



News Release

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2012 High School Mock Trial Invitational

A crisp sunny morning, and despite the cold weather, the 8th Annual Lake County Mock Trial Invitational took place as scheduled at the Lake County Courthouse on Saturday, February 25th. Shortly after 7:30 a.m., students from Cook, Kane, Winnebago, and Lake Counties began arriving in anticipation of securing the highest number of points to be named the first place winner in the mock trial competition.

The twelve teams competing for top honor this year came from Boylan Catholic, Carmel Catholic, Chicago Christian, Deerfield, Evanston, Highland Park, Lake Forest Academy, Libertyville, Morgan Park, Mundelein, St. Charles East, and St. Charles North.

The case tried by the trial teams arose out of a probate matter entitled "Alexi Heeney-Potter, and Addison Heeney-Potter vs. Riley Rendlow; and DeSoto Fielding, as Executor of the Estate of Estelle Heeney-Potter." The Will of the deceased, Estelle Heeney-Potter, who had an estate estimated at over \$20 million, is contested by Ms. Heeney-Potter's two estranged adult children.

At about 1:30 p.m., all of the student teams and their coaches gathered in the jury assembly room as Christy Bishop announced the names of the top student performers in the roles of the plaintiff and defense attorneys and the witnesses. Next, a special announcement was made by Perry S. Smith, Jr., President of the Lake County Bar Association, that the Bar Foundation was awarding a check in the amount of \$250.00 to the first place school to defray expenses associated with the school's mock trial program. And, lastly, Judge Rossetti's announcement of the names of the third, second, and first place school winning teams – Third Place: Chicago Christian; Second Place: Libertyville; and First Place: Highland Park.

In closing, Judge Rossetti thanked everyone for their participation and support and wished all the teams the best of luck as they prepare to compete in the state competition in Springfield.

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The competition, held annually at the Lake County Courthouse, is sponsored by the Lake County Law-Related Education Initiative, the Lake County Juvenile Officers Association, and the Lake County Bar Association. Lake County Chief Judge Victoria Rossetti, Assistant State's Attorney Christen Bishop, and Mundelein High School teacher Stacey Gorman are the major organizers of the event which began in 2004

Below is a list of previous winners—

LAKE COUNTY MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL WINNERS

1ST ANNUAL – FEBRUARY 21, 2004

1st Place – York H.S., Team #1

2nd Place – York H.S., Team #2

3rd Place Tie – St. Charles East and Mundelein H.S.

2ND ANNUAL – FEBRUARY 19, 2005

1st Place – St. Charles East

2nd Place – Glenbard South

3rd Place – Noble Charter

3RD ANNUAL – FEBRUARY 18, 2006

1st Place – Glenbard South

2nd Place – Mundelein

3rd Place – Wheaton Academy

4TH ANNUAL – FEBRUARY 17, 2007

1st Place – Evanston

2nd Place – Glenbard South

3rd Place – Mundelein

5TH ANNUAL – FEBRUARY 2, 2008

1st Place – Evanston

2nd Place – Wheaton Academy

3rd Place – Highland Park

6TH ANNUAL – MARCH 7, 2009

1st Place – Wheaton Academy

2nd Place – Evanston

3rd Place – Highland Park

7TH ANNUAL – JANUARY 29, 2011

1st Place – St. Charles East

2nd Place – Mundelein

3rd Place – Morgan Park

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