



MOCK TRIAL NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EIGHT REGIONAL WINNERS!

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NCAJ Mock Trial Program Administrator

On Saturday, February 4, 2012, over 500 students from across North Carolina demonstrated their best trial advocacy skills in the case of *State of Arcadia v. Kinsley Williams*. Impressive displays of legal knowledge and witness characterizations took place throughout the day; in the end, the following eight teams earned the right to compete at the State Finals in Raleigh:

Asheville Regional winner: Gaston Christian Red

Charlotte Regional winner: Mooresville Blue

Durham Regional winner: Raleigh Charter Lapis

Fayetteville Regional winner: Jordan Varsity

Greenville Regional winner: J.H. Rose Blue

High Point Regional winner: Calvary Baptist Blue

Raleigh Regional winner: Central Carolina Homeschoolers

Wilmington Regional winner: J.H. Rose White

Congratulations to these students, coaches, and advisors; best wishes as you turn your sights to States!

THANK YOU to the MANY selfless individuals who volunteered their time as presiding judges, scoring jurors, and site volunteers at the Regional competitions; we could not have held these events without you!! Altogether, 25 judges, 235 attorneys, 80 paralegals, and 20 law or pre-law students volunteered their time on Super Bowl weekend to make the Regional competitions a success.

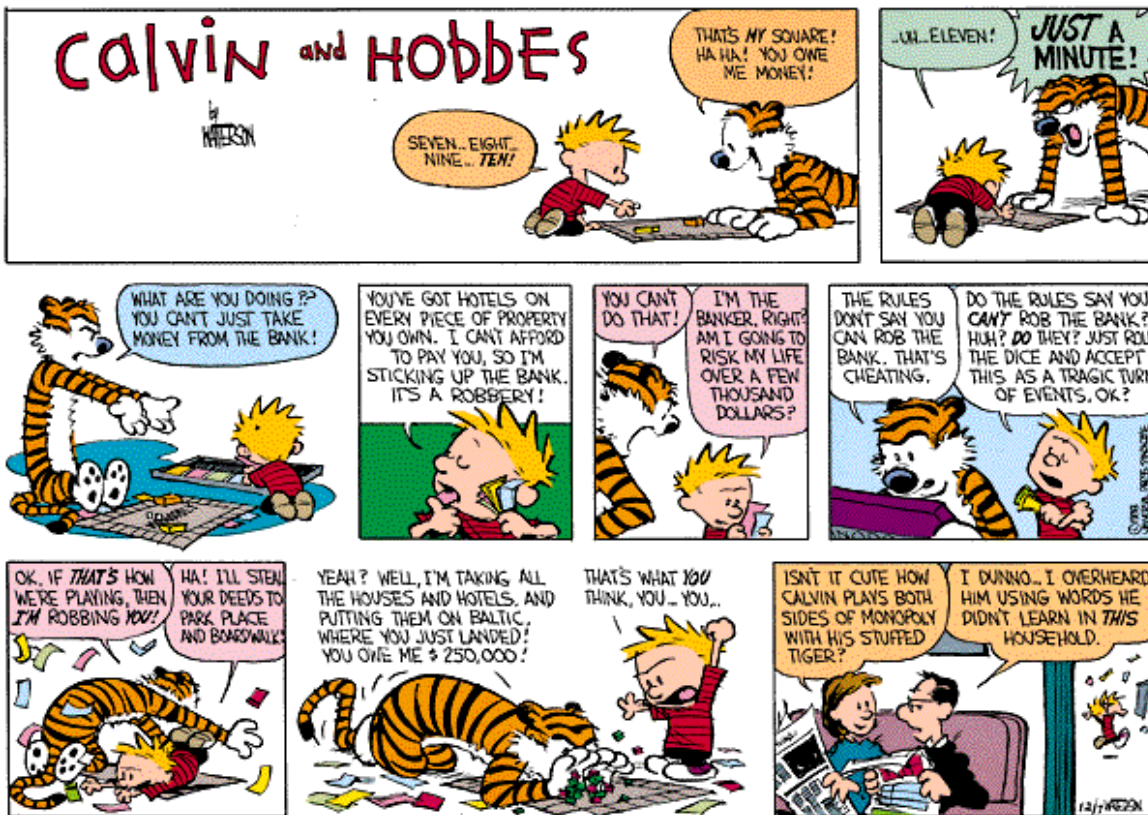
CCCE LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE!!

Thanks to the selfless efforts of website designer Justin Scheef, the Carolina Center for Civic Education launched our new NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition website on Monday, January 16, 2012! This multipage, eye-catching website has all the information needed to educate schools, legal professionals, and other interested partners about the mock trial program in North Carolina. Separate pages provide information with case materials and important forms, training materials, regional and state competitions, program history, and ways to get involved with the program. Check it out and let us know what you think! Just go to <http://ncmocktrial.org/> and enjoy!

STATE FINALS ONLY A MONTH AWAY!

On Friday - Saturday, March 2-3, 2012, students from across North Carolina will converge on **Campbell Law School** to compete in the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Championships! Each of these teams won their Regional competition to earn the right to compete at the State Finals. All are welcome to come watch on Saturday, March 3, as the students “battle it out” to see which team will earn the chance to compete at the National competition in New Mexico in May! For schedule, directions, and additional information, go to our new website and look under “Competitions: State finals information.” We look forward to seeing you there!

Unlike Calvin, the students will fight hard to win, but they also remember to “play by the rules.”



Cartoon strip from: Best Calvin and Hobbes Collection, <http://chquotes.synthasite.com/search.php>

CALENDAR 2011/2012 MOCK TRIAL SEASON

State Finals-Campbell Law School, Raleigh
National Championship-Albuquerque, New Mexico

Friday/Saturday, March 2-3, 2012
Wednesday-Sunday, May 2-6, 2012

THANK YOU AGAIN TO OUR COMPETITION SPONSORS!

Asheville: Melrose, Seago & Lay, P.A.
Charlotte: The Sumwalt Law Firm
Durham: Howard, Stallings, From & Hutson, P.A. and
Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Company of North Carolina
Fayetteville: Britton Law, P.A.
Greenville: Hardee & Hardee, LLP
High Point: Crumley Roberts, LLP
Raleigh: Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabenau, P.A.
Wilmington: Shipman & Wright, P.A.
State Finals: Rudolf, Widenhouse & Fialko

CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW - partnering with NCAJ to host our state final competition!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE . . .

Special thanks to Mock Trial Committee Members and Regional Coordinators who have agreed to serve for the 2011/2012 season: Paul Goodson (Charlotte Regional Coordinator), Rich Manger and Adrienne Blocker (High Point Regional Coordinators), John H. Anderson, Jr., (Wilmington Regional Coordinator), Russell Johnson (Durham Regional Coordinator), Mark Melrose (Asheville Regional Coordinator), Christine Scheef and Sheila Chavis (Raleigh Regional Coordinators), Philip Entzminger (Greenville Regional Coordinator), John O'Neal, Chris Nichols, Mark Sumwalt, Elizabeth Kuniholm, and Elizabeth Spruill.

Special thanks also to our Site Coordinators who served at Regionals in the 2011/2012 season!
Asheville: Cindy Bryson, ***Charlotte:*** Beverly K. Moore, ***Durham:*** Patti Clapper, ***Fayetteville:*** Elizabeth Owens, ***Greenville:*** Dalas Young, Kristen Miller; ***High Point:*** Karen Parrish, ***Raleigh:*** Lindsey Granados, ***Wilmington:*** Brandy Jo Lea .

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