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Westview High School Wins 13th Annual Mock Trial Competition *More than 450 Students Participated in Annual Program*

Westview High School's Mock Trial team outperformed 26 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 three weeks.

Westview High School will now represent San Diego County in the statewide Mock Trial competition in March.

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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Mock Trial Competition

Summary Sheet

- This year's case *People v. Klein*, is a criminal case with two charges, false report of an emergency and a criminal threat with a pretrial motion on the First Amendment.
- **53** trials between 2/6, 2/13, 2/20 & 2/23, 2019
- **453** students from **25** high schools participated in the SD County Competition (**26** teams competed)
- **4** rounds of competition; each team competed twice – both prosecution and defense
- **50** State and Federal Trial Judges/Commissioners presiding over 53 trials (some presiding twice)
- **178** attorney scorer volunteers
- **93** attorney coach volunteers
- **90** volunteer courtroom monitors volunteers

San Diego Mock Trial Committee: Committee members are from San Diego County Bar Association, San Diego Superior Court, US District Court, San Diego District Attorney, San Diego Public Defenders, Federal Defenders, US Attorney's Office, San Diego County Office of Education and San Diego Paralegal Association with help from Constitutional Rights Foundation and the San Diego Justice Foundation.