

Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education's "*Mock Trial*" State Tournament Tomorrow

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When: Saturday, March 25, 2006

What: The Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education's High School Mock Trial State Tournament.

Where: Sandra Day O'Connor Federal Courthouse in Downtown Phoenix.

Who: Winners of the Foundation's District Competitions will compete for the State title tomorrow:

- Yuma Catholic High School - Yuma - Steve DeDecker
- Lake Havasu High School - Lake Havasu City - Bill Young
- Miami High School - Miami - Kevin Hull
- Mountain Ridge - Glendale - Tammy Waller
- Xavier College Prep. – 3 teams - Phoenix - John Cosden
- Chaparral High School - Scottsdale - Jill Herman*
- Brophy College Prep. - Phoenix - Lloyd Daggett
- Sahuaro High School - Tucson - Lisa Jones
- University High School – 2 teams - Tucson - Patrick McAndrew
- Northland Prep. Academy - Flagstaff - Kristen Waitz
- Arizona School for the Arts - Phoenix - Marc Crowley
- St. Gregory College Prep. - Tucson - Linda Mount
- Bradshaw Mountain High School - Prescott Valley - Darla Johnson

* Desert Mountain High School advanced from the regional tournament but was unable to compete in the state tournament. Chaparral High School takes their place.

Below is the state Mock Trial tournament schedule – specific locations will be posted in courthouse lobby:

8:00-8:20 a.m. Opening Ceremony

8:40-10:00 a.m. Round I-All teams participating

10:30–11:50 a.m Round II-All teams participating

11:50-12:50 a.m. Lunch Cafeteria - 2nd Floor

1:00-2:20 p.m. Round III-All teams participating

2:50-4:10 p.m. Round IV-All teams participating

4:30-5:45 p.m. Finals-Top 4 teams competing for 1st through 4th place

6:00-6:15 p.m. Awards Assembly Ceremonial Courtroom, 1st floor

About Arizona's High School Mock Trial Program

Currently in its 23rd year, the program offers students in grades 9 - 12 an opportunity to gain a first - hand view of our legal system by participating in a simulated trial. Through a partnership between the **Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education** and the **Young Lawyers of Arizona**, teams work closely with practicing attorneys as the students prepare for the tournament.

Teams consist of six to eight students and a fictional case is released in November (download at www.azflse.org/mocktrial). Each team must learn both sides of the case and students must play the roles of both attorney and witness at trial. Regional tournament winners compete in the annual State Tournament held at the Sandra Day O'Connor Federal Courthouse in Phoenix. The winner of the State Tournament competes at the National Tournament which will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on May 11-13, 2006.

In addition to giving students a better understanding of the legal system, the Arizona High School Mock Trial Program increases awareness of the importance of law in our democratic society, strengthens understanding of fundamental rights under the U.S. Constitution and promotes increased confidence, poise, oral skills, and critical thinking skills
For additional information about the program, please visit the helpful websites below.

Helpful Websites:

- Arizona High School Mock Trial Program: <http://www.azflse.org/MockTrial>
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education: <http://www.azflse.org>
- State Bar of Arizona Young Lawyers Division:
<http://www.myazbar.org/SecComm/Sections/YL/>