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Scripps Ranch High School Wins 11th Annual Mock Trial Competition *More than 550 Students Participated in Annual Program*

Scripps Ranch High School's Mock Trial team outperformed 27 other County High Schools to win the annual legal competition. The San Diego County Mock Trial program provides high school students with actual experience in courtrooms rather than learning about the rule of law from books and lectures. The student teams undertake the roles of lawyers and witnesses facing off on a hypothetical case in front of actual state and federal judges. The four-day competition was held at the downtown courthouse over the past week and a half.

Scripps Ranch High School will now represent San Diego County in the statewide Mock Trial competition in Riverside starting March 24th.

The event is organized by San Diego Superior Court, San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA), together with the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF). Judicial officers oversee the bench trials, San Diego County lawyers volunteer their time to serve as team coaches and competition scorers.

For background information on the program visit the website at www.sdmocktrial.org.

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2017 San Diego County Mock Trial Competition *Summary Sheet*

- 60 trials between 2/16, 2/21, 2/23 & 2/25, 2017
- 574 students from 28 high schools participated in the SD County Competition (29 teams registered)
- Up from 4 initial schools in 2007
- Up from 19 schools in 2013
- Four (4) rounds of competition; each team competed twice – Both prosecution and defense
- 58 state and federal trial judges/commissioners presiding over 60 trials (some presided twice)
- 214 attorney scorers volunteers (3 scorers times 60 trials = 180); some trials had 4; finals 6
- 81 attorney coaches volunteered
- 65 courtroom monitors including JusticeCorps students, law students and paralegals from the San Diego Paralegal Association
- SD Mock Trial Committee: 16 members from bench/bar representing each of San Diego County Bar Association, San Diego Superior Court, US District Court, DA, PD, US Attorney's Office and Federal Defenders, San Diego Paralegal Association and CRF with help from county Office of Education, and Justice Foundation

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