### High School Mock Trial State Championship This Saturday

The Arkansas Bar Association's annual High School Mock Trial State Championship will held Saturday, March 30th starting at 9 a.m. It will be held at the Pulaski County Courthouse in Little Rock.

Twelve teams from nine high schools around the state will compete for the title of Mock Trial State Champions and the chance to compete at the National High School Mock Trial competition in Athens, GA this May. Approximately 40 local attorneys and judges volunteer to help with the coordination and judging of the competition.

Nineteen teams participated in regional competitions on March 2. Below is a list of the schools with teams who qualified for the state tournament:

## **Regional Champions:**

Pine Bluff Region - Mt. St. Mary/Catholic High School (Team Purple) Jonesboro Region - Little Rock Central High School (Team Gold) Fayetteville Region - Springdale High School (Team Bulldogs)

## State Qualifiers:

Har Ber High School (Team Carolina) (Regional Runner-Up)
Mt. St. Mary/Catholic High School (Team White) (Regional Runner-Up)
Little Rock Central High School (Team Black) (Regional Runner-Up)
Conway High School
Har Ber High School (Team Navy)
Batesville High School
Harrison High School Conversion Charter
Eureka Springs High School
Tuckerman High School

The public is invited to attend the mock trials and watch the students make their arguments. Parents and teachers who are interested in bringing the Mock Trial program to their school are encouraged to contact the Arkansas Bar Association. The Association can provide curriculum plans for in-school classes as well as material for establishing a Mock Trial team as an extra-curricular activity. Only six students and a teacher-sponsor are needed for a team.

#### **About Arkansas Bar Association**

The Arkansas Bar Association is a voluntary, statewide organization with 5,000 members. Among its purposes are the advancement of the administration of justice and the fostering among its members of high ideals of integrity, learning and public service.

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