



# Supreme Court of Appeals State of West Virginia

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### **New middle school mock trial schedule released** **For immediate release Monday, January 25, 2010**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Three middle schools who had to reschedule their mock trials due to weather will hold them this week, as will two others who recently announced their plans to participate in the Supreme Court's *West Virginia Law Adventure* program.

The new schedule is as follows.

- Western Greenbrier Middle School, 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 26, before Senior Status Judge Frank E. Jolliffe at the Greenbrier County Courthouse in Lewisburg.
- Horace Mann Middle School, 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 27, before Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Judge Tod Kaufman at the Kanawha County Courthouse in Charleston.
- Princeton Middle School, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 27, before Ninth Judicial Circuit Judge Omar Aboulhosn, at the Mercer County Courthouse in Princeton.
- Moorefield Middle School, 11 a.m. Thursday, January 28, before Magistrate Craig Hose at the Hardy County Courthouse in Moorefield.
- Ritchie County Middle School, 9 a.m. Friday, January 29, before Magistrate Teresa C. Harper at the Ritchie County Courthouse in Harrisville.

Unlike other mock trial programs in which students perform cases using scripts or materials prepared by adults, in *West Virginia Law Adventure* each class was asked to write its own script based on one of three criminal case scenarios described in the rules book.

Students are to mail their written transcripts to the West Virginia State Bar by March 1, 2010. The Bar's Young Lawyers Section will choose winners, and the winners will be invited to perform their mock trials at the Supreme Court on April 29. Students' trips to the Supreme Court will be paid for by a grant from the West Virginia Bar Foundation.

Participating West Virginia classes must perform their trial transcripts at a courthouse in front of a judicial officer. The trips to the courthouses are also paid for with a grant from the West Virginia Bar Foundation.