

Recapping the 2011 Program

Glenwood Springs High School Reigns in 2011 Mock Trial Program

Congratulations to Glenwood Springs High School (GSHS) on its victory in the 2011 Colorado Bar Association (CBA) High School Mock Trial Tournament. The team of eight earned the right to compete this month at the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Phoenix.

Twenty-four teams from across Colorado vied for the 2011 state championship title. The Adams County Justice Center and Adams/Broomfield Bar Association (ABBA) in Brighton hosted the final rounds on March 11 and 12.



Teaching Legal Skills—Learning Life Skills

Carolyn P. Gravit, Director of CBA Public Legal Education, and CBA Program Manager Meghan Bush worked with approximately 200 volunteers, more than 100 coaches, and 200-plus scoring panelists on this year's tournament.

"I continue to believe in this program. I know I say that every year, but it's truly heartfelt. This program is about so much more than simulating the trial process; it's also about learning much needed life skills—and at a very impressionable age," said Gravit. "During the tournament, the students become young adults before our eyes, and we are very proud of every single one of them."

The 2011 team comprised five seniors and three sophomores. Team members were **Erica Arensman**, **Christian Bergren-Aragon**, **Isabel Carlson**, **Joseph Ciborowski**, **Grace Gamba**, **Eileen Klomhaus**, **Alex Pototsky**, and **Hope Whitman**. They were guided to victory by head attorney-coach **Charlie Willman**, a Glenwood Springs solo practitioner.

Coach Willman said the team's strengths lay in controlling witnesses in cross-examinations. He thought the students responded well to cross-examinations, and made good objections and responded well to objections made of them.

"They worked very, very hard to get the victory," said Willman. "They spent more than 100 hours preparing."

In the championship round, the team competed against Colorado's 2010 champions, **Lakewood High School**. The round was presided over by Colorado Supreme Court Justice **Alex J. Martínez**.

"I have often heard young adults express appreciation for their mock trial experience, recognizing the experience as opening their eyes to their potential," said Justice Martínez.

Scoring the championship round in special public appearances were **Michael Belo**, from the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association; **Peter Black**, CBA Litigation Section Council Chair; Hon. **Christina Habas**; Hon. **William Hood**; Hon. **David Juárez**; **Nate Lucero**,

ABBA President; and **Teri Vasquez**, CBA Mock Trial Committee Co-Chair.

This is the fifth year in the last decade that GSHS has reigned victorious in the CBA High School Mock Trial Tournament. The team's next challenge comes in the national tournament, which features forty-four teams from across the United States and the U.S. Territories.

Professionalism and Outstanding Performance Awards

In keeping with the program's tradition, the CBA awarded the Mock Trial Team Professionalism Award and Outstanding Attorney and Witness Awards. These honoraria are selected by students and scoring panelists, and recognize outstanding teams and team-member accomplishments.

Regis Jesuit was presented the Team Professionalism Award. In addition, several students were recognized for their outstanding performances as attorneys and witnesses. The students were presented certificates before their peers, teachers, coaches, and parents.

Program Logistics

More than 100 teams participated in the 2011 program. At most schools, the program is structured as an extracurricular activity. Coaches are volunteer attorneys and teachers, and the work usually takes place after regular school hours. Mock trial combines some elements involved in traditional clubs, such as debate, drama, student council, team sports, and the Honor Society.

This year, as they prepared for their regional tournaments, more than 1,200 students were taught about the litigation process. They were provided the opportunity to acquire critical thinking, advocacy, strategic planning, and speaking skills. Photos of regional tournament teams appear throughout this feature.

Celebrating Twenty-Six Years

The CBA High School Mock Trial Program marked its twenty-sixth anniversary this year. One hundred teams participated in nine regional tournaments across Colorado. Geographic areas include Adams/Broomfield; Arapahoe County; Boulder County; Denver; First Judicial District; Northern Colorado; Southern Colorado; the Western Slope; and Douglas/Elbert County.

Thank You, Sponsors and Volunteers!

The program is sponsored by the Colorado Bar Foundation and the CBA Litigation Section. The CBA Mock Trial Committee credits the program's success to the tireless and dedicated attorney and teacher volunteers who shared hundreds of hours, as well as their passion and their expertise, to prepare the students for the re-

gional and state tournaments. The program thrives because of these dedicated volunteers.

The CBA also thanks the local bar associations and their attorney members who coordinated regional tournaments, as well as the hundreds of attorneys, judges, magistrates, paralegals, law students, and community volunteers who support the regional and state tournaments as presiding judges and scoring panelists. Their participation and commitment give credibility to the program. More than anything, the dedicated students and their parents and teachers are the most vital component in this program. We salute you!

To find out how to become involved in next year's program as an attorney-coach or as a tournament volunteer, contact Carolyn Gravit at the CBA at cgravit@cobar.org, (303) 824-5323, or (800) 332-6736. Visit the program website at www.coloradohighschoolmocktrial.com.



Finalist teams: Lakewood High School (left) and Glenwood High School.



Fun Facts

- ✓ Ellen DeGeneres surprised Chris Page, Rock Canyon High School's mock trial coach and social studies and government teacher, on live TV with a brand new Chevy Cruze. Chris also coaches the basketball teams. He was approached by a camera during a basketball game. The Ellen DeGeneres show received hundreds of letters from students, parents, and fellow teachers about this outstanding teacher. Congrats, Chris!
- ✓ The Colorado High School Mock Trial Program is now on Facebook.
- ✓ The theme of the 2011 case was from the *Twilight* series.
- ✓ Aurora Central's team song was "Insane in the Membrane."

**Congratulations to all teams that participated
in the 2011 CBA State High School Mock Trial Program!**

() denotes number of teams; teams are listed in alphabetical order, not in order of rank

Adams/Broomfield

Bennett High School (2); Holy Family High School (2); Mountain Range High School (1); Northglenn High School (1)

Advancing to State:

Holy Family High School Team A

Arapahoe

Aurora Central (3); Gateway High School (2); Kent Denver (2); Regis Jesuit High School (3); St. Mary's Academy (3); William Smith High School (1)

Advancing to State:

Aurora Central Team A, Kent Denver Teams A & B,
Regis Jesuit High School Team A

Boulder

Boulder High School (1); Fairview High School (1); Justice High School (1); Monarch High School (1); Peak to Peak Charter School (2); Shining Mountain Waldorf High School (1)

Advancing to State:

Peak to Peak Charter School Team B, Boulder High School

Denver

Academy of Urban Learning (1); Colorado Academy (3); Denver School of Science & Technology (1); George Washington High School (2); La Academia (1)

Advancing to State:

Colorado Academy Teams A & C

Douglas

Douglas County High School (1); Heritage High School (1); Lutheran High School Parker (1); Mountain Vista High School (2); Rock Canyon High School (3)

Advancing to State:

Rock Canyon High School Teams A & B

First J.D. North

Arvada West High School (1); Bear Creek High School (1); Clear Creek High School (1); Evergreen High School (1); Gilpin County School (1); Lakewood High School (3)

Advancing to State:

Lakewood High School Teams A & B

Northern Colorado

Fleming High (1); Fort Collins High School (1); Fort Lupton High School (1); Fossil Ridge High School (2); Poudre High School (2); Ridgeview Classical School (3); Rocky Mountain High School (1); Yuma High School (1)

Advancing to State:

Fossil Ridge High School Team A, Poudre High School Team A,
Ridgeview Classical School Team A

Southern/Pueblo Colorado

Air Academy High School (2); Cheyenne Mountain High School (1); Coronado High School (2); Doherty High School (2); Falcon High School (2); Pueblo West High School (2); Sand Creek High School (2); Vista Ridge High School (2); Wm. Jackson Palmer High School (3)

Advancing to State:

Air Academy High School Team A, Coronado High School Team A,
Sand Creek High School Team A,
Thomas B. Doherty High School Team A,
Wm. Jackson Palmer High School Teams A & B

Western Slope

Durango High School (2); Fruita (1); Glenwood Springs High School (3); Grand Junction High School (2); Grand Mesa High School (1); R-5 High School (1); Thomas MacLaren School (1)

Advancing to State:

Glenwood Springs High School Teams A & B

Teams That Advanced to State

Adams/Broomfield



Holy Family High School Team A.

Arapahoe



Aurora Central Team A.



Regis Jesuit High School Team A.

Not pictured: Kent Denver Teams A & B.

Boulder

*Peak to Peak Charter
School Team B.*



Boulder High School.

Denver

*Colorado
Academy
Team A.*



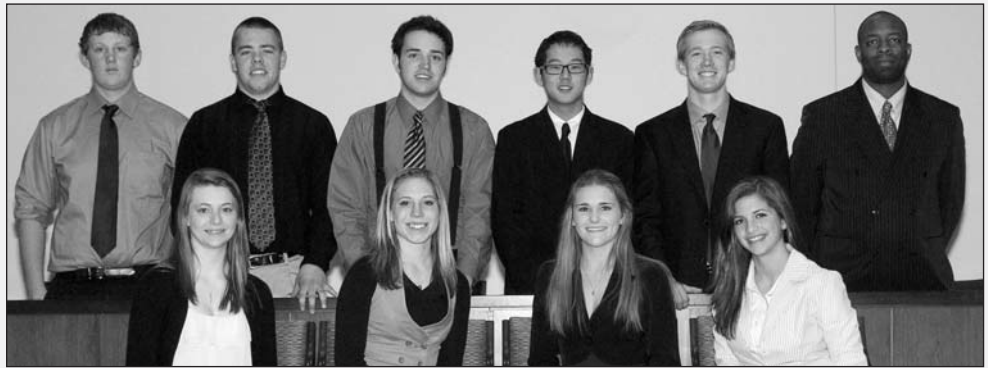
*Colorado
Academy
Team C.*



Douglas



Rock Canyon High School Team A.



Rock Canyon High School Team B.

First J.D. North



Lakewood High School Team A.



Lakewood High School Team B.

Northern Colorado



Fossil Ridge High School Team A.



Poudre High School Team A.



Ridgeview Classical School Team A.

Southern/Pueblo Colorado



Air Academy High School Team A.



Coronado High School Team A.



Sand Creek High School Team A.

Southern/Pueblo Colorado (continued)



Thomas B. Doherty High School Team A.



Wm. Jackson Palmer High School Team A.



Wm. Jackson Palmer High School Team B.

Western Slope



Glenwood Springs High School Team A.



Glenwood Springs High School Team B.



Fun Facts

- ✓ The Lakewood High School A team has a mascot named Carlos, pictured here preparing for the championship round. Carlos is a dinosaur from Mexico. Somehow, Carlos gets away with wearing a hat in the courtroom. He must be magical!
- ✓ Melissa Cushing, a member of the 2010 and 2011 Lakewood A teams, traveled to Houston to fly on NASA's "Vomit Comet." (The Vomit Comet is the jetliner that executes wild dives to simulate zero gravity.) This is part of an experiment, two years in the making, involving a plant centrifuge system. Melissa and her colleagues hope the experiment eventually will fly on the International Space Station.

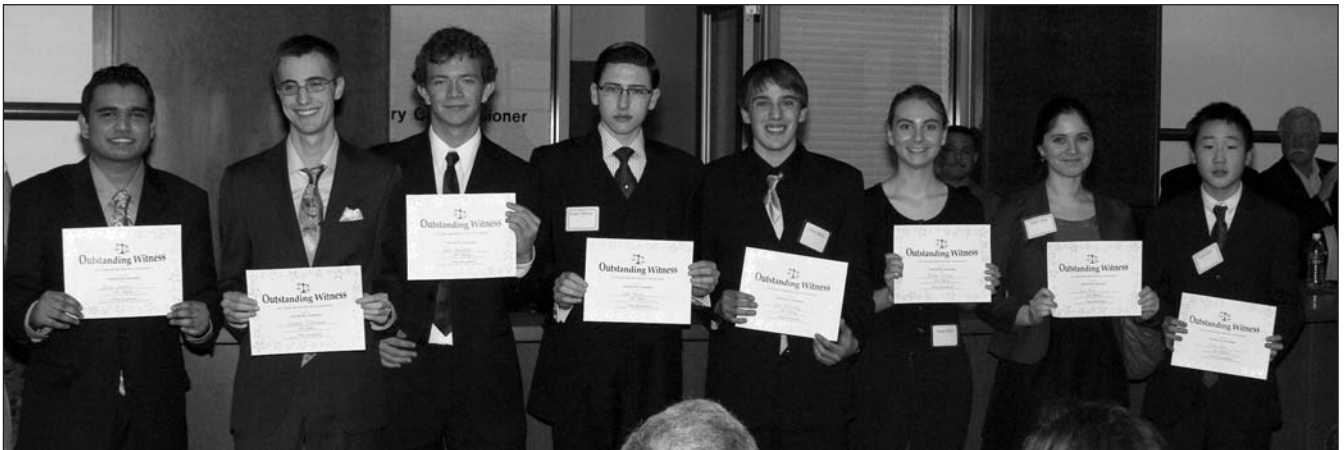




2011 State Tournament Noteworthy Awards



Outstanding Attorneys.



Outstanding Witnesses.



Team Professionalism—Regis Jesuit.



Justice Martínez (at far left) enters the courtroom for the championship round.



Scoring panelists for the championship round.



Lakewood A team, with Carlos, gets ready for championship round.



Championship round team members meet in the courtroom.



2011 High School Mock Trial Tournament Owes Its Success to You!

Thank you to the bar associations that sponsored the regional tournaments, along with the many volunteers who coordinated them:

Adams/Broomfield Counties

Cynthia Kowert

Arapahoe County

Angel McCall, Magistrate Bonnie McLean

Boulder County

Christine Hylbert

Denver City/County

Carolyn Gravit, Meghan Bush

Douglas/Elbert County

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First J.D.—Jefferson County North

Amanda Crusier, Hon. K.J. Moore

Southern Colorado

Jason Downie, Patricia Kelly

Northern Colorado

Stacey Aurzada, David Ayraud,
Tim Brynteson, Linda Connors,
and Sunita Sharma

Western Slope

Barbara Butler, Debbie Campbell

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Congratulations, attorney-coaches and teacher-coaches! You made the 2011 program a true success!

Thank you to all volunteers, scorers, judges, and monitors!

Hon. Donald Abram	Megan Coulter	J. Ryan Johnson	Jenna Mazzucca	Shelly Rosnik
Michelle Adams	Kelly Cox	Katrina Jones	Hon. Robert McGahey	Hillary Ross
Terry Adams	Hon. John Criswell	David Juarez	Peter Middleton	Robin Rossenfeld
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