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Sacramento County Superior Court Sets Stage for 44th annual Mock Trial Competition

Sacramento, CA — Sacramento Superior Court will be the stage for the 44th annual Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Mock Trial & Moot Court Competition which kicks off this evening.

More than 400 students from 23 schools in the region will participate in the five-day event coordinated by the Sacramento County Office of Education.

“Sacramento Superior Court is always excited to partner with the Sacramento County Office of Education for this important learning opportunity for youth from our local high schools,” Presiding Judge Michael Bowman said.

Approximately 120 attorneys and judges from local law firms and other legal organizations will serve as scoring and presiding judges. Sacramento Superior Court Judges James P. Arguelles, Peter K. Southworth, Kenneth C. Mennemeier and Sacramento Superior Court Commissioners Scott Harman, Alin Cintean and Kimberly Parker are among this year’s volunteers.

Four preliminary rounds, a quarter final and semi-final rounds are scheduled for Jan. 24, 26, 31 and Feb. 9 and 11 at the Gordon D. Schaber County Courthouse in downtown Sacramento.

Mock Trial simulates a trial-level proceeding in which students portray the roles of pre-trial counsel, prosecuting and defense attorneys, witnesses, court clerks, bailiffs and jurors before a single presiding judge and two scoring judges.

The Moot Court competition simulates an appellate-level proceeding in which students prepare and argue a case before a panel of three judges who evaluate the students on the quality and persuasiveness of their legal reasoning and presentation, as well as their unscripted responses to spontaneous questions from the bench.

Participating students experience working in teams, exchanging ideas, setting goals, and examining issues while interacting with role models from their communities. By studying the case and preparing strategies and arguments for trial, students also develop presentation skills, analytic ability and team cooperation. A typical Mock Trial team consists of 8 to 20 students. A typical Moot Court team consists of 3 to 6 students.

This event is not open to the public.

*Mock Trial final and consolation rounds will be held at the U.S. District Court on Feb. 15.
Moot Court final round will be held at the 3rd District Court of Appeal on Feb. 28.*

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School Name

Bella Vista H.S.
Casa Roble H. S.
Christian Brothers H. S.
Da Vinci Charter Academy
Del Campo H. S
El Camino H. S.
Elk Grove H. S.
Franklin H. S.
Jesuit H. S.
John F. Kennedy H. S.
Laguna Creek H. S.
Lindhurst H. S.
McClatchy H.S.
Mira Loma H.S.
Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep H.S.
Pleasant Grove H. S.
Ponderosa H. S.
Rio Americano H. S.
River City H. S.
Sacramento Country Day
Sheldon H. S.
St. Francis H. S.
Vista del Lago H. S.

