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## **Two High School Teams Advance to Regional Finals in Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage 2019 Mock Trial Competitions**

Mainland Regional High School in Atlantic County and Middle Township High School in Cape May County will advance to the regional finals of the 2019 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition after winning their preliminary rounds on Tuesday, Jan 29.

The mock trial program, which includes public and private local schools, was designed by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation to teach students about the law, court procedures and the legal system. In the preliminary mock trials, high school students competed against each other as they assumed the roles of defendants, attorneys and witnesses.

This year, nine public and private schools in Atlantic County and four in Cape May County participated in the competition. This year's mock trial features a fictional civil case involving a roller coaster accident. The students play the roles of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, witnesses and jurors.

The vicinage's mock trials were coordinated by attorneys Rebecca Lafferty, Julie Nugent, Eileen Oakes Muskett and Ciera Logan in Atlantic County and Brett Yore, Ed Simonson and Steven Morris in Cape May County.

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