champions will compete in the American Mock Trial Invitational, which will be held in New Brunswick from May 17-19. Last year's state winners were the Crossway HomeLearners of Atlantic County, who finished fourth in the American Mock Trial Invitational held in Charlotte, N.C.

This year's high school mock trial is based on a fictitious civil case in which the American Association of Recording Companies, Inc. has accused high school senior Dillon Matthews of illegally downloading music files.

The foundation also provides mock trial programming for younger students, and a number of judges are participating in those events as well.

A schedule of regional and statewide high school mock trial events is attached. For information on local competitions, call the Office of Communications and Community Relations at 609-292-9580.

Calendar of Regional Events and Statewide Semi-finals held at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square, New Brunswick.

Feb. 10	Central Regional
Feb. 11	Northern Regional
Feb. 12	Southern Regional

Feb. 19	Regional Playoffs
March 24	Semi-finals
March 31	Statewide Finals

State Judges Participating in High School and Other Mock Trial Programming

Ross R. Anzaldi (Union)	Paul A. Kapalko (Monmouth)
Paul W. Armstrong (Somerset)	Camille M. Kenny (Hudson)
Francine I. Axelrad (Appellate)	Hanora O'Brien Kilgallen (Monmouth)
Peter F. Bariso (Hudson)	Teresa Kondrup Coyle (Monmouth)
Marc M. Baldwin (Burlington)	Jack L. Lintner (retired)
David F. Bauman (Monmouth)	Louis F. Locascio (Monmouth)
Stephen J. Bernstein (Essex)	Julie M. Marino (Somerset)
James M. Blaney (Ocean)	Brian R. Martinotti (Bergen)
B. Theodore Bozonelis (Morris)	Susan F. Maven (Cape May)
Robert J. Brennan (Morris)	Robert J. Mega (Union)
Peter A. Buchsbaum (Hunterdon)	Anthony J. Mellaci (Monmouth)
Jane. B. Cantor (Middlesex)	William J. McGovern III (Sussex)
Ernest M. Caposela (Passaic)	Octavia Melendez (Camden)
Harry G. Carroll (Bergen)	Edward M. Neafsy (Monmouth)
Edward M. Coleman (Somerset)	Dennis V. Nieves (Middlesex)
Patricia K. Costello (Essex)	William E. Nugent (Atlantic)
Thomas J. Critchley Jr. (Morris)	Lorrain C. Parker (Appellate)
William A. Daniel (Union)	Steven P. Perskie (Atlantic)
Bernard E. DeLury Jr. (Atlantic)	Robert L. Polifroni (Bergen)
Thomas H. Dilts (Somerset)	David B. Rand (Morris)
Louise D. Donaldson (Camden)	John R. Rauh (Cape May)
Michael A. Donio (Atlantic)	Joseph L. Rea (Middlesex)
Richard W. English (Monmouth)	Raymond A. Reddin (Passaic)
Marianne Espinosa (Union)	Robert B. Reed (Somerset)
James A. Farber (Sussex)	Ronald Lee Reisner (Monmouth)
Bradley J. Ferencz (Middlesex)	Stephen B. Rubin (Hunterdon)
Terence P. Flynn (Monmouth)	Mark H. Sandson (Atlantic)
Ronald J. Freeman (Camden)	Marie P. Simonelli (Essex)
Edward V. Gannon (Sussex)	Thomas W. Sumners Jr. (Mercer)
Robert H. Gardner (Essex)	Lisa P. Thornton (Monmouth)
Melvin L. Gelade (Middlesex)	Menelaus W. Toskos (Bergen)

Stephen C. Hansbury (Morris)
Rachelle L. Harz (Bergen)
Helen E. Hoens (Supreme Court)
Michael J. Hogan (Burlington)
James F. Hyland (Middlesex)
David H. Ironson (Sussex)
Pedro J. Jimenez Jr. (Mercer)
Nelson C. Johnson (Atlantic)

Michael A. Toto (Middlesex)
Bette E. Uhrmacher (Monmouth)
M. Allen Vogelsson (retired)
Thomas L. Weisenbeck (Morris)
Harvey Weissbard (retired)
Craig L. Wellerson (Ocean)
Deanne M. Wilson (Morris)