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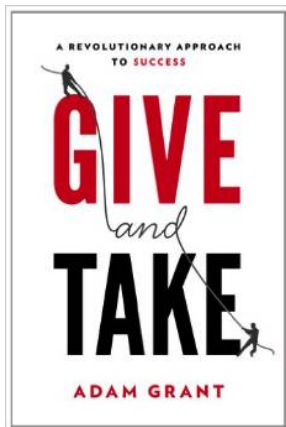
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GIVE AND TAKE: THE SURPRISING SECRET TO SUCCESS

By Sue H. Johnson

CCCE Mock Trial Program Coordinator

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." When you heard those words as a child, you may not have believed them. But with age often comes wisdom and the realization that the joy of surprising someone with the "perfect gift" surpasses even the delight of receiving such a gift. We've all experienced it, whether watching your child squeal in delight on Christmas morning, or watching your friend's face glow when your gift is revealed. Those who bless others, are blessed in return.



This principle, while in the forefront of our minds during the holidays, is true year-round in both our personal and professional lives. As Wharton professor Adam Grant convincingly demonstrates in his best-seller *Give and Take: A Revolutionary Approach to Success*, "Givers" are more likely to be successful than either "Takers" or "Matchers." This result surprises many, who would expect Matchers, or perhaps even ruthless Takers, to experience the greatest success. But the results of Grant's research were clear, and they held true regardless of whether individuals were introverts or extroverts, open-minded or traditional, conscientious or carefree.

Why is this so? Grant proposes that people work harder if they feel like they are helping others and making a difference. Such motivation inspires them to give their best effort and not give up when difficulties arise, increasing their likelihood of success.

But Grant also notes that "Success involves more than just capitalizing on the strengths of giving: it also requires avoiding the pitfalls" (p. 155). Some givers end up exhausted and unproductive, while others are passionate and successful. What causes the difference? Why do some givers end up as doormats, while others become inspirational leaders?

According to Grant, successful givers are more other-oriented than their peers – and also more self-interested. They are, in his words, "otherish." They care about benefitting others and are willing to give more than they receive. Yet they use their own interests to guide them in choosing when, where, how, and to whom they give. They are positioned to excel, help others, and succeed themselves.

Often, individuals enter the legal profession because it offers a chance to defend the defenseless, help heal the injured, and bring about justice—all of which are rewarding to both the client and the attorney.

And many attorneys don't stop there; they generously invest in our N.C. youth by serving as **attorney advisors** to high school mock trial teams. Those who do so, find that they receive more than they give. As one team mentor remarked, "Coaching mock trial has been the most rewarding experience of my professional career. I do not think there is any other extracurricular activity that better develops critical thinking skills or hones public speaking than mock trial."

We still need advisors for teams in Union County and Winston-Salem. If you want to experience the joys of helping our youth gain a greater understanding of our legal system while acquiring self-confidence and crucial academic skills in the process, contact CCCE Program Coordinator Sue Johnson at SueHeathJohnson@gmail.com.

Many other legal professionals "pay it forward" by serving as jurors and judges at our **Regional competitions**, which will take place across the state on **Saturday, February 7, 2015**. We have **85 teams** registered for regionals this year, **21** of which are new to the competition! Each regional site will need 40 – 50 local legal professionals to serve as presiding judges and scoring jurors, as well as a dozen or more site volunteers behind the scenes. Those who give of their time in this way often email me afterward, saying how impressed they were by the students, and how the experience encourages them about the future leaders of our country. We hope you will consider giving of your time on February 7! For more information about regionals, visit our website at <http://ncmocktrial.org/competitions/regionals> or email Sue at the address above.

Finally, in 2015, the CCCE is excited to present yet another opportunity to reap the rewards of giving: the **2015 National High School Mock Trial Championship in Raleigh on May 14-16!** Nearly 50 state, territorial, and national champions will descend on our capitol city, hoping to earn the title of National Champion! We will need the investments of hundreds of judges, attorneys, paralegals, and friends of mock trial to make this event a success. For more details, and to register to serve as a judge, juror, or site volunteer, visit our new Nationals website at <https://ncmocktrial.org/nationals2015/>.

We are grateful to those who are long-term supporters of our mock trial program. And for those who've not yet gotten involved, we invite you to join us and experience the "joy of giving!"

WOMEN OF JUSTICE AWARDS

By Rebecca J. Britton

CCCE Vice-President/Treasurer

While I have always considered our Program Coordinator, Susan H. ("Sue") Johnson, and CCCE Board Member, Katherine Lewis ("Katy") Parker, "women of justice," *Lawyer's Weekly* has made it official! I, as well as the CCCE Board, congratulate Sue and Katy on their inclusion in *Lawyers Weekly's* 2014 "Women of Justice" Awards Class. Sue received recognition as a Legal Professional and Katy received recognition as a Litigation Practitioner. Our hearty congratulations also go out to Judge Mary Ann Tally who serves on our Advisory Board for the 2015 National Competition in Raleigh and to past CCCE Board member, Elizabeth ("Liz") Kuniholm. Judge Tally received recognition for Public Service and Liz Kuniholm received recognition as a Litigation Practitioner. We are so proud of you all!! [Click here](#) for the write-up from *Lawyers Weekly's* November 13, 2014 issue; on the webpage, click on the image of the magazine below the text "View our 2014 Special Section Online" to read about each recipient.

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CALENDAR 2014 – 2015 MOCK TRIAL SEASON

Team Member List, Code of Ethics, Release Forms Due	Friday, Jan. 9, 2015
Last Day to Withdraw Without Penalty	Friday, Jan. 9, 2015
Regional Competition	Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015
Widenhouse Award Nomination Materials Due	Weds., Feb. 25, 2015
State Finals Competition	Fri. – Sat., March 6-7, 2015
National Championship, Raleigh, NC	May 14-16, 2015

THANK YOU TO OUR 2014 – 2015 COMPETITION SPONSORS and SUPPORTERS!

WE STILL NEED NEW SPONSORS FOR 3 OF OUR REGIONAL SITES! For more information, please contact CCCE Vice President Rebecca Britton at Rebecca@brittonlawfirm.com.

State Finals: Rudolf Widenhouse & Fialko

Asheville:	**Sponsor Needed**
Supporter:	28 th Judicial District Bar Association
Charlotte:	The Sumwalt Law Firm
Durham:	**Sponsor Needed**
Supporter:	Durham County Bar Association
Fayetteville:	Britton Law, P.A.
Greenville:	Hardee & Hardee, LLP
High Point:	**Sponsor Needed**
Raleigh:	Twiggs Strickland & Rabenau, P.A.
Wilmington:	Shipman & Wright, LLP

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Special thanks to Regional Coordinators who will serve for the 2014-2015 season: Marion Parsons Groat (Asheville Regional Coordinator), Frances Knox and Paul Goodson (Charlotte Regional Coordinators), Russell Johnson and Robert Jessup (Durham Regional Coordinators), Philip Entzminger (Greenville Regional Coordinator), Rich Manger (High Point Regional Coordinator), Christine Scheef and Lindsey Granados (Raleigh Regional Coordinators), John H. Anderson, Jr., (Wilmington Regional Coordinator).

Special thanks also to our Site Coordinators who will serve at Regionals in the 2014-2015 season! Asheville: Susan Gaddis, Charlotte: Beverly K. Moore, Durham: Patti Clapper and Lakisha Chichester, Fayetteville: Elizabeth Owens, Greenville: Jill Gustman and Kristin Miller; High Point: Karen Parrish, Raleigh: Fran LaFrankie and Michelle Keely, Wilmington: Brandy Jo Lea.

***If you are interested in supporting or learning more about the NCAJ High School Mock Trial program, please contact Sue Johnson, Program Coordinator, at sueheathjohnson@gmail.com, or Rebecca Britton or Gordon Widenhouse, Mock Trial Committee Co-Chairs, at rebecca@brittonlawfirm.com or mgwidenhouse@yahoo.com.*