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## **Monmouth Vicinage Participates in Mock Trial Program**

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Freehold – The Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth Vicinage is hosting mock trial events next week as part of the 2011 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition.

Assignment Judge Lawrence M. Lawson said, “Once again, the Monmouth Vicinage looks forward to taking part in this excellent educational opportunity for young members of our community. We hope to engage students in the mock trial program so that they develop knowledge and respect for the legal system, as well as direction for the future.”

A total of 25 private and public schools in Monmouth County will join the competition at the courthouse during the last week in January and first week of February. This year’s mock trial program features a fictional motor vehicle case that addresses the issue of distracted driving/texting.

A number of Superior Court and Municipal Court judges will dedicate their time to preside over the mock trials. In addition, more than 100 members of the Monmouth Bar Association will act as coaches and judges.

The preliminary mock trials, sponsored by the county bar associations, allow students from local high schools to compete against each other as they assume various roles of plaintiffs, defendants, attorneys, and witnesses. Winners of the county finals will advance to the regional semi-finals, which are followed by a competition to designate the state champion.

For information on the mock trial schedule, contact the Trial Court Administrator’s Office at 732-677-4580.

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