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## **Sacramento County Superior Court Sets Stage for 45<sup>th</sup> annual Mock Trial Competition**

Sacramento, CA — Sacramento Superior Court will be the stage for the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Mock Trial & Moot Court Competition which kicks off on Thursday.

More than 450 students from 25 schools in the region will participate in the six-day event coordinated by the Sacramento County Office of Education.

Approximately 145 attorneys and judges from local law firms and other legal organizations will serve as scoring and presiding judges. Sacramento Superior Court Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi, and Judges James P. Arguelles, Peter K. Southworth, Alin Cintean, Joginder S. Dhillon, Kara K. Ueda, Peter M. Williams and Sacramento Superior Court Commissioners Scott Harman and James Morris are among this year's volunteers.

Preliminary rounds, a quarter final and semi-final rounds are scheduled for Jan. 25, 30, Feb. 6, 8 and 10 at the Gordon D. Schaber County Courthouse in downtown Sacramento.

Mock Trial simulates a trial-level proceeding in which students portray the roles of pre-trial counsel, prosecuting and defense attorneys, witnesses, court clerks, bailiffs and jurors before a single presiding judge and two scoring judges.

The Moot Court competition simulates an appellate-level proceeding in which students prepare and argue a case before a panel of three judges who evaluate the students on the quality and persuasiveness of their legal reasoning and presentation, as well as their unscripted responses to spontaneous questions from the bench.

Participating students experience working in teams, exchanging ideas, setting goals, and examining issues while interacting with role models from their communities. By studying the case and preparing strategies and arguments for trial, students also develop presentation skills, analytic ability and team cooperation. A typical Mock Trial team consists of eight to 20 students. A typical Moot Court team consists of three to six students.

This event is not open to the public.

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**School Name**

Bella Vista H.S.  
Casa Roble H. S.  
Christian Brothers H. S.  
CK McClatchy H.S.  
Cosumnes Oaks H.S.  
Da Vinci Charter Academy  
Davis Senior H.S.  
El Camino H. S.  
Elk Grove H. S.  
Franklin H. S.  
Jesuit H. S.  
John F. Kennedy H. S.  
Laguna Creek H. S.  
Lindhurst H. S.  
Mira Loma H.S.  
Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep H.S.  
Pleasant Grove H. S.  
Ponderosa H. S.  
Rio Americano H. S.  
River City H. S.  
Sacramento Country Day  
Sheldon H. S.  
St. Francis H. S.  
Tracy H. S.  
Vista del Lago H. S.

