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2012 West Virginia Law Adventure winners to present mock trials in Supreme Court Chamber

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Supreme Court Justice Thomas E. McHugh will preside over two mock trials presented by the winners of the Supreme Court’s 2012 West Virginia Law Adventure competition.

Both schools will present their cases on Friday, April 27, in the Supreme Court Chamber.

Horace Mann Middle School students will appear at 9:30 a.m.

Western Greenbrier Middle School students will appear at 10:30 a.m.

Horace Mann students won the mixed grade competition while Western Greenbrier Middle School won the Eighth Grade competition.

Unlike other mock trial programs in which students act out scripts written by adults, West Virginia Law Adventure allows participating classes to write their own scripts based on one of three criminal case scenarios in the West Virginia Law Adventure rules book.

The case scenarios are written by the Young Lawyers Section of the West Virginia State Bar. Each participating class must act out its script in front of a judicial officer – a magistrate, family court judge, or circuit judge – before sending in its entry. Winners in each category are invited to perform their scripts in front of a Supreme Court Justice at the Capitol.

Students’ trips to the local courthouses and the Supreme Court are paid for by a grant from the West Virginia Bar Foundation.

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