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More than 1,500 Massachusetts high school students will participate in the MBA's 27th annual Mock Trial Program

Cyber-bullying and its consequences will be the focus of this year's civil case

BOSTON, Mass. — More than 1,500 students across the state are turning their classrooms into courtrooms to assume the roles of both lawyers and witnesses during this year's 27th annual Mock Trial Program presented by the Massachusetts Bar Association.

First organized in 1985, the Mock Trial Program starts on Jan. 23 with preliminary trials and runs through March 23. The program places high school teams from 16 regions across the state (see entire list of schools below) in a simulated courtroom.

Student competitors at more than 100 schools across the commonwealth are expected to participate in the 2012 Mock Trial Program. In addition, more than 100 lawyers across the state will volunteer as coaches and judges.

This year's civil case explores the level of legal responsibility high school teachers' bear in identifying and preventing bullying among students. This timely topic illustrates the challenging intersection between law and social policy.

Out of the more than 100 teams of students, four will ultimately advance to the semi-final elimination round and face off during trials held simultaneously on March 19 in Boston and Worcester.

The two finalists will advance to the state championship, to be held on March 23 in the Great Hall of Faneuil Hall in Boston. In 2011, The Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School of South Hadley won the state championship and placed 31st in the national tournament.

The Mock Trial Program is administered by the MBA, and made possible by the international law firm of Brown Rudnick LLP through its Center for the Public Interest in Boston, which has contributed \$25,000 per year to the program since 1998.

All participating communities and their corresponding schools are listed on the following pages:

Acton

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School
Voyagers, Incorporated

Andover

Andover High School
Phillips Academy

Ashburnham

Cushing Academy
Oakmont Regional High School

Attleboro

Bishop Feehan High School

Ayer

Ayer High School

Bellingham

Bellingham High School

Belmont

Belmont Hill School
Belmont High School

Boston

Another Course To College
Boston Latin School
Cathedral High School
Mount St. Joseph Academy
The Newman School
The Winsor School

Braintree

Braintree High School
Thayer Academy

Bridgewater

Bridgewater-Raynham High School

Brockton

Cardinal Spellman High School

Brookline

Brookline High School
Maimonides School

Cambridge

Cambridge Rindge & Latin
Community Charter School of
Cambridge

Canton

Canton High School

Carver

Carver High School

Chelsea

Chelsea High School

Chestnut Hill

Beaver Country Day School

Concord

Concord Academy

Dalton

Wahconah Regional High School

Danvers

St. John's Preparatory

Devens

Francis W. Parker Charter
Essential School

Dorchester

Boston College High School
Boston Latin Academy

Dover

Dover-Sherborn High School

Everett

Everett High School

Fall River

Bishop Connolly High School

Falmouth

Falmouth High School

Fiskdale

Tantasqua Regional High School

Framingham

Marian High School

Franklin

Franklin High School

Granby

Granby Jr.-Sr. High School

Hadley

Hopkins Academy

Hardwick

Eagle Hill School

Harwich

Harwich High School

Holliston

Holliston High School

Hopedale

Hopedale Jr.-Sr. High School

Hopkinton

Hopkinton High School

Hull

Hull High School

Hyannis

Barnstable Gateway Program
Sturgis West Charter Public School

Jamaica Plain

The English High School

Lawrence

Central Catholic High School

Lenox

Lenox Memorial High School

Lexington

Lexington High School

Longmeadow

Longmeadow High School

Lowell

Lowell Catholic High School
Lowell High School

Lunenburg

Lunenburg High School

Lynn

Lynn Classical High School
Lynn English High School
St. Mary's High School

Lynnfield

Lynnfield High School

Malden

Malden Catholic High School
Malden High School

Mansfield

Mansfield High School

Marblehead

Marblehead High School

Marshfield

Marshfield High School

Maynard

Maynard High School

Medford
Medford High School

Melrose
Melrose High School

Methuen
Methuen High School

Milford
Milford High School

Milton
Milton High School

Natick
Natick High School

Needham
Needham High School

Newton
Newton Country Day School
Newton North High School
Newton South High School

North Chelmsford
Chelmsford High School

North Dartmouth
Bishop Stang High School

North Dighton
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional
High School

North Easton
Oliver Ames High School

North Reading
North Reading High School

Northboro
Algonquin Regional High
School

Northfield
Pioneer Valley Regional School

Norwell
Norwell High School

Orange
Ralph C. Mahar Regional
School

Osterville
Cape Cod Academy

Peabody
Bishop Fenwick High School
Peabody Veterans Memorial
High School

Pittsfield
Pittsfield High School

Reading
Reading Memorial High School

Rockland
Rockland Senior High School

Roxbury
Madison Park High School
New Mission High School

Salem
Salem Academy Charter School
Salem High School

Sharon
Sharon High School

Shrewsbury
St. John's High School

Somerville
Somerville High School

South Hadley
Pioneer Valley Performing Arts
Charter Public School

Southwick
Southwick-Tolland Regional
High School

Springfield
The Renaissance School:
Expeditionary Learning School

Swansea
Joseph Case High School

Taunton
Coyle and Cassidy High School

Tewksbury
Tewksbury Memorial High
School

Townsend
North Middlesex Regional

Waltham
Gann Academy - New Jewish
High School

Wayland
Wayland High School

West Roxbury
Catholic Memorial High School

Westfield
Westfield High School

Westford
Nashoba Valley Technical High
School
Westford Academy

Westwood
Westwood High School

Whitman
Whitman -Hanson Regional
High School

Wilbraham
Minnechaug Regional High
School

Wilmington
Wilmington High School

Winthrop
Winthrop Sr. High School

Worcester
Holy Name Central Catholic
High School
Massachusetts Academy for
Math & Science
South High Community School
St. Peter-Marian Central
Catholic High School

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