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Mercer Vicinage to Host 2019 Mock Trial Competition

The Mercer Vicinage and the Mercer County Bar Association will host the 2019 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition on Saturday, Jan. 19 and Wednesday, Jan. 23.

The competition will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 19 in the Civil Courthouse, 175 S. Broad St., Trenton and at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 23 in the Criminal Courthouse, 400 S. Warren St., Trenton.

This year, 12 public and private schools will participate 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.

Winners of the county competition will be announced at the semi-final round on Jan. 23. They will advance to the regional semifinals, where they will have a chance to advance to the state championship.

Serving as judges during the competition are Superior Court Judges William Ankowitz, Peter E. Warshaw, Ronald Susswein, and Brian McLaughlin. Members of the bar association, court staff and teachers also will serve as judges, coaches and timekeepers.

The vicinage's mock trials are coordinated by attorneys Jessica A. Wilson and Alycia Beyrouthy.

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