

Press Release

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Regional Mock Trial Competitions Begin Saturday

The Arkansas Bar Association's Mock Trial regional competitions will be held on Saturday, March 7, in Conway, Fayetteville and Jonesboro. The first round begins at 9:00 a.m. and the second round begins at 1:00 p.m. Each round should last around two hours.

More than 200 students from 15 high schools around the state will compete for the title of Mock Trial State Champions and the chance to compete at the national Mock Trial competition in Evansville, Indiana this May. The state championship will be held in Little Rock on Saturday, March 21, 2020. Approximately 100 local attorneys and judges volunteer to help with the coordination and judging of the competition.

Below is a list of the schools with teams in each regional competition and the location of the event:

Conway (Faulkner County Circuit Courthouse (Justice Building), 510 S. German Lane, Conway):

- Bryant High School
- Conway High School
- El Dorado High School (two teams)
- LISA Academy
- Mount St. Mary / Catholic High School (two teams)
- North Little Rock

Fayetteville (University of Arkansas School of Law, 1045 W. Maple St.):

- Bentonville High School (two teams)
- Berryville High School
- Eureka Springs High School
- Russellville High School
- Springdale High School (two teams)

Jonesboro (Craighead County Circuit Courthouse located at 511 Union Street):

- Batesville High School
- Har Ber High School (two teams)
- Little Rock Central High School (two teams)
- 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.