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Mock Trial Regional and State Finals

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - The New Mexico Activities Association would like to announce information regarding the 2007 New Mexico High School Mock Trial Regional and State Finals Competitions. Twenty eight schools from across the state will be competing in this challenging and exciting event.

The Regionals will be held in Albuquerque (Bernalillo County District Court House) and Las Cruces (Third Judicial District Court) on Feb. 16 and 17; while the State Finals will be hosted in Albuquerque (Bernalillo County District Court House) March 16 and 17.

Mock trial is an innovative, hands-on law experience for high school students, grades 9-12. Every year hundreds of New Mexico teenagers and their teacher advisors and attorney coaches spend the better part of the school year researching, studying and preparing a hypothetical courtroom trial involving critical issues that are important and interesting to young people.

In February, the teams try their cases before judges and panels of jurors in courtrooms in Albuquerque and Las Cruces. In March, the 8 finalists meet in Albuquerque to identify the state champion, who will represent New Mexico in Dallas, Texas at the national championship in May.

Teams include both the attorneys and the witnesses you will see at a trial. Each team must be prepared to present both sides of the case, and nearly always the team you see as the Prosecution in one round will portray the Defense in the next.

The case therefore is structured to be equally balanced: either side can be “won” by the way in which it is presented. That is why students in Mock Trial are evaluated upon their “presentation” skills, and not upon how the case might be resolved in real life.

Regional Schedule (Albuquerque/ Las Cruces)

Feb. 16 (Friday)

Round 1 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Round 2 1:30 PM-4:00 PM

Feb. 17 (Saturday)

Round 3 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Round 4 1:30 PM-4:00 PM

State Schedule (Albuquerque)

March 16 (Friday)

Round 1 1:30 PM-4:00 PM

March 17 (Saturday)

Round 2 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Championships 1:30 PM-4:00 PM
Awards Banquet 6:30 PM

For more information pertaining to the Regional or State Mock Trial Competitions, please contact Michelle Giger (President & CEO Center for Civic Values) at (505) 764-9417 ext. 11 or Robert Zayas (NMAA Director of Communications) at (505) 977-5386.