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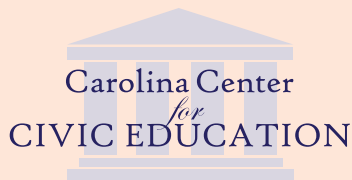
This outstanding civic education program is guaranteed to improve your students' public speaking, writing, listening and critical thinking skills while enhancing their understanding of the U.S. legal system. Learn how the legal profession is offering to help prepare your students for North Carolina's only state-wide mock trial competition today. Visit us on the web at [www.ncaj.com/page/public\\_info/](http://www.ncaj.com/page/public_info/) Click on "Mock Trial."



Student attorney cross-examines a witness.



Students learn valuable critical thinking skills and gain confidence in public speaking.



The North Carolina Advocates for Justice High School Mock Trial Program is operated by the Carolina Center for Civic Education (CCCE). The CCCE is a nonprofit corporation formed by the North Carolina Advocates for Justice with a mission to serve the public by providing civic educational opportunities to high school students across North Carolina.

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**To Register a team, visit: [www.ncaj.com/public\\_info/](http://www.ncaj.com/public_info/) Click on "Mock Trial."**

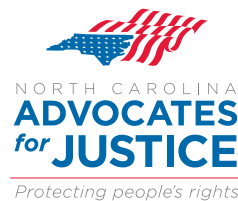
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## What is it?

For the past 18 years, this state-wide competition has provided North Carolina's high school students with an opportunity to learn about the U.S. legal system by playing the role of witnesses, attorneys and bailiffs as they try both sides of a case especially written for the competition. This popular activity brings out the best in a wide variety of students.

## Who can participate?

All N.C. high school students in grades 9-12 are welcome to participate. Teams of 7-8 students from the same school or youth group are paired with a local attorney who serves as an advisor, explaining courtroom procedures and strategies to prepare students for regional competition. Other attorneys volunteer as Presiding Judges and Scoring Jurors, scoring students on their performance during competition. Teacher coaches do not need experience in the legal field for successful participation.

## When? Where?

Regional competitions are held in courthouses in Durham, High Point, Asheville, Charlotte, Fayetteville and Wilmington. Regionals take place on Saturday, February 20, 2010. The eight top placing teams will compete for the title of State Champion at a State Finals competition in Raleigh on March 19 & 20, 2010.



## Registration

The cost to register is \$75 per team and includes:

- All needed case materials, including simplified trial rules (No outside research necessary)
- New detailed teacher training material
- Refreshments at the courthouse
- Awards ceremony at regional competition sites
- Team gifts and awards ceremony for all State Finals participants
- Teacher training workshops

## Dates to Remember

### Competition Case Published - Friday, October 9, 2009

Case materials will be available for download on the website. Please register your teams early to have a better chance of securing your first choice of assignment.

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### Teacher/Team Advisor Training - Saturday, Oct. 17 & 24, 2009

Free training will be offered on October 17 in Raleigh and October 24 in the Triad. For your convenience, a two-hour teacher training video can be viewed via streaming video on the program website at any time.

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### Final Registration Deadline - Friday, December 11, 2009

### Registration Fee and Roster(s) Due - Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Completed roster(s) (see case materials or program website) are due to program officials, along with a registration fee of \$75 per team.

### Last Day to Withdraw - Wednesday, January 13, 2010

If your team must withdraw (and to request a refund), please contact the program officials in writing no later than January 13. Mock trial teams will learn their Regional Competition site assignment within 10 days of this deadline. All teams will be assigned based on their list of preferences and space availability.

### Regional Competition - Saturday, February 20, 2010

Mock trial teams compete at one of six regional sites—Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Fayetteville, High Point, and Wilmington.

### State Finals Competition - Friday & Saturday, March 19 & 20, 2010

Six regional winners and two additional qualifying teams will meet to compete for the title of State Champion and an opportunity to compete in a national mock trial competition.

It's more than a competition between teams; it is learning something that can be used for the rest of your life.

—Keyotta Sanford, Student  
South Granville High School

I have come to rely on the Mock Trial program to hone **leadership and speaking skills**, as well as help develop **confidence** in students in ways that just cannot be replicated in a normal classroom environment.

—Robert Hight, Teacher  
Terry Sanford High School

Mock Trial teaches students **responsibility and teamwork**. They learn to communicate effectively, and they work hard while having fun.

—Amy Marshall, Teacher  
Raleigh Charter High School