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### **Superior and Tax Court Judges to Preside at Mock Trial Competitions**

More than three dozen New Jersey judges from the Superior and Tax Court will join attorneys from around the state to participate in the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's statewide mock trial competition for high schoolers, today announced Judge Philip S. Carchman, acting administrative director of the courts.

The preliminary mock trials, sponsored by the 21 county bar associations, pit student teams from local high schools against each other as they play various roles such as plaintiffs, defendants, attorneys, witnesses, and jurors in a fictional court case designed by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation. Winners then advance to the Foundation's regional and semi-final competitions. The two winning high school teams then meet in the final round, and the winner of the state title goes on to the National High School Mock Trial Championship. Kittatinny Regional High School was the winner of last year's state title.

This is the 23rd year of the Foundation's mock trial program. This year's case, *Farrow v. Simon*, involves high school student Terry Simon, who claims to have been the victim of classmate Sam Farrow's bullying for years. After exiting the school bus late one afternoon in December 2002, Terry swung a heavy backpack that struck Sam in the face and head, causing serious injuries. Sam is now suing Terry for intentional tort and negligence.

"The mock trial competitions have helped thousands of New Jersey students learn about the legal system while honing their public speaking skills, building teamwork, and developing an enthusiasm for learning," said Judge Carchman. "This is an active, hands-on educational experience that is a lot of fun for the students-and for the judges," he added.

A schedule of regional and statewide events, as well as a list of participating Superior Court and Tax Court judges, is attached. For information on local competitions, please call the Office of Communications.

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

Feb. 14 Southern Regional  
Feb. 15 Central Regional  
Feb. 16 Northern Regional  
Feb. 28 Regional Finals  
Mar. 7 Semi-finals

### **List of participating judges**

Francine I. Axelrad (Tax Court t/a to Appellate Division)  
Mark A. Baber (Hudson)

Marc M. Baldwin (Burlington)  
James M. Blaney (Ocean)  
Marilyn C. Clark (Passaic)  
Harry G. Carroll (Bergen)  
Kyran Connor (Cape May)  
Wendel E. Daniels (Ocean)  
Miguel de la Carrera (Passaic)  
Louise D. Donaldson (Camden)  
Michael Brooke Fisher (Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem)  
Sheldon R. Franklin (Ocean)  
Ronald J. Freeman (Camden)  
Michael J. Hogan (Burlington)  
James E. Isman (Atlantic)  
Mary C. Jacobson (Mercer)  
Paul A. Kapalko (Monmouth)  
Camille M. Kenny (Hudson)  
Roger M. Kahn (Tax Court)  
Joseph E. Kane (Atlantic)  
Honora O'Brien Kilgallen (Monmouth)  
Ira E. Kreizman (Monmouth)  
Fred H. Kumpf (Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren)  
Louis F. Locascio (Monmouth)  
Sebastian P. Lombardi (Essex)  
Julie M. Marino (Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren)  
Brian R. Martinotti (Bergen)  
Susan F. Maven (Atlantic)  
Eugene McCaffrey (Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem)  
Ann G. McCormick (Middlesex)  
Octavia Melendez (Camden)  
Anne McDonnell (Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem)  
James McGann (Monmouth)  
Julio L. Mendez (Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem)  
Charles Middlesworth Jr. (Atlantic)  
E. David Millard (Ocean)  
Edward M. Neafsey (Monmouth)  
Norman J. Peer (Monmouth)  
Steven P. Perskie (Atlantic)  
John R. Rauh (Cape May)  
Graham T. Ross (Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren)  
Stephen B. Rubin (Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren)  
Francis B. Schultz (Hudson)  
Thomas F. Scully (Monmouth)  
John Tomasello (Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem)  
James G. Troiano (Essex)  
Bette E. Uhrmacher (Monmouth)  
M. Allan Vogelsson (Camden)  
Daniel M. Waldman (Monmouth)  
Rosemarie Ruggiero Williams (Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren)