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Local High School Students to Compete in Mock Trials

Five local high schools are headed to court with student trial teams ready to compete for statewide honors.

The San Diego County Bar Association, Constitutional Rights Foundation, and the San Diego Superior Court are hosting the *San Diego County Constitutional Rights Foundation Mock Trial Competition*.

The three entities are teaming up to help students get hands-on learning about the legal system. The Constitutional Rights Foundation provides the case for the mock trial competition; the San Diego County Bar Association coordinates the program and provides the volunteer attorneys who help the teams prepare for the competition and score the actual mock trials; and the San Diego Superior Court provides courtrooms and judicial officers to preside over the mock trials.

The first round of competition is scheduled for **Thursday, February 22nd**. The second and final rounds are scheduled for **Saturday, February 24th**. The competition is being held at the County Courthouse in downtown San Diego. Each team participates in two trials: one as the prosecution and one as the defense.

Approximately 75 students from five local high schools will compete and the winning school will represent San Diego in state finals being held in late March in Oakland, California.

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Thursday, February 22, 2007

County Courthouse, 220 West Broadway, 3rd Floor

5:00 PM – Presiding Courtroom & Courtroom 25

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Saturday, February 24, 2007

County Courthouse, 220 West Broadway, 3rd Floor

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM - Continued Competition

12:30 – 3:00 PM - Final Competition

3:00 PM - Awards Ceremony

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Participating Schools

La Jolla High School
Montgomery High School
Otay Ranch High School
Chula Vista High School
Valhalla High School

Participating Judges and Commissioners

Judge David M. Gill
Judge Patricia Y. Cowett
Judge Robert C. Coates
Judge Richard S. Whitney
Commissioner Lee C. Witham
Commissioner Garry G. Haehnle

Participating Attorneys

Bill Narus
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