



The Colorado Bar Association

Presents

The 25th Annual  
High School Mock Trial Program

**Sunny Overturf, as Representative of the Estate of Keri  
Overturf, Deceased,  
Plaintiff  
v.  
Ryanne Seastress  
Defendant**



## The 2010 Case

There was a simmering feud with a fashionable flair

Be it Paris, Milan, New York, or Bel-Air

But one night in Aspen at the Fashion Hall

A model named Keri's final curtain would fall.

On that fateful night

A terrible sight

With charity for all, but malice for one,

Just how did Taylor get that gun?

Did the defendant have some nefarious role?

Who is to pay or not for this poor murdered soul?

### **FOR THE PLAINTIFF**

Sunny Overturf

Jordan Sparkle

Kris Alton

### **FOR THE DEFENSE**

Ryanne Seastress

Alexx Lamb

Pauli Abdone

*All witnesses may be female or male.*

### **About the CBA High School Mock Trial Program**

Since 1985, the Colorado Bar Association (CBA) has proudly sponsored the CBA High School Mock Trial Program. This program is funded by the CBA Litigation Section and the Colorado Bar Foundation. This educational program is one of more than forty-five educational programs in Colorado and is one of the leading and most respected programs in the country.

More than 100 high school teams participate in Colorado's mock trial program. Approximately 1,500 students perform as attorneys and/or witnesses in a court case. Hundreds of attorneys, judges, teachers, and other community leaders volunteer their time to instruct students about the judicial system and the trial process through this educational program. For more information please go to the CBA Mock Trial website at <http://www.coloradohighschoolmocktrial.com/>



## **CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT** **for all Participants of the Colorado Bar Association High School Mock Trial Program**

The purpose of the Colorado Bar Association (CBA) High School Mock Trial Program is to stimulate and encourage a deeper understanding and appreciation of the American legal system. This purpose is accomplished by providing students the opportunity to participate actively in the learning process. Students have agreed to abide by the Rules and this Code in spirit and in practice; therefore, violations should result in a lowering of the score.

The education of young people is the primary goal of the mock trial program. Healthy competition helps to achieve this goal. Other important objectives include: improving proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and reasoning skills; promoting effective communication and cooperation between the educational and legal communities; providing an opportunity to compete in an academic setting; and promoting cooperation among young people of diverse interests and abilities. As a means of diligent application of the CBA High School Mock Trial Program Rules of Competition, the CBA Public Legal Education Committee and its Mock Trial Subcommittee has adopted the following Code of Ethical Conduct for all participants and their observers:

- 1 Team members and all student participants in local and state mock trial programs promise to compete with the highest standards of deportment, showing respect for their fellow team members and participants, opponents, judges, evaluators, attorney coaches, teacher coaches and mock trial personnel. All teams, coaches and supporters will focus on accepting defeat and success with dignity and restraint. Trials, contests, and activities will be conducted honestly, fairly, and with the utmost civility. Students, coaches and supporters will avoid all tactics they know are wrong or in violation of the Rules, including the use of unfair extrapolations. Teams, coaches and participants will not willfully violate or misrepresent the Rules of the program in spirit or in practice.
- 2 Teacher Coaches agree to focus the attorney coach and student attention on the educational value of the CBA Mock Trial Program. They shall discourage willful violations of the Rules and the unprofessional and contentious behavior of their volunteer attorney coaches, students and supporters. Teachers will instruct students as to proper procedure and decorum and will assist their students in understanding and abiding by the program's Rules and this Code of Ethical Conduct.
- 3 Attorney Coaches agree to uphold the highest standards of the legal profession and will zealously encourage fair play, as well as demonstrate fair play and courteous respect towards their peers at all times. They will promote conduct and decorum in accordance with the Program's Rules and its Code of Ethical Conduct, as well as the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct and Colorado Code of Professional Responsibility. They will emphasize and focus on the educational value of the experience by requiring that all questions, objections, responses, opening statements, and closing arguments be substantially the work product of the students. Attorney Coaches are reminded that they are in a position of authority and thus serve as positive role models for the students. They shall also conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times during any program-related meetings.
- 4 All participants (including observers) are bound by all sections of this Code and agree to abide by the provisions. Students, and attorney and teacher coaches are responsible for insuring that all team observers are aware of and abide by the Code. Students, teacher coaches and attorney coaches will be required to sign a copy of this Code. This signature will serve as evidence of knowledge and agreement to the provisions of the Code. Violations of this Code of Ethical Conduct, either by participants and/or observers, may be grounds for reductions in scores, disqualification from a contest, and/or suspension or expulsion from the Mock Trial Program.
- 5 Presiding judges and evaluators are asked to observe the trials with an objective eye. Interjecting one's own personal style and biases adds no value in the education process. All judges and evaluators promise to be prepared and knowledgeable of the Rules of the Competition, the problem, and the mock trial procedures. The appearance of impropriety, bias, or favoritism shall be avoided. Presiding judges will conduct trials with objectivity and honesty. Presiding judges and evaluators will also exercise sensitivity to all students of diversity at all times, especially during round after-chats.

# 2010 Regional Tournaments Dates and Contact Information

## **1<sup>st</sup> JD – Jefferson County**

**Date:** February 23-26, 2010

**Coordinator:** Magistrate K.J. Moore (303) 271-6104; Amanda Cruser (303) 986-5769

## **Adams/Broomfield Counties**

**Date:** February 19 & 20, 2010

**Coordinator:** Cynthia Kowert (303) 659-7720

## **Arapahoe County**

**Date:** February 26 & 27, 2010

**Coordinators:** Julie Anderson (303) 739-6508; Suzanne Staiert (720)795-3725

## **City of Aurora**

**Date:** February 5 & 6, 2010

**Coordinator:** Contact State Coordinator

## **Boulder County**

**Date:** February 19 & 20, 2010

**Coordinator:** Christine Hylbert (303) 440-4758

## **Denver City/County**

**Date:** February 12 & 13, 2010

**Coordinators:** Elsa Martinez Tenreiro (303) 831-7670

## **Southern Colorado**

**Date:** February 5, 6 & 9, 2010

**Coordinators:** Jason Downie (719) 579-6500; Patricia Kelly (719) 385-5909

## **Northern Colorado**

**Date:** February 19 & 20, 2010

**Coordinator:** Stacey Aurzada (970) 350-9758

## **Western Slope**

**Date:** February 19 & 20, 2010

**Coordinator:** John Siddeek (970) 986-3400

## **Colorado High School Mock Trial State Tournament**

**Date:** March 12 & 13, 2010

**Location:** Colorado Springs, CO

## **National High School Mock Trial Tournament**

**Date:** May 6-8, 2010

**Location:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

## **CBA Mock Trial State Coordinator:**

Carolyn P. Gravit (303) 824-5323 or 1-800-332-6736