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YLD High School Mock Trial Committee

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Mission Statement

The Georgia Mock Trial Competition helps students gain an understanding of the legal system by providing opportunities for school teams to participate in academic competitions where players assume attorney and witness roles in a court case. Lawyers coach students in developing questioning, critical thinking and oral advocacy skills.

Vision Statement

The Georgia Mock Trial Competition will impact participating students by improving their proficiency in such basic skills as listening, speaking, reading, and reasoning. The program will also foster cooperation among diverse groups of young people while promoting better communication and collaboration between the educational and legal communities.

Highlights in the History of the YLD High School Mock Trial Committee

Over the past 27 years, the High School Mock Trial Committee, the largest and most active of all the YLD Committees, has maintained its status as a nationally recognized educational program. During the 2012-2013 Bar Year, YLD President Sharri Edenfield appointed Lee Ann Feeley as Chair of the High School Mock Trial Committee. Righton Johnson and Adam Hebbard served as vice chairs. Judge Stephen Louis A. Dillard serves as Special Consultant to the committee. Michael Nixon is the State Coordinator.

The GHSMTC is made up of well over two thousand participants and volunteers from all areas in the state. These participants and volunteers are students, teachers, attorney coaches, judging panel volunteers, and other committee volunteers including problem writers, rules writers, and contest and Law Academy organizers. The HSMTC serves over 1,900 high school students statewide annually. The duties of the committee are subdivided into six areas: Rules, Problem, Teams, Competitions, Honors and Awards, and Development. We also have a State Finals Planning Board, and a special Projects Task Force.

The Mock Trial program was founded under the YLS (the “Young Lawyers Division” was then known as the “Younger Lawyers Section”) presidency of John C. Sammon (1987-88), also a Past President of the State Bar of Georgia. His successor as YLS President, Donna G. Barwick (1988-89), gave full committee status to the High School Mock Trial program. The Georgia Mock Trial Competition has produced four national championship teams in 1995, 1999, 2007 and 2008. The state has also had the privilege of hosting the 1993 and 2009 National High School Mock Trial Championships in Atlanta. Below are highlights from the program’s history:

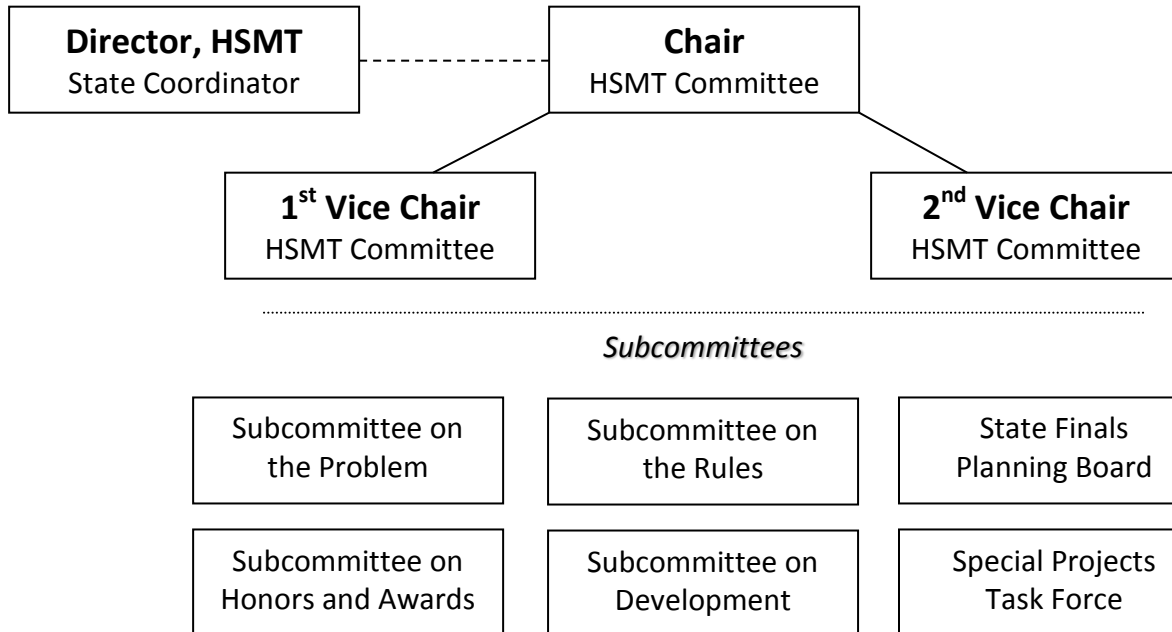
- **1987** - The first state coordinator was Philip Newton, former social studies teacher at North Clayton High School in Clayton County and the co-chairs of the committee were Elizabeth Bloom Hodges (a past YLD President) and Warner S. Fox.
- **1988** – The first statewide GHSMTC was held. Judge George Carley and Judge Harold Banke served as the first presiding judges at the state tournament.
- **1989** - Susan B. Devitt chaired the committee and the GHSMTC became the largest YLD committee and recipient of the President’s Award under former YLD President Dana B. Miles.

- **1991** - Chair Joseph A. Roseborough led an even larger committee to greater success, creating the first Summer Law Camp and receiving another President's Award for Distinguished Service to the Community under YLD President Stanley G. Brading.
- **1993** - Under the leadership of committee chair Aimee R. Maxwell, Georgia hosted the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Atlanta. The committee received the YLD Award of Merit for its work during this season.
- **1994** – Under Lela Smith Bridgers term as chair, the number of teams registered in the competition reached 110 and the state tournament was moved to its permanent home at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville.
- **1995** – The GHSMTTC won the YLD President's Award for Best Continuing Project under the leadership of Cathy Cox Brakefield. Also in 1995, the team from South Gwinnett High School in Snellville won Georgia's first National Championship in Denver, CO. The team was featured in a nationally broadcast special on Court TV.
- **1996** - Under committee chair Julie Dampier Majer Culhane, the State Finals Competition was expanded to include a semi-final round.
- **1997** - Under Catherine Hick's term as chair, the GHSMTTC celebrated its tenth anniversary and YLD President Henry Walker honored the committee with the Tradition of Excellence Award, "in recognition of a decade of continued commitment and service to Georgia's youth."
- **1998** – Under the leadership of H. Suzanne Smith the GHSMTTC held its first Awards Banquet and the first annual Law Academy at Mercer Law School in Macon. The committee also increased its work in Development to diversify funding for the program.
- **1999** – During Rick Sager's term as chair, Clarke Central High School in Athens won Georgia's second national title in St. Louis, MO. Continuing Legal Education Credit was extended to attorney coaches in 1999, as well.
- **2000** - Under the leadership of committee chair Roy Manoll, long-time state coordinator Philip Newton retired to pursue a Masters Degree in Choral Conducting and Stacy Rieke, teacher coach at Riverdale High School in Clayton County, was hired to fill the position of state coordinator.
- **2001** - Under the leadership of Jennifer B. Mann, the GHSMTTC produced a unique teaching resource, *May It Please the Court*, which is used by mock trial teams and in classrooms throughout the nation. An accompanying 16-minute motivational video by the same name was selected as one of four finalists in the 2002 New York Film Festival and captured an Award of Distinction at the Communicators Awards Ceremony in Arlington, Texas.
- **2002** - Under the leadership of Christine S. Barker, the High School Mock Trial Committee created a National Competition Planning Board with the goal of hosting our second National Mock Trial Championship in Atlanta in May 2009.
- **2003** - Under the leadership of Candace L. Byrd the Council of State Court Judges became one of the major supporters of the GHSMTTC. Also in 2003, Georgia Supreme Court Justice George Carley, the HSMTC's Special Consultant, was elected to a position on the Board of Directors of the National High School Mock Trial Championship.
- **2006** - Under the leadership of Jason B. Thompson, the Board of Directors of the National High School Mock Trial Championship, Inc. accepted the GHSMTTC bid to host the national tournament in Atlanta in 2009.
- **2007** - During Tania Trumble's term, Jonesboro High School in Jonesboro won Georgia's third national title during the NHSMTTC in Dallas, TX. Also in 2007, Stacy Rieke, the GHSMTTC State Coordinator was awarded an YLD Award of Achievement for "outstanding commitment and service to the State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers Division" by YLD President Jonathan A. Pope.
- **2008** - Under Sally Evan's leadership, the GHSMTTC celebrated its 20th anniversary by updating the 1988 competition case, *State v. Bryant*, which was used in regional competitions and at state finals. A

banquet was also held at the Marriott at Gwinnett Place to honor the 2008 regional champion teams. Souvenir pins and t-shirts commemorating the anniversary were made available to team members. Also in 2008, the Jonesboro High School in Jonesboro won Georgia's fourth national title during the NYSMTA in Wilmington, DE.

- **2009** – During William H. Noland's term as chair, the National High School Mock Trial Competition was held in Atlanta, Georgia in May. Also in 2009, Stacy Rieke, the NYSMTA State Coordinator, was awarded a YLD Award of Achievement for "outstanding service to the profession" by YLD President Joshua C. Bell.
- **2010** - Under Stacey Evans' tenure as chair, The "Wildcard" teams were introduced as well as the Professionalism Award sponsored by the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism at the state level of competition.
- **2011** – During Ashley Palmer's term, the NYSMTA added 2 new regions in Atlanta and Cumming and revitalized the region in Albany. The 2011 season also saw the largest number of teams ever competing at the state level: eighteen and the introduction of the Outstanding Performance Award at the state level.
- **2012** – During Jon Setzer's term, the NYSMTA registered a record number 138 schools to participate in the program and added a new region in Augusta. There were also a record number of teams at State Finals (17 regional champions and 2 wildcard teams) this year. Peggy Caldwell retired from the Mock Trial office in March 2012 and Stacy Rieke will transition back to a classroom teaching position during the 2013 school year. Stacy Rieke was awarded a YLD Award of Achievement for "outstanding service to the profession" by YLD President Stephanie Kirijan. Michael Nixon, veteran teacher coach at Walton High School in Marietta, was hired as the new Mock Trial State Coordinator and officially began his duties in August 2012. Justice George H. Carley, Special Consultant to the NYSMTA since 1988, became Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court in May and retired from the Court in July. The state champion gavel, which has traveled around the state with all 24 state champion teams, was named "The Chief Justice George H. Carley State Champion Gavel" and re-dedicated in honor of Justice Carley during the State Finals tournament in March.
- **2013** – During Deshala Dixon's term as chair, the program welcomed Judge Stephen Louis A. Dillard of the Georgia Court of Appeals as the new Special Consultant to the NYSMTA. The 2013 State Finals produced the state's first State Championship won by a homeschool team.
- **2014** – During the term of Kevin Epps, the program introduced a new level of competition between Regionals and State Finals. This new District Competition gives the opportunity to the top three teams from each Region to advance to another Round and compete to determine the District Champion, who then advances to the State Finals Competition. With the addition of the District Competition, 48 teams have the opportunity to compete beyond the Regional Competition whereas only 18 had the chance in seasons past. For many teams who advanced to this season's District Competitions, this was their first time advancing beyond the Regional level. The District Competition also gives teams a second chance at qualifying for State Finals and gives all teams more competition Rounds. With fewer teams advancing the State Finals Competition (8), State Finals was held on one day in March, making it a more streamlined and intimate competition.
- **2015** – Under Lee Ann Feeley's term as Chair, the Competition added a new Region in Valdosta, giving teams along the southern border of the state a competition venue much closer to home. Many new teams were formed around the state, expanding the program's reach. The program also saw another first-time state champion team. Under the direction of Kevin Epps, the National High School Mock Trial, Inc. Board of Directors accepted Georgia's bid to host the 2019 National Championships in Athens.

Georgia High School Mock Trial Committee Structure



The High School Mock Trial Competition is a special project of the State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers Division

Subcommittee on the Rules

This subcommittee assists in preparing the rules portion of the mock trial manual. The rules are released to the teams via the program's website on November 1 each year. The rules of evidence governing the trials are simplified from the Federal Rules of Evidence, retaining its organization and numbering system. This subcommittee also handles the creation and interpretation of the rules and policies of the Georgia Mock Trial Competition. After the rules and policies are published on the website on November 1, the chair of this subcommittee may be called upon to advise on issues that may arise regarding competition rules and policies and issuing such memoranda periodically as needed during the mock trial season.

Subcommittee on the Problem

This subcommittee assists in preparing the mock trial competition case that is released via our website to the teams in early October. Civil and criminal fact patterns alternate on odd and even years, respectively. Those serving on this subcommittee may not coach teams.

Subcommittee on Honors and Awards

Created in 1999, this subcommittee devises methods for honoring outstanding teacher and attorney coaches in each region. In 2000, the subcommittee began presenting the awards directly at the local level. This subcommittee also handles the selection of the Supporter Appreciation Award and the Founders Award.

Subcommittee on Development

This subcommittee seeks ways to improve the financial support of the program when necessary.

State Finals Planning Board

Members are responsible for overseeing all aspects of the state finals: lodging, program, judging panels, and publicity. The State Finals are usually held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville in mid-March each year.

Special Projects Task Force

This unit was established in 1990, when it began working on the design of a special summer law camp program for high school students. In 1998, the task force developed the annual Law Academy to replace the Summer Law Camp. This Academy offers a weekend of intense study in mock trial rules, procedures and trial preparation for student team leaders from around the state. Also, in 1998, a Court Artist Contest was launched statewide, co-sponsored by the Savannah College of Art & Design. The contest was named for its founder, Craig Harding, after his death in an automobile accident following graduation from the Savannah College of Art & Design. A statewide Journalism Contest was added in 2002 but was discontinued in 2009.

Honor Roll of Georgia Champion Mock Trial Teams

- 1988 – Jonesboro High School, *Jonesboro* Dallas, TX (*placement unknown**)
- 1989 – Brookstone School, *Columbus* Louisville, KY (*placement unknown**)
- 1990 – Brookstone School, *Columbus* Portland, OR (7th place—tie)
- 1991 – South Gwinnett High School, *Snellville* New Orleans, LA (4th place)
- 1992 – Brookstone School, *Columbus* Madison, WI (11th place)
- 1993 – Crisp County High School, *Cordele* Atlanta, GA (9th place)
- 1994 – Northwest Whitfield High School, *Tunnel Hill* Chicago, IL (15th place)
- 1995 – South Gwinnett High School, *Snellville* Denver, CO (1st place)**
- 1996 – Redan High School, *Stone Mountain* Pittsburgh, PA (4th place)
- 1997 – Ware County Magnet School, *Manor* Nashville, TN (11th place)
- 1998 – Clarke Central High School, *Athens* Albuquerque, NM (6th place)
- 1999 – Clarke Central High School, *Athens* St. Louis, MO (1st place)**
- 2000 – Henry W. Grady High School, *Atlanta* Columbia, SC (13th place)
- 2001 – Riverdale High School, *Riverdale* Omaha, NE (13th place)
- 2002 – Jonesboro High School, *Jonesboro* St. Paul, MN (10th place)
- 2003 – Jonesboro High School, *Jonesboro* New Orleans, LA (16th place)
- 2004 – Clarke Central High School, *Athens* Orlando, FL (23rd place)
- 2005 – Henry W. Grady High School, *Atlanta* Charlotte, NC (16th place)
- 2006 – Jonesboro High School, *Jonesboro* Oklahoma City, OK (5th place)
- 2007 – Jonesboro High School, *Jonesboro* Dallas, TX (1st place)**
- 2008 – Jonesboro High School, *Jonesboro* Wilmington, DE (1st place)**
- 2009 – Henry W. Grady High School, *Atlanta* Atlanta, GA (8th place)
- 2010 – Henry W. Grady High School, *Atlanta* Philadelphia, PA (3rd place)
- 2011 – Henry W. Grady High School, *Atlanta* Phoenix, AZ (4th place)
- 2012 – Henry W. Grady High School, *Atlanta* Albuquerque, NM (2nd place)
- 2013 – Middle Georgia Christian Homeschool Association, *Macon* Indianapolis, IN (35th place)
- 2014 – Jonesboro High School, *Jonesboro* Madison, WI (34th place)
- 2015 – Northview High School, *Johns Creek* Raleigh, NC (2nd place)

**From 1983 until 1990, only the placement of the top four teams was announced during the national level of competition.*

Cases Used in Previous Georgia Mock Trial Seasons

1988 – <i>State v. Bryant</i>	Drug Trafficking (Entrapment Defense)
1989 – <i>Johnson v. Bowen</i>	DUI (Host Liability)
1990 – <i>State v. Barrett</i>	Homicide (Battered Woman Syndrome)
1991 – <i>Hill v. Midway School Board</i>	Freedom of Speech in School Setting
1992 – <i>State v. Binder</i>	Drug Trafficking
1993 – <i>Alexander v. Cooper, Cook & Troy</i>	Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
1994 – <i>U.S. v. Remy</i>	Conspiracy to Import Drugs
1995 – <i>Tenebrous v. Busy Bee Express</i>	Personal Injury
1996 – <i>State v. Foil</i>	Homicide
1997 – <i>Ortega v. Brewster</i>	Wrongful Death
1998 – <i>State v. Peterson</i>	Involuntary Manslaughter and Hazing
1999 – <i>O’Riley v. Happy Daze Daycare Center</i>	Personal Injury
2000 – <i>State v. Brunetti</i>	Homicide
2001 – <i>Hamilton v. Sadler</i>	Libel
2002 – <i>State v. Cunningham</i>	Homicide (Self-Defense)
2003 – <i>Schwinn v. Farnsworth</i>	Comparative Negligence
2004 – <i>State v. Finn</i>	Homicide
2005 – <i>Fields v. Register</i>	Wrongful Death
2006 – <i>State v. Banks</i>	Homicide and Arson
2007 – <i>LaQuinta v. Hill</i>	Wrongful Death
2008 – <i>State v. Bryant</i>	Drug Trafficking (Entrapment Defense)
2009 – <i>Sadler v. Hamilton</i>	Battery (Tort)
2010 – <i>State v. Clay/Claire Stafford</i>	Aggravated Assault
2011 – <i>Greenwood v. Durden</i>	Protected Speech
2012 – <i>State v. Dani/Danny Capulet</i>	Felony Murder; Aggravated Assault
2013 – <i>Cowell v. Roberts</i>	Negligence/Malice
2014 – <i>State v. Pyke</i>	Homicide
2015 – <i>Stuart v. Garfunkel Property Group</i>	Negligent Hiring/Negligent Retention

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Message from the Chair

Since 1988, the Georgia High School Mock Trial Program has been one of the strongest programs sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, and this year has been no exception. Our season began with the annual Law Academy, a four-day program for which students traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to participate. They attended workshops on hearsay objections, cross examination skills and character development. At the conclusion of the program, the student bar examination, a test based on the information that had been taught, was administered to participants. 15 students passed the exam with scores that gained them admission to the Georgia Student Bar Association; 5 of the students were admitted with honors.

This season, 109 teams participated in sixteen Regional competitions statewide. The teams were comprised of almost 1,700 students who hailed from public and private schools and home school programs. For the first time in the program's history, the top three teams from each Region advanced to the new District Competition, where each of the 8 District Champions advanced to the State Finals Competition. At State, Northview High School was named State Champion for the first time in the team's history.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals who give of their time to make this program so successful: the students, teacher coaches, attorney coaches, parents, regional coordinators, evaluators, presiding judges, and members of the High School Mock Trial Committee. The work that you do gives students from all walks of life an opportunity to positively experience the legal system, and in the process, the students gain invaluable academic and presentation skills that will serve them well, whether they pursue a career in the legal profession or a dream of a different nature.

To the Young Lawyers Division, under the leadership of 2014-2015 President Sharri Edenfield, the State Bar of Georgia, and all others who have generously supported us throughout this season by giving of your time and financial resources – we say thank you! High School Mock Trial, like all other non-profit programs, relies on the generosity of donors. Especially in these difficult economic times, please know how sincerely we appreciate your gifts, as they are vital to the life of this program.

Additional thanks are in order for Judge Stephen Dillard of the Georgia Court of Appeals for serving as the Special Consultant to the High School Mock Trial Committee. Last, but certainly not least, I want to sincerely thank Michael Nixon, our State Mock Trial Coordinator who did an excellent job in his first year with the position. I am forever grateful for their leadership and support and am truly indebted to them for their assistance this season. Without their tireless dedication to this program and the students it serves, the outstanding program that we know simply would not be.

It has truly been an honor and pleasure to serve as the 2014-2015 Chair of the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition. I now pass the gavel to Righton Johnson who will serve as Chair for the 2015-2016 season. After working with Righton this season, I have no doubt that the program is in great hands!

Congratulations to all on a wonderful season and best of luck in the upcoming season!

Very truly yours,



Lee Ann Feeley

The 2014-2015 YLD High School Mock Trial Committee



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2015 Participating Mock Trial Teams

Mock trial teams from 109 high schools competed in Regional competitions conducted in 16 different locations throughout the state in January and February. From each Region, the top three teams (*) advanced to the District Competitions February 28.

Region	Teams	
Region 1 <i>Albany</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brookstone School, <i>Columbus</i> • Early College Academy of Columbus, <i>Columbus</i> * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee County High School, <i>Leesburg</i> * • Northside High School, <i>Columbus</i> *
Region 2 <i>Athens</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athens Academy, <i>Athens</i> * • Athens Christian School, <i>Athens</i> • Cedar Shoals High School, <i>Athens</i> • Clarke Central High School, <i>Athens</i> * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lumpkin County High School, <i>Dahlonega</i> • Meadowcreek High School, <i>Norcross</i> • North Oconnee High School, <i>Bogart</i> • Westminster Christian Academy, <i>Watkinsville</i> *
Region 3 <i>Atlanta</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlanta International School, <i>Atlanta</i> * • Fulton Science Academy, <i>Alpharetta</i> • The Galloway School, <i>Atlanta</i> • Johns Creek High School, <i>Johns Creek</i> * • Maynard H. Jackson High School, <i>Atlanta</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Atlanta High School, <i>Atlanta</i> • Riverwood International Charter School, <i>Sandy Springs</i> • The Westminster Schools, <i>Atlanta</i> *
Region 5 <i>Cartersville</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adairsville High School, <i>Adairsville</i> • Cartersville High School, <i>Cartersville</i> • Cherokee High School, <i>Canton</i> * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pepperell High School, <i>Lindale</i> • Pinecrest Academy, <i>Cumming</i> * • Pope High School, <i>Marietta</i> • Woodland High School, <i>Cartersville</i> *
Region 6 <i>Dalton</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coahulla Creek High School, <i>Dalton</i> • Dalton High School, <i>Dalton</i> * • Fannin County High School, <i>Blue Ridge</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage High School, <i>Ringgold</i> • Southeast Whitfield High School, <i>Dalton</i> * • Union County High School, <i>Blairsville</i> *
Region 7 <i>Decatur</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decatur High School, <i>Decatur</i> * • DeKalb Early College Academy, <i>Stone Mountain</i> * • Lakeside High School, <i>Atlanta</i> * • W.D. Mohammed High School, <i>Atlanta</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newton High School, <i>Covington</i> • Paideia School, <i>Atlanta</i> • Redan High School, <i>Stone Mountain</i> • Roswell High School, <i>Roswell</i> • Southwest DeKalb High School, <i>Decatur</i>
Region 8 <i>Jonesboro</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elite Scholars Academy, <i>Morrow</i> * • Forest Park High School, <i>Forest Park</i> • Jonesboro High School, <i>Jonesboro</i> * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morrow High School, <i>Morrow</i> • North Clayton High School, <i>College Park</i> * • Mundy's Mill High School, <i>Jonesboro</i> • Riverdale High School, <i>Riverdale</i>
Region 9 <i>Lawrenceville</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brookwood High School, <i>Snellville</i> • Duluth High School, <i>Duluth</i> • Grayson High School, <i>Grayson</i> • Greater Atlanta Christian School, <i>Norcross</i> * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lanier High School, <i>Sugar Hill</i> • Norcross High School, <i>Norcross</i> • North Gwinnett High School, <i>Suwanee</i> * • Parkview High School, <i>Lilburn</i> • Wesleyan School, <i>Peachtree Corner</i> *
Region 10 <i>Macon</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Presbyterian Day School, <i>Macon</i> • Howard High School, <i>Macon</i> * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Georgia Christian Home School Association, <i>Macon</i> * • Mount de Sales Academy, <i>Macon</i> * • Southwest High School, <i>Macon</i>

<p>Region 11 <i>Marietta</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DeKalb School of the Arts, <i>Avondale Estates</i> • Harrison High School, <i>Kennesaw</i> • Kennesaw Mountain High School, <i>Kennesaw</i> • Lassiter High School, <i>Marietta</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Paran Christian School, <i>Kennesaw</i> * • North Cobb Christian School, <i>Kennesaw</i> • Northview High School, <i>Johns Creek</i> * • The Walker School, <i>Marietta</i> • Walton High School, <i>Marietta</i> *
<p>Region 12 <i>McDonough</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcovy High School, <i>Covington</i> • Eagle’s Landing Christian Academy, <i>McDonough</i> * • Eagle’s Landing High School, <i>McDonough</i> * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luella High School, <i>Locust Grove</i> • Stockbridge High School, <i>Stockbridge</i> • D.M. Therrell High School, <i>Atlanta</i> *
<p>Region 13 <i>Newnan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander High School, <i>Douglasville</i> • Bremen High School, <i>Bremen</i> * • Douglas County High School, <i>Douglasville</i> * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Coweta High School, <i>Sharpsburg</i> * • Newnan High School, <i>Newnan</i> • Northgate High School, <i>Newnan</i>
<p>Region 14 <i>Savannah</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinch County High School, <i>Homerville</i> * • Islands High School, <i>Savannah</i> • Savannah Arts Academy, <i>Savannah</i> * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savannah Country Day School, <i>Savannah</i> * • St. Andrews School, <i>Savannah</i> • Wayne County High School, <i>Jesup</i>
<p>Region 16 <i>Atlanta</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grady High School, <i>Atlanta</i> * • Landmark Christian School, <i>Fairburn</i> • North Springs Charter High School, <i>Atlanta</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Atlanta School of Law & Social Justice, <i>Atlanta</i> • Sprayberry High School, <i>Marietta</i> * • The Weber School, <i>Atlanta</i> *
<p>Region 17 <i>Cumming</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge High School, <i>Milton</i> * • Centennial High School, <i>Roswell</i> • Forsyth Central High School, <i>Cumming</i> * • Lambert High School, <i>Suwanee</i> * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milton High School, <i>Milton</i> • North Forsyth High School, <i>Cumming</i> • South Forsyth High School, <i>Cumming</i> • West Forsyth High School, <i>Cumming</i>
<p>Region 19 <i>Valdosta</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowndes High School, <i>Valdosta</i> * • Thomasville City High School, <i>Thomasville</i> * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tift County High School, <i>Tifton</i> • Valwood School, <i>Hahira</i> *

2015 Regional and District Coordinating Teams

The position of the Regional Coordinating team within the GHSMTTC is an extremely important and indispensable one. It is at the Regional level that the greatest number of students, teachers and attorneys participate in the Mock Trial program. Each year our Regional Coordinating teams thoroughly prepare for the Regional Competition day by carefully planning for the event over the months preceding the beginning of the Rounds.

On competition day, teachers, students and parents receive an outstanding impression of how well the GHSMTTC and local legal communities statewide can organize and run a competitive event crowning weeks of study and practice. It is during the Regional level of competition that the legal profession truly puts its best foot forward: all forces on our coordinating teams work well together, and each and every step of the day shows our participants the professionalism, skill, and cool-headed order which is the highest ideal of our justice system because anything less would do a disservice to the countless hours of investment by our program's participants. The integrity of the GHSMTTC relies upon the polished and unblemished management of the Regional Competition day statewide and our Coordinating teams meet this challenge each season with orderliness, enthusiasm and a knack for creating an incomparable educational experience.

This season, eight Regional Coordinators did double duty by also coordinating the District Competition at their location. Here, they had to recreate the infrastructure of the Regional Competition for six teams, advancing teams through each Round.

Region	Attorney Coordinating Team
Region 1 (Albany)	Lauren Mock
Region 2 (Athens)	Kevin Epps & Roy Manoll
Region 3 (Atlanta)	Emily Quan
Region 5 (Cartersville)	Christina Jenkins
Region 6 (Dalton)	Nathan Lock
Region 7 (Decatur)	Nicole Golden
Region 8 (Jonesboro)	Adrienne Nash
Region 9 (Lawrenceville)	Martina Palatto
Region 10 (Macon)	Chris Miranda
Region 11 (Marietta)	Judge Toby Prodggers
Region 12 (McDonough)	Orion Webb
Region 13 (Newnan)	Sandra Wisenbaker
Region 14 (Savannah)	John Manly & Julie Culhane
Region 16 (Atlanta)	Allen Lightcap
Region 17 (Cumming)	Melissa Banker
Region 19 (Valdosta)	Burke Sherwood & Byron Watson

2015 Regional Champion Teams

At the Regional Competition level, all teams compete in the first two Rounds. The top two teams after Round II meet in a head-to-head match for the Region Championship. The top three teams advance to the District Competition against another Region's teams, with the Regional Champions receiving a bye for Round I.

Region	Team
Region 1 (Albany)	Lee County High School, <i>Leesburg</i>
Region 2 (Athens)	Westminster Christian Academy, <i>Watkinsville</i>
Region 3 (Atlanta)	Atlanta International School, <i>Atlanta</i>
Region 5 (Cartersville)	Pinecrest Academy, <i>Cartersville</i>
Region 6 (Dalton)	Union County High School, <i>Blairsville</i>
Region 7 (Decatur)	Decatur High School, <i>Decatur</i>
Region 8 (Jonesboro)	Jonesboro High School, <i>Jonesboro</i>
Region 9 (Lawrenceville)	Greater Atlanta Christian School, <i>Norcross</i>
Region 10 (Macon)	Middle Georgia Christian Home School Association, <i>Macon</i>
Region 11 (Marietta)	Northview High School, <i>John's Creek</i>
Region 12 (McDonough)	Eagle's Landing High School, <i>McDonough</i>
Region 13 (Newnan)	Douglas County High School, <i>Douglasville</i>
Region 14 (Savannah)	Clinch County High School, <i>Homerville</i>
Region 16 (Atlanta)	Henry W. Grady High School, <i>Atlanta</i>
Region 17 (Cumming)	Cambridge High School, <i>Milton</i>
Region 19 (Valdosta)	Lowndes High School, <i>Valdosta</i>

2015 District Champion Teams

The District Competition was created to provide opportunities to compete past the Regional level to more teams. Prior to the 2015 season, only 18 teams advanced out of each Region (16 Region Champions and 2 Wildcard Teams). Now, 48 teams are able to compete after Regionals. It was also created to increase the competition each season and make the State Finals Competition a more manageable experience for everyone.

Each Region is paired with another to create a District. At the District Competition, teams compete head-to-head in all Rounds, with the losing team from each match eliminated from the competition. Each of the Region Champions received a bye for Round I, where the 2nd place teams faced the 3rd place teams from the opposing Region. The winners of Round I faced one of the Region Champions in Round II, where the two winning teams advanced to the District Championship Round.

The teams below won their District competition and advanced to the State Finals Competition.

Region	Team
District I (Dalton)	Pinecrest Academy, <i>Cartersville</i>
Region II (Atlanta)	Northview High School, <i>John's Creek</i>
Region III (Lawrenceville)	Decatur High School, <i>Decatur</i>
Region IV (Athens)	Westminster Christian Academy, <i>Watkinsville</i>
Region V (Newnan)	Atlanta International School, <i>Atlanta</i>
Region VI (McDonough)	Jonesboro High School, <i>Jonesboro</i>
Region VII (Savannah)	Middle Georgia Christian Home School Association, <i>Macon</i>
Region VIII (Albany)	Lee County High School, <i>Leesburg</i>

The 2015 State Champion: Northview High School Mock Trial Team

2015 Northview High School Team Members

Teacher Coach
Elizabeth Lake

Attorney Coaches
Denise Abramow
Paul Dietrick
Jim Stewart

Students
Karsyn Archambeau
Tommy Bui
William Clausen
Mary Kate Korbisch
Courtney O'Connell
Emma Rowe
Amber Scales
Shriya Sharma
Harsha Sridhar
Patrick Wu

The mock trial team from Northview High School (John's Creek) became the 2015 Georgia Champion from a field of 8 District Champions at State Finals held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville on March 21, 2015. This is Northview's 1st State title.

After two preliminary rounds, Northview High School and the Atlanta International School survived to compete in the Final Round for the State title. Judge Lisa Branch and Judge William Ray of the Georgia Court of Appeals presided in the Final Round.

The Northview team advanced to the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina on May 15th and 16th, finishing a very impressive 2nd in the nation. The Northview team faced Wyoming in Round I, followed by Idaho in Round II, Colorado in Round III and Iowa in Round IV. Throughout the four preliminary Rounds, Northview won all but 2 ballots.

The team was surprised to hear their name called for the Championship Round against Nebraska. This was both schools' first time in the National Championship Round, which saw Nebraska come out as National Champion.



The Northview High School Mock Trial Team with the State Champion Gavel

Northview High School Team Receives Professionalism Award at State Finals

The State Finals Planning Board of the Georgia High School Mock Trial Committee presented the 2015 State Finals Professionalism Award to the mock trial team from Northview High School, the District Champion from District II (Marietta). This award is sponsored by the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. This is the sixth year this award has been presented at State Finals. The award was determined by ballots cast by the competing teams and a tally of team points awarded by Judging Panel volunteers in the two preliminary Rounds. The Bremen team demonstrated the following attributes throughout the entire weekend: fair play, a professional demeanor, civility, integrity, competence, honesty, respect for the Court, respect for their opposing counsel, and respect for the client.



Northview Team Places 2nd at Nationals

Following five and a half weeks of intense preparation this spring, the mock trial team from Jonesboro High School represented the state of Georgia in the 32st annual National High School Mock Trial Championship, held in Raleigh, NC.

The national case this year was a civil problem between a private individual who was injured at the North Carolina state capitol building and the security company who hired the officer who caused the plaintiff to fall and break his/her leg. The case centered around the public showing of North Carolina's copy of the Bill of Rights. The plaintiff's family was involved with the recovery of the copy several years ago but the plaintiff felt the family had not received the recognition and thanks it deserved. Attempting to approach dignitaries in the capitol building, the security guard (who had a prior history with the plaintiff) used a Taser on the plaintiff, causing him/her to fall down a flight of stairs and shatter his/her femur. The plaintiff sued the security company for negligent hiring and negligent retention of the guard.

During the preliminary rounds of the national tournament, the Georgia team competed in the first randomly matched round against Wyoming and won decisively. In the 2nd round, they were power-matched against Idaho and won all three ballots. The 3rd Round on Saturday morning put the team against a strong Colorado squad and won 2 of 3 ballots, and finally Iowa in the 4th round and won 2 of 3 ballots again.

The team placed 2nd in a field of 46 teams from across the U.S., Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands and South Korea. The team from the Seattle Preparatory School from Seattle, Washington won the 2015 national title, the first for the team. The remainder of the Top Ten mock trial teams in the nation were:

3 rd – Massachusetts	5 th – North Carolina - 2	7 th – Virginia	9 th – New Jersey
4 th – Minnesota	6 th – Iowa	8 th – Wisconsin	10 th – Ohio

The Northview High School Mock Trial Team at Nationals



2014 Law Academy



Scholars pose in front of the State Bar of Georgia building

On Thursday evening, September 18, 2014, 24 mock trial team leaders from around the state met at the Holiday Inn Express in downtown Atlanta for the 17th Annual Law Academy. Law Academy is an intense, clinic-style weekend that provides veteran mock trial team leaders the opportunity to gain basic skills in strengthening their mock trial team and preparing a mock trial case for competition. Law Academy offers in-depth instruction on trial procedure, mock trial rules, and team leadership. Activities are based on the nature of the case (either criminal or civil) featured in the upcoming season and students receive training that will allow them to become team leaders in the upcoming academic year. During the Awards Assembly held Sunday afternoon, students receive certificates of participation.

This was the second time the Law Academy was held at the State Bar of Georgia headquarters in Atlanta. The Academy used the bar facilities on the 3rd Floor's Conference Center Friday through Sunday.

Attorneys, Judges and Teacher Coaches make up the faculty and staff, with some in residence throughout the weekend and others coming in to conduct large group sessions on Friday or Saturday. Serving on this year's faculty were Judge John Carbo (Jonesboro), Sharri Edenfield (Statesboro), Will Davis (Marietta), Mike Dunham (Marietta), Kevin Epps (Athens), Lee Ann Feeley (Decatur), Righton Johnson (Atlanta), Megan Pearson (McDonough), Jon Setzer (Lawrenceville), Bonnie Smith (Douglasville), and Barry Stewart Mann (Atlanta).

Faculty members throughout the weekend provide individualized instruction by conducting breakout sessions with small student groups. On Friday and Saturday, four general sessions were led by Judge John Carbo leading a session on legal analysis of a case and creation of a theme, Barry Stewart Mann leading a session on character development through improvisation, Mike Dunham presenting a session on trial presentation skills, and Megan Pearson presenting a session on closing arguments. Students were able to choose three of four small group sessions covering topics from cross examination (Kevin Epps), general objections and unfair extrapolations (Bonnie Smith), foundations of evidence and exhibits (Lee Ann Feeley) and hearsay objections (Jon Setzer).

Law Academy 2014 – State Bar of Georgia

Law Academy Schedule

18 – 21 September 2014

THURSDAY

- Registration
- Introductions of Scholars and Faculty
- Overview of Weekend

FRIDAY

- Site visit to Georgia Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of Georgia and US District Court of Northern Georgia
- General Sessions on Legal Analysis & Theme Development the new District Competitions
- Small groups Sessions on General Objections, Objections involving Hearsay, Cross Examination and Foundations of Evidence & Exhibits
- Study time for Bar Exam
- SkyView Atlanta

SATURDAY

- General Sessions on the Criminal System, Trial Presentation Skills and Closing Arguments, workshop on Character Development
- Small groups sessions (same as Friday)
- Study time for Bar Exam
- Voting on Law Academy Superlatives

SUNDAY

- Study time for Bar Exam
- Group photo at the State Bar
- Bar Exam
- Closing Assembly with parents and invited guests

2014 Law Academy Superlatives

During the 2014 Law Academy, participants nominated and voted for their peers in the following superlative categories:

Dream Team Pick

Amelia Boland, *MGCHSA*

Most Humorous

Aleea Smith, *South Atlanta High School*

Miss Congeniality

Ashima Gauba, *Duluth High School*

Mr. Congeniality

Jake Bardack, *North Springs Charter High School*

Outstanding Female

Amber Scales, *Northview High School*

Outstanding Male

Juan Williams, *Eagle's Landing High School*



Scholars hearing from Judge Stephen Dillard (Georgia Court of Appeals) in the Supreme Court courtroom on Friday morning.

2014 Law Scholars

Law Academy culminates with the Student Bar Examination, which all students take on Sunday afternoon. This test determines participants' knowledge of trial procedure, the rules of evidence and of the competition, and the Mock Trial case used during the weekend. After the examinations are graded, those students receiving a score of 80 or higher are admitted to the Georgia High School Student Bar Association and those students receiving a score of 90 or better are admitted with honors. These students are invited to the State Finals reception in March, where they receive a certificate for this accomplishment.

Student Bar of Georgia

2014 – Admitted With Honors

Amelia Boland, *Middle Georgia Christian Homeschool Association*

Ashima Gauba, *Duluth High School*

Amber Scales, *Northview High School*

Juan Williams, *Eagle's Landing High School*

Amy Zhai, *Forsyth Central High School*

2014 – Admitted

Blaine Allen, *DeKalb Early College Academy*

Jessica Cao, *Jonesboro High School*

Marisa Evans, *Union County High School*

Lainey Hunt, *Middle Georgia Christian Homeschool Association*

Trent Jackson, *Dalton High School*

Sophie Ledden, *Decatur High School*

Arabi Luke, *Valwood School*

Shriya Sharma, *Northview High School*

Ashley Soriano, *Ola High School*

Courtney Taylor, *Stockbridge High School*

Craig Harding Memorial Court Artist Contest

The Craig Harding Memorial Court Artist Contest, sponsored by the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), allows artistically talented students from schools participating in the Mock Trial competition an opportunity to participate in the program. Court artists sketch scenes from the first two rounds of the Regional Competition in which their schools are participating. The best two sketches are submitted to the judges at the conclusion of the Championship Round. Sketches must be black-and-white, and any dry medium is acceptable. In 2015, Professors Mohamed Danawi and Don Rogers from SCAD evaluated the entries and selected the Regional and State Champions. The State Champion is invited to accompany the new State Champion Mock Trial team to the National tournament each year. If the State Champion is unable to attend the tournament, the State Finalist is invited to accompany the team to Nationals. Julie Culhane serves as Contest Coordinator.

2015 State Champion

Christina Voss

Walton High School, *Marietta*



Craig Harding Memorial Court Artist Contest 2015 Regional Champions

Region 1 (Albany) - Danielle Braun, *Northside High School*

Region 2 (Athens) - Chandler Grace Sutton, *Westminster Christian Academy*

Region 3 (Atlanta) - Charlotte Simmons, *The Galloway School*

Region 6 (Dalton) - Addie Murphy, *Union County High School*

Region 7 (Decatur) - Khalid Johnson, *Southwest DeKalb High School*

Region 9 (Lawrenceville) - Trevon Harty, *Brookwood High School*

Region 11 (Marietta) - Christina Voss, *Walton High School*

Region 13 (Newnan) - Gracious Quarshie, *Douglas County High School*

Region 17 (Cumming) - Abrianna Depuy, *Forsyth Central High School*

Region 19 (Valdosta) - Natsumi Sterling, *Lowndes High School*

2015 State Finalist

Natsumi Sterling

Lowndes High School, *Valdosta*



Student Recognition

2015 Julie Jobe Award for Excellence in Mock Trial

Region 8 (Jonesboro)

The 2015 Julie Jobe Award was presented to Brittney Brown, Elite Scholars Academy. Brittney joined the Elite Scholars Academy Mock Trial team in 2011 and has done a bit of everything throughout her career. She has taken a leadership role with the team over the past few years, taking it upon herself to organize team meetings, help younger students better their roles and be the big cheerleader for the team.

The Julie Jobe Award was established in 2000, after the Riverdale High School Mock Trial Team lost Julie Jobe, one of its team members, to leukemia in 1999. Julie attended the first Law Academy in 1998 and was a charter member of the Georgia High School Student Bar Association. She also collected numerous honors as an outstanding attorney. Her parents, the team and then regional coordinator Donna Sims, in conjunction with the Clayton County Public Schools Secondary Social Studies Coordinator Robyn Greer Holland, created this special award called the "Julie Jobe Award for Excellence in Mock Trial." Each year an honoree is chosen from all student participants in Region 8 (Jonesboro).

2015 Four-Year Mock Trial Participants

We salute these students for their dedication to their Mock Trial team through all 4 years of their high school career (2011-2015)

Student	School	Region
Blaine Allen.....	DeKalb Early College Academy.....	Region 7 (Decatur)
William Allen	Valwood School.....	Region 19 (Valdosta)
Celena Ashcar	The Walker School.....	Region 11 (Marietta)
Eric Aupperle	Savannah Arts Academy.....	Region 14 (Savannah)
Carter Babb.....	Pepperell High School	Region 5 (Cartersville)
Barrett Binder.....	Clarke Central High School	Region 2 (Athens)
Emily Blakenship.....	Brookwood High School	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
Rebecca Blakenship.....	Brookwood High School	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
Kyle Briskin	Greater Atlanta Christian School.....	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
Brittany Brown	Elite Scholars Academy	Region 8 (Jonesboro)
Clara Burke	Lowndes High School.....	Region 19 (Valdosta)
Nicholas Byrne.....	Clarke Central High School	Region 2 (Athens)
Abby Campbell	Cedar Shoals High School	Region 2 (Athens)
Thomas Casey.....	Pepperell High School	Region 5 (Cartersville)
Sania Chandrani.....	Parkview High School	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
William Childress	Pinecrest Academy.....	Region 5 (Cartersville)
Nazareth Choi.....	Eagle's Landing Christian Academy	Region 12 (McDonough)
Robert Cohen.....	The Walker School.....	Region 11 (Marietta)
Tiffany Compton.....	Pepperell High School	Region 5 (Cartersville)
Josh Coots.....	Sprayberry High School	Region 16 (Atlanta)
Desumbra Daniel.....	Morrow High School.....	Region 8 (Jonesboro)
Mackenzie Dent.....	Johns Creek High School.....	Region 3 (Atlanta)
Domonique Dille.....	Grayson High School.....	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
Christiana Dossie	Sandy Creek High School.....	Region 8 (Jonesboro)
James Dowdy.....	Douglas High School.....	Region 13 (Newnan)
Jesse Edwards.....	Berrien High School	Region 19 (Valdosta)
Marissa Evans	Union County High School.....	Region 6 (Dalton)
Katie Fallon	The Walker School.....	Region 11 (Marietta)
Matias Fernandel.....	Atlanta International School	Region 3 (Atlanta)
Tiffany Fomby.....	Brookwood High School	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
Dalton Ford.....	Sprayberry High School	Region 16 (Atlanta)
Destiny Forsyth.....	Pepperell High School	Region 5 (Cartersville)
Kristin Fowler.....	Lowndes High School.....	Region 19 (Valdosta)
John Franco	Mount de Sales Academy.....	Region 10 (Macon)
Lina Garcia	North Gwinnett High School	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
Ashima Gauba	Duluth High School.....	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
Madeleine Goebel	Decatur High School	Region 7 (Decatur)
Alyx Gordy	South Forsyth High School	Region 17 (Cumming)
Jared Greathouse	Douglas High School.....	Region 13 (Newnan)

Cason Green	Lowndes High School	Region 19 (Valdosta)
Noemi Griffin	Decatur High School	Region 7 (Decatur)
Skyler Groves	Pepperell High School	Region 5 (Cartersville)
Molly Guthrie	Lakeside High School	Region 7 (Decatur)
Hannah Habit	Lakeside High School	Region 7 (Decatur)
Brooke Hamil	Bremen High School	Region 13 (Newnan)
Jenna Hanes	Decatur High School	Region 7 (Decatur)
Shane Hawkins	South Forsyth High School	Region 17 (Cumming)
Antoinette Hawthorne	Brookwood High School	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
Katelyn Hayes	Lanier High School	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
Lasha Hedden	Coahulla Creek High School	Region 6 (Dalton)
Shayann Hendricks	Atlanta International School	Region 3 (Atlanta)
Justin Higgins	Heritage High School	Region 6 (Dalton)
Aaron Holmes	Clarke Central High School	Region 2 (Athens)
Clinton Hopson	Lowndes High School	Region 19 (Valdosta)
Ciera Houston	Sandy Creek High School	Region 8 (Jonesboro)
Nathan Iyer	Athens Academy	Region 2 (Athens)
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Mary Christian Jones	Clinch County High School	Region 14 (Savannah)
Zoe Katz	North Oconee High School	Region 2 (Athens)
Talia Katz	The Weber School	Region 16 (Atlanta)
Shannon Keegan	The Walker School	Region 11 (Marietta)
Shamsya Khan	Johns Creek High School	Region 3 (Atlanta)
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Madison Laton	Mt. Paran Christian School	Region 11 (Marietta)
Claudia Leslie	Atlanta International School	Region 3 (Atlanta)
Chunging Lu	North Oconee High School	Region 2 (Athens)
Adisson Maalouf	Pepperell High School	Region 5 (Cartersville)
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Allison McClure	Bremen High School	Region 13 (Newnan)
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Fatou Sarr.....	Lakeside High School.....	Region 7 (Decatur)
Amber Scales.....	Northview High School.....	Region 11 (Marietta)
Laura Schweigert.....	Atlanta International School.....	Region 3 (Atlanta)
Chris Sferra.....	North Cobb Christian School.....	Region 11 (Marietta)
Margaret Shin.....	Johns Creek High School.....	Region 3 (Atlanta)
Duncan Sligh.....	Athens Academy.....	Region 2 (Athens)
Jasmin Sosa.....	Brookwood High School.....	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
Carra Stalvey.....	Clinch County High School.....	Region 14 (Savannah)
Lauren Stewart.....	Douglas High School.....	Region 13 (Newnan)
Skylar Stodghill.....	Berrien High School.....	Region 19 (Valdosta)
Courtney Street.....	Coahulla Creek High School.....	Region 6 (Dalton)
Courtney Taylor.....	Stockbridge High School.....	Region 12 (McDonough)
Rachel Todd.....	Union County High School.....	Region 6 (Dalton)
Mara Tolksdorf.....	Savannah Arts Academy.....	Region 14 (Savannah)
Mira Uchil.....	Johns Creek High School.....	Region 3 (Atlanta)
Keira Waites.....	Atlanta International School.....	Region 3 (Atlanta)
Robert Walker.....	Clarke Central High School.....	Region 2 (Athens)
Julia Wall.....	Douglas High School.....	Region 13 (Newnan)
Taylor Withrow.....	North Gwinnett High School.....	Region 9 (Lawrenceville)
Patrick Wu.....	Northview High School.....	Region 11 (Marietta)
Catherine Xie.....	Johns Creek High School.....	Region 3 (Atlanta)
Arly Zelaya.....	Jonesboro High School.....	Region 8 (Jonesboro)
Madison Zerbe.....	Coahulla Creek High School.....	Region 6 (Dalton)
Amy Zhai.....	Forsyth Central High School.....	Region 17 (Cumming)

2014 Season Outstanding Attorney and Teacher Coaches

Each season, teams have the opportunity to nominate a teacher or attorney coach for recognition as an Outstanding Coach. This season, three coaches are receiving the award. The descriptions of outstanding coaches are taken from the letters submitted to support their nomination for this award.

Brian Leahy
Teacher Coach
Grady High School
Region 16 (Atlanta)

Brian Leahy joined the Grady High School Mock Trial team in 2009 as a secondary teacher coach. Soon after, Brian took over as the primary teacher coach and never looked back. Under Brian's leadership, Grady earned 3 top-10 finishes at Nationals, including 2nd place in 2012. On a managerial side of coaching, Brian served as the liaison between the coaching staff and the Grady administration, parents and students. He consistently checks up on students' grades and progress in school to make sure they are meeting all of their academic requirements and that mock trial is not getting in the way of their studies. Brian's coaching has been key to Grady's success, helping with all aspects of the trial preparation. He also spearheaded the team's fundraising activities, helping get the team set up for competition expenses. Brian left Grady after the 2014 school year but has been helping Grady behind the scenes still in their annual preparations for the competition.



Hon. Robert Waller
Attorney Coach
Wesleyan School
Region 9 (Lawrenceville)

Judge Waller has been coaching the Wesleyan Mock Trial team for fourteen years. One coach describes Judge Waller with a "teacher's and servant's heart." He has been instrumental in Wesleyan's success in those fourteen years, coming in first or second in the Region most years. Many on the team say that Judge Waller helps not only the team's students improve their skills, but that of the coaches as well. His compassion for the students is "exemplary" and is interested in their development not only in mock trial, but as students and citizens as well. Judge Waller has offered students internships to help them understand the inner workings of the law from a practical approach. His engaging, father-like approach helps the students develop confidence and the "capabilities necessary to excel as a team member."



E. Lauren Terry
Attorney Coach
North Forsyth High School
Region 17 (Cumming)

Lauren is a mock trial lifer, having competed for the North Forsyth High School mock trial team in the late 1990s. Seven years after graduating, Lauren returned to the team, this time to coach as an attorney coach and has been doing so ever since. Lauren spends countless hours working with the students on everything from rules knowledge to perfecting their opening and closings. Lauren opened her office on Saturdays for team practice. The team's coaches credit Lauren's involvement and dedication to the students as key to the team's success, reaching the State Finals tournament twice during her time with the team. After the 2014 season, Lauren left her coaching position to assist in the coordination efforts for Region 17.

“Thank You” to Court Facilities for Their Support

In order to give students participating in the Mock Trial program a more realistic experience, teams are encouraged to practice and Regional Coordinators to hold competitions in actual courtrooms. The Georgia Mock Trial Program has been fortunate to have the support of judges, court administrators, administrative staff, security, and housekeeping in all mock trial regions. The Mock Trial program is especially grateful to the following Regions that provide exceptional facilities for our competition rounds, security and housekeeping at no cost to the program:

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- **Whitfield County Courthouse** (Region 6 - Dalton)
- **Harold R. Banke Justice Center** (Region 8 - Jonesboro)
- **Gwinnett Justice & Administration Center** (Region 9 - Lawrenceville)
- **Bibb County Courthouse** (Region 10 - Macon)
- **Cobb County State Court Building** (Region 11- Marietta)
- **Henry County Courthouse** (Region 12 - McDonough)
- **Newnan County Justice Center** (Region 13 – Newnan)
- **Forsyth County Courthouse, City Hall, Forsyth County Administration Building** (Region 17 – Cumming)
- **Lowndes County Courthouse** (Region 19 – Valdosta)



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Where to Find it Online

The YLD High School Mock Trial Committee maintains an extensive web site for our participating teams, coaches, HSMT Committee members and volunteers. The address for the home page is www.georgiamocktrial.org. The Mock Trial web pages contain information on all aspects of the program. A description of the web site and information contained thereon follows.

“About Georgia Mock Trial” Link

This is a good place to start for people wanting to know more about the competition and how they may become involved as a coach or register as a team. The “Overview of the Mock Trial Program” defines a mock trial competition; describes the make-up of a team; lists the benefits of participation to students, teachers and attorneys; and contains comments about the program from key leaders of government and education in Georgia. Information on the YLD/HSMT Committee and supporters of the HSMT Program is also provided.

“Programs” Link

Coached and students can find information on the 2015 season including the season calendar, team registration materials, Regional assignments, Regional Champion packets, Outstanding Coach nomination forms, season evaluation forms, information on the Craig Harding Memorial Artist Contest, as well as information on the Georgia Student Bar Association, and the current State Mock Trial Champion. Registration packet and brochure for the next Law Academy are also available. Coaches of new teams can find information on the Coaches Orientation Meeting here.

“Judging Panel Information” Link

This link provides registered Judging Panel members all the information they need for Regional, District and State competitions including

the Rules, Mock Trial Case, Judging Panel Manual, and Judging Rounds Assignments.

“Volunteers” Link

Under this link is found HSMT Committee Volunteer Form, Regional Judging Panel Volunteer Form, State Finals Judging Panel Volunteer Form, Attorney Coach CLE Form and Teams Needing Attorney Coaches.

“Resources” Link

Major publications from the HSMT Committee are published on-line, including the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition Rules of Evidence and the Rules of the Georgia Mock Trial Competition, *Georgia Mock Trial Briefs* (the program’s newsletter), a list of Georgia mock trial cases available from the Mock Trial office, 2009 National Championship Round DVD Order Form, and order forms for *May It Please the Court*. The Instructional Link and Mock Trial Off-Season enrichment Activities Link provide additional resources and activities for teams.

“State Finals Tournament” Link

This link provides information related to the State Finals Schedule, State Finals Results, 2015 Judging Panel Volunteer Form, 2015 Press Release and Team Checklist. For spectators attending State Finals, this link provides General Information, Hotel Information and Directions to the Gwinnett Justice Center.

“National Championship” Link

A link to the National High School Mock Trial Website and the NHSMTIC Informational Brochure, as well as information concerning Georgia’s Participation in the National Championship, Honor Roll of Georgia Champion Team sand Press Release for our current State Champion can be found on this link.

What Can You Do?

2016 Team Registration Information

The early registration deadline for the 2016 Mock Trial season is **1 October**. Registrations postmarked after this date are subject to (1) a late penalty and (2) acceptance on a space-available basis, depending upon registrations already received throughout Georgia. The early registration fee is \$125; the late registration fee is \$100. Registration is accomplished by submitting the completed team registration form and fee to the mock trial office by the deadline. The form may be obtained from the office upon request or from the program's web site. General information about the program and the benefits of registration may be found online, as well. Competition materials, in an electronic format will be posted on the program's web site. Instructional materials for use in preparing teams contained in the Coaches Manual may be found online, as well.

2015 Law Academy

Application deadline for the 2015 Law Academy will be **late August 2015**. The Law Academy offers **team leader training**. Partial scholarships are available. For application information, contact the Mock Trial office or consult our website under the *Programs* section. Participation is limited to **no more than two students per school that had a mock trial team compete in the 2015 season**. Deadlines will be strictly enforced and no late applications will be accepted. Attorney coaches or other attorney committee members interested in serving as faculty members should contact the Mock Trial office **before August 31**.

Attorney Coach Opportunities for the 2016 Mock Trial Season

Attorney Coaches may receive CLE credit!

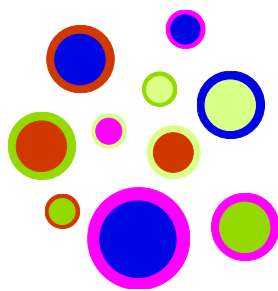
Each year, the Mock Trial office receives numerous requests from teams across the state for attorneys who have volunteered to assist in coaching teams. If you are an attorney, your expertise can be invaluable to a team. From the finer points of delivering a closing argument to the rules of evidence, teams need attorneys who are willing to coach them through the legal—and ethical—aspects of trial preparation. A minimum investment of at least 10 hours is asked of each volunteer attorney coach. Judging or evaluating a Round or two and providing feedback at your local Regional or at the State Finals competition will also make a positive impact on the overall program. Please contact the Mock Trial office (using the form provided on the next page) before 1 November if you are interested in coaching.

Judging Panel Volunteer Opportunities for the 2016 Season

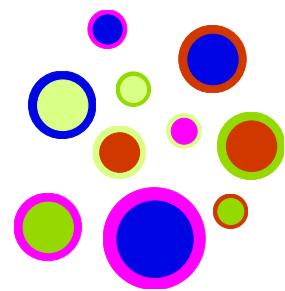
Regional Coordinators in all Regions around the state will be in need of enthusiastic and well-prepared judging panel volunteers for the Regional level of competition the last weekend in January. Additionally, veteran HSMT judging panel volunteers are invited to join us for the District Competitions February 28 and an exciting State Finals competition in Lawrenceville over the third weekend in March. If you're interested in volunteering to serve on a judging panel, please contact the Mock Trial office before 1 December.

To volunteer for the 2016 season, please go to the Volunteers link on the Georgia Mock Trial website:

<http://www.gabar.org/forthepublic/forteachersstudents/hsmt/volunteers/index.cfm>



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