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The Bishop's High School Wins 2015 High School Mock Trial Competition

The Bishop's High School in La Jolla placed first in the 9th Annual San Diego County High School Mock Trial competition on Saturday, February 28, 2015. Approximately 450 high school students from throughout San Diego County faced off at the downtown County Courthouse during the two week competition. Students from 25 different high schools argued a hypothetical case before actual state and federal judges. The four-day competition began on February 19th and 24th with the final two competitions being held on February 26th and February 28th.

The Mock Trial program places high school students in a simulated courtroom setting, where they assume the roles of lawyers and witnesses in a hypothetical criminal case. This year's trial is *People v. Shem*, a felony theft case featuring a pretrial argument on the Fourth Amendment.

"These high school students all conducted 52 trials in less than two weeks. They portrayed all aspects of either the prosecution or the defense as capably as many practicing attorneys. Their hard work showed. They are better prepared citizens and prospective jurors by having participated on these mock trial teams. They have earned their varsity letters in Civics and American Government. They give us faith in in our future citizenry," says Judge Yvonne E. Campos, Superior Court Judge and Co-Chair of the San Diego County High School Mock Trial Committee.

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The event is organized by the Superior Court of California, the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA), together with the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF).

The Bishop's High School will now represent San Diego County in the Statewide Mock Trial competition in March. For background information on the program visit the website at sdmocktrial.org.

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