



2025 RIVERSIDE COUNTY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION



PROGRAM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LOGAN GOLD Defendant.

CASE NO. 2025/43
NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE
43rd ANNUAL
HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL
COMPETITION, and
SUPPORTING PROGRAM
INFORMATION
DATE: 1/21/2025, 1/28/2025, 2/4/2025,
2/8/2025, 2/11/2025, 2/13/2025,
2/18/2025

TO ALL PARTIES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-referenced matter will be heard on the following dates January 21 at 6:00 p.m. (Regional Courts), January 28 at 6:00 p.m., February 4 at 6:00 p.m., February 8 at 9:00 a.m., February 11 at 6:00 p.m. (Robert Presley Hall of Justice). The Semi-Final Round will be held on February 13 at 6:00 p.m. (Riverside County Historic Courthouse). The Final Round (to determine the First and Second Place teams) will be held at the Riverside County Historic Courthouse, Department 1, at 6:00 p.m. on February 18, 2025.

Dated: January 2025

EDWIN GOMEZ, Ed.D.
Riverside County Superintendent of Schools

By:


Yadira Chavelas, Administrator

By:


Melissa Moore, Steering Committee Chair

Welcome

The Riverside County Mock Trial competition has grown dramatically since its inception in 1983. This year over 475 students from 24 high schools have entered the competition. During the last 43 years, over 15,000 students have experienced the lasting value of this program. Through the collaborative efforts of the co-sponsors, the Riverside County Office of Education, Riverside County Bar Association, and Riverside County Superior Court, this event has become a traditional celebration of student achievement.

The Riverside County Mock Trial program demonstrates a county-wide community effort that supports education and brings together parents, teachers, attorneys, judges, and community members to promote a greater appreciation and understanding for the law, court procedures, and the American judicial system. Thank you for joining us in our passion and responsibility for educating Riverside County students.

Mock Trial Overview

Mock Trial is a simulation of a criminal case, with students acting as each of the principals in the cast of courtroom characters. Mock Trial is designed to demonstrate the workings of our legal institutions for young people. The student teams study a hypothetical case, complete legal research, and are coached in courtroom procedure and trial preparation by teacher coaches and volunteer attorneys. Students participate as counsel, witnesses, and court clerks, presenting their cases in courtrooms before actual federal and state judicial officers who have volunteered their time.

Each Mock Trial team will compete in the actual court setting at least four (4) times until the final round, which will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

The following schools are competing:

CORONA-NORCO USD

Centennial High School
Santiago High School

DESERT SANDS USD

Indio High School
La Quinta High School
Palm Desert High School

DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

Notre Dame High School

HEMET USD

Hemet High School

JURUPA USD

Patriot High School

MENIFEE UNION SD

Santa Rosa Academy

MORENO VALLEY USD

Valley View High School
Vista del Lago High School

MURRIETA VALLEY USD

Murrieta Valley High School

PALO VERDE USD

Palo Verde High School

PERRIS UNION HIGH SD

Heritage High School
Liberty High School
Paloma Valley High School

RIVERSIDE USD

John W. North High School
Martin Luther King High School
Polytechnic High School
Ramona High School

SAN JACINTO USD

San Jacinto High School

TEMECULA VALLEY USD

Chaparral High School
Great Oak High School
Temecula Valley High School

Awards Ceremony

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Awards Ceremony

2:30 p.m.

Welcome

Neftali Galarza, Director
Community Engagement and Partnerships
Riverside County Office of Education

Remarks

Edwin Gomez, Ed.D., Riverside County Superintendent of Schools
Melissa Moore, Managing Deputy District Attorney and Steering Committee Chair

Blue Ribbon Achievement Awards

Marcus Garrett, Awards Committee
Melissa Hale, Awards Committee

Outstanding Bailiff
Outstanding Clerk
Outstanding Defense Pre-Trial Motion Attorney
Outstanding Prosecution Pre-Trial Motion Attorney
Outstanding Prosecution Witness
Outstanding Defendant
Outstanding Defense Witness
Outstanding Prosecution Trial Attorney
Outstanding Defense Trial Attorney
Courtroom Artist
Courtroom Journalist

2025 Mock Trial Summer Internship Awards

Michael A. Hestrin, Riverside County District Attorney
Steven L. Harmon, Riverside County Public Defender

Riverside County Bar Foundation's Honorable Douglas E. Weathers Scholarship

Mark A. Easter

Announcement of Elite Eight Teams

Melissa Moore



Thursday, February 13, 2025

Semi-Final Round

Riverside County Historic Courthouse

6:00 p.m.

Awards

Third Place Teams

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Final Round

Riverside County Historic Courthouse

6:00 p.m.

Championship Awards

Second Place Team

First Place Team

2025 Riverside County Mock Trial Teams

CORONA-NORCO USD

Centennial High School

Charlie Ramirez, Teacher Coach
Donovan Fleming, Attorney Coach
Megan Holtman, Attorney Coach
Mark Ver Planck, Attorney Coach
Jaime Aguilar
Hadisa Alimi
Greg Arreglado
Vy Bao
Linda Cabanas
Caiden Cajigal
Diego Coronado
Jasmine Prisila Gonzalez Lopez
Justice Heng
Joel Hernandez
Aaliyah James
Aswatha Karthikeyan
Maanya Kaur
Jayden McKenzie
Lucas Moreno
Karolyn Puhawan
Maryam Rahimi
Arisha Sajid
Brianna Villegas
Nabil Yacoub

Santiago High School

Paulla Tilton, Teacher Coach
Rawan Aljumaah, Teacher Coach
Alex Leary-Bright, Teacher Coach
Jeremy Roark, Attorney Coach
Paul Tetreault, Attorney Coach
Nancy Tetreault, Attorney Coach
Isam Aljumaah
Ethan Bhakta
Andrew Black
Shreya Bozza
Brenna Brantsma
Sofia Caravella
Julian Chavez
Matthew DePew
Renee Dun
Josiah Jaen
Connor Lee
Timothy Lim
Zuric Linder
Saizisa Nayak
Layci Noyola
Fabio Pabon Rizzo
Lia Peters
Kirk Ramasar
Jayden Reynoso
Inaaya Saif
Carson Schaffler
Devon Stewart
Greyson Stoyanowski
Eduardo Torres

DESERT SANDS USD

Indio High School

Martha Sung, Teacher Coach
Evelyn Huerta, Teacher Coach
Judge Arthur Hester, Attorney Coach
Nicholas Kraushaar, Attorney Coach
Joel Mark, Attorney Coach
Julissa Aguilar
Mauricio Alfaro
Camila Alvarez
Jared Arellano
Clementina Barragan
Ashley Beltran
Pauline Brack
Heaven Castro
Dante Cobian
Aidalia De La Torre
Hugo Diaz
Zachery Dugenia
Clarissa Gamboa
Jeshua Gamez
Ana Gamino
Ethan Garcia
Gillian Garcia
Bailey O'Malley
Nathan Pantaleon
Carlos Perez
Khloie Rodriguez
Krystal Rodriguez
Nathan Rodriguez
Vianel Ruiz
Brittany Sanchez
Ava Zepeda

La Quinta High School

Nathaniel White, Teacher Coach
Skye Daley, Attorney Coach
Dante Gomez, Attorney Coach
Melina Londres, Attorney Coach
Kelsey Waters, Attorney Coach
Lauren Cruz De Armas
Kaden Fuson
Sasha Gomez
Ian Hafliger
Andre Hodges
Keila Niebla Osuna
Rachel Kay
Wren Mayberry
Angel Navarrete
Dafne Rabago
Jacob Ramirez
Ezra Rodriguez
Chau Tran
Jessinda Valadez

Palm Desert High School

Chuck Mazet, Teacher Coach
Amir Asfar, Attorney Coach
John Nelson, Attorney Coach
Steven Sorenson, Attorney Coach
Ally Asfar
Reighagn Ellis
Leela Fayssoux
Aspen Flatt
Natasha Gamboa
Logan Howell
Alexia Leija
Maisie Lentzner
Victoria Martin
Clara Moss
Thomas Nelson
Nathan Park
Cyrus Virk
Brandon Yoo
Selena Zhang

DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

Notre Dame High School

Rachel Dyer, Teacher Coach
Eric Keen, Attorney Coach
Kelly Moran, Attorney Coach
Brianna Ruiz, Attorney Coach
Gael Campos
Caroline Corr
Sydney Cramer
Jude Cramer
Daphne Egizi
Jaslene Elizondo
Xavier Felix
Bristol Gonzalez
Cali Gonzalez
Ryan-Emily Kimble
Minh Lai
Grace Mankin
Jonathan Medrano
Madison Mendoza
Claire Morrow
Audrinna Patterson
Ana Sofia Ramirez
Adrian Reyes
Logan Rudd
Merian Saba
Sophia Saldana
Emma Senn
Natasha Singh
Troy Soares
Samantha Voorhis

2025 Riverside County Mock Trial Teams

HEMET USD

Hemet High School

Robert Brown, Teacher Coach
Omar Hassan, Attorney Coach
Melody Baltodano
Aiden Blakeslee
Jonah Chavez
Shelby Dummert
Leilani Fortune
Aanya Garg
Rudhra Jariwala
Cody Moore
Vaniah Moreno Guerrero
Kevon Oliver
Gabriela Ordaz
Sabrina Joy Pareja
Christian Quintana
Genesis Rivas
Isaac Shumaker
Katelynn Tan
Tristan Tan
Eddie Villa

JURUPA USD

Patriot High School

Jeremy Johnson, Teacher Coach
Mike Dohr, Teacher Coach
Timothy Brown, Attorney Coach
Chris Jusuf, Attorney Coach
Olivia Alvarez
Alex Anaya
Destiny Becerra
Valeria Contreras-Orendain
Vivian De Niz
Deanne Dominguez Torres
Evelyn Flores
Emaly Gutierrez
Catherine Hernandez
Maribel Hernandez
Litzy Hernandez Avalos
Jordyn Knight
Jorge Leon
Evelyn Martinez
Samantha Perez
Orlando Ramirez Castillo
Felix Ramos
Alyssa Zepeda
Vincent Zepeda

MENIFEE UNION SD

Santa Rosa Academy

Jack Warlof, Teacher Coach
Madilyn De La Hoya, Teacher Coach
John Pomeroy, Attorney Coach
Sofia Avila Espinosa
Charlotte Beres
Emily Branca Villa
Abigail Carrico
Zachary Chebat
Kayla Copeland
Mylea De La Hoya
Jonathan Eckrich
Aiden Geyen
Jessika Ivancic
Nikolas Meyer
Mikayla Murdock
Victoria Nevarez
Jordan Simar
Savannah Smith
Ellie Sobek
Isabella Sosa
Presley Taylor

MORENO VALLEY USD

Valley View High School

Gabriel Arnold, Teacher Coach
Miles Robinson, Attorney Coach
Courtney Williams, Attorney Coach
Samantha Acevedo
Miles Arzu
Kylah Brown
Alexa Espinosa
Venecia Espinoza
Aliana Flores
Brandon Fuller
Adrian Garcia
Dayanara Hernandez
Irie Houston
Emily Kissling
Jorge Lamas
Tiffany Lopez
Christian Martinez
Katelyn Phan
Crystal Renteria
Marinelly Rivera
Abbigail Sanchez
Giuliana Sanchez
Jacob Saucedo
Satnam Singh

Vista del Lago High School

Ivany Gonzalez, Teacher Coach
Marsha Johnson, Attorney Coach
Michael Cano
Fatima Fall
Andrew Garcia
Kristian Gonzalez-Chavez
Diego Jaramillo
Melissa Lara Sierra
Jayden Najera
Jovana Sandoval
MyLicia Sims
Coral Thornton
George Vidal

MURRIETA VALLEY USD

Murrieta Valley High School

Todd Thornburg, Teacher Coach
Lisa Delzompo, Attorney Coach
Joseph Galasso, Attorney Coach
Judge Raquel Marquez, Attorney Coach
Reed Webb, Attorney Coach
Tyler Aldrian
Isabella Bravo
Ava Chaput
Aubrey Cooper
Hayden DeVolder
Michela Fantino
Chloe Galasso
Joseph Galasso
Stephania Garcia
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Shayla Vilchez

2025 Riverside County Mock Trial Teams

PALO VERDE USD

Palo Verde High School

Jay Tribby, Teacher Coach

Kayleigh Anderson

Sierra Berryman

Alexis Brown

Landon Cross

Zaraivion Crowe

Nashla Duran

Fernanda Gonzalez Lopez

Jaydee Hernandez

Jocelyn Hernandez

Kylie Herron

Damien Huezo Salas

Jennifer Lopez

Cele Luna-Panuco

Racie Moore

Daniel Munoz

Arianna Obioha

Michael Robinson

Jaden Rocha

Christian Rodriguez

Isabelle Rodriguez

Abigail Slagan

Tatum Sutterfield

Clara Valdez Mendez

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PERRIS UNION HIGH SD

Heritage High School

David Ellertson, Teacher Coach

Phoung Phung, Teacher Coach

Conner Rathbun, Attorney Coach

Emily Stowe, Attorney Coach

Micah Alviola

Angel Benitez

Avarie LaMothe

Seth Lumar

Jasmine Martinez

Justinn McElderry

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Zuriel Ramirez

Jestina Sao

Emily Thompson

James Thompson

Christian Villanueva

Hayden Wentz

Liberty High School

Alisa Castro, Teacher Coach

Ron Funk, Attorney Coach

Malia Aina

Eva Nadine Alvarez Curtis

Peter Balboa

Jasmine Buth

Scarlett Felix

Yesenia Hernandez

Ellie Hernandez

Lacie Herrera

Kaiden Kamphuis

Isabella Knight

Adrians Lasmanis

Maggie Matthes

Alexander Rezkallah

Sofia Silver

Siana Valentine

Sojorn Vanderhoof

Sierra Weinstein

Paloma Valley High School

Marisa Billions, Teacher Coach

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Nash Bazavez

Jesus Cesena

Danzie Dolberry

Kailyn Fajardo

Marcel Hayes

Sydnee Hernandez

Claire Hillebrand

Alexander Hubinger

Nichole Liu

Rebecca Lomeli

Olivia Luyben

Katherine Marker

Loreena Maturino

Alejandra Montemayor

Jakob Navarro

Zaiya Nunez

Avianna Ortloff

Aleena Owen

Dahlia Perez

Bella Puangchan

Elizabeth Raines

Oscar Reyes

Jenaveve Rodriguez

Elizabeth Schaffer

Addison Spady

Felicity Unger

Assyria Williams

RIVERSIDE USD

John W. North High School

Sandra Ford, Teacher Coach

Nicole Schiffer, Teacher Coach

Yoginee Braslaw, Attorney Coach

Andrew Lopez, Attorney Coach

Sonia Acedo-Lopez

Batool Alsari

Angel Amador

Ranteg Bajwa

Rahm Braslaw

Ethan Chun

Caitlyn Cohen

Emily Cruz

Thasia Curtis

Josiah De Jesus

Evan Garcia

Ulysses Guzman

Surui Lew

Rayleen Lopez

Charvi Neeli

Jocelyn Ordaz

Tiya Patel

Larry Priest

Ashley Ramos

Norah Rose Sachs

David Santiago

Alyssa Serrano

Malaya Villamor

Martin Luther King High School

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Benjamin Hampton, Attorney Coach

Cheyenne Settles, Attorney Coach

Steve Settles, Attorney Coach

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Steven Biber

Alexa Cantu

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Ethan Jones

Catalina McCarron

Jacob McCarthy

Patrick Moon

Jacob Mugridge

Brooklyn Najera

Scarlet Pineda

Grace Richards Villaseñor

Evie Ruvalcaba

Victoria Saenz

Maya Sandoval

Aarav Shah

Sohum Shirbur

Hayleigh Sinclair

Giovanna Wilkinson

2025 Riverside County Mock Trial Teams

Polytechnic High School

Matthew Schiller, *Teacher Coach*
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Joshua Hanks, *Attorney Coach*
Emily Hoyt, *Attorney Coach*
Carlos Monagas, *Attorney Coach*
Samuel Beaumon
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Jacob Brusca
Jackson Brusselback
Allurabella Chandler
Ariel Connell
Connor Julian
Isaac Julian
Simran Kaur
Alana Lewis
Jack Lindgren
Aubrey Packer
Alexie Palacios
Diego Rivera
Nyla Rteimeh
Sydney Smith
Beckett Sullivan
Rowen Sullivan
Jonathan Viene
Lyle Weems
Owen Weems

Ramona High School

Cassie Allen, *Teacher Coach*
Paul Akers, *Teacher Coach*
Mina Jafary, *Attorney Coach*
Jackson Lucky, *Attorney Coach*
Augustina Alfaro
Zabdiel Bustos
Lequan Do
Roudy Hendrix
Alizeh Hoyt
Rylee McGaugh
Hailey Michaels
Avree Pieters
Dayana Ramirez
Nikolas Ramos
Renee Reyes
Emily Ruvalcaba
David Sanchez
Derek Suy Mixtun
Israhel Vega

SAN JACINTO USD

San Jacinto High School

Jesse Spriggs, *Teacher Coach*
Marissa Jimenez, *Attorney Coach*
Christopher Yi, *Attorney Coach*
Layla Anderson
Rosa Camacho
Sienna Castro
Melanee Frutos
Sarai Gonzalez
Kayla Hancock
Yasmin Herrera
Jess Martinez
Nicole Munoz
Charlie Perez
Alejandra Saberda
Elizabeth Schmitz

TEMECULA VALLEY USD

Chaparral High School

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Ingrid Taylor, *Teacher Coach*
Johnnetta Anderson, *Attorney Coach*
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Bethel Albe
Dylan Artiaga
Journey Brutus
Danielle Carias
Melissa Chai
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Isabella Contreras
Quinten Crane
Mia De Jesus
Maleah Diallo
Blu Gentry
Menil Guzman
Banah Halteh
Beau Holdstein
Penelope Ibarra
Valentina Johnson
Lirong Ma
Nailea Perez
Christopher Persechini
Ivy Phan
Dezi Ramos
Alexxia Rodriguez
Samantha Stillman
Zoe Sullivan-Douglass
Mika Walters
Emily Weldon

Great Oak High School

Don Skaggs, *Teacher Coach*
Taylor Petrucci, *Teacher Coach*
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Brett Swenson, *Attorney Coach*
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Nya Bromley
Hawk Chapin
Logan DeSilva
Emily Elmer
Emma Farooqi
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Noah Gabeire
Akshitha Gajula
Rahil Heese
Blair Ibanez
Cheyenne Ivey Lunod
Ladarrall James
Alveena Jamil
Narein Jobanputra
Sophie Keenan
Sydney Klein
Jazzilyn Lastra
Giannellie Lirio
Abigayle May
David Pangle
Natasha Piña
Ella Scott

Temecula Valley High School

Maryann McCann, *Teacher Coach*
Krysta Bass (Van Kampen), *Teacher Coach*
Judge Stephen Gallon, *Attorney Coach*
Jonathan Greenbergs, *Attorney Coach*
Aaron Kurtzer, *Attorney Coach*
Isadora Alfonso Humeres
Luiza Marie Alfonso Humeres
Lila Deinhammer
Ty Herrera
Jessica Milner
Julie Morton
Grace Ortiz
Cash Teissere
Adrian Torres
Olivia Wade

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Steering Committee Members

Attorney Coaches

Attorney Scorers

Judges

Mentor Judges

Parents

Teacher Coaches

Courtroom Artist Judges

Courtroom Journalist Judges

Past Riverside County Mock Trial Champions

1983	Perris High School, Perris Union High School District
1984	Ramona High School, Riverside Unified School District
1985	Ramona High School, Riverside Unified School District
1986	John W. North High School, Riverside Unified School District
1987	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District
1988	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District
1989	John W. North High School, Riverside Unified School District
1990	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District
1991	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District
1992	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District, Tenth Place at National Competition
1993	Arlington High School, Riverside Unified School District
1994	Arlington High School, Riverside Unified School District, National Competition Winner
1995	Norte Vista High School, Alvord Unified School District
1996	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District, Third Place at National Competition
1997	Corona High School, Corona-Norco Unified School District
1998	Temecula Valley High School, Temecula Valley Unified School District
1999	Woodcrest Christian High School
2000	John W. North High School, Riverside Unified School District, Second Place at State Competition
2001	Arlington High School, Riverside Unified School District
2002	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District
2003	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District, Fourth Place at National Competition
2004	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District, Third Place at State Competition
2005	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District, Fourth Place at State Competition
2006	Woodcrest Christian High School
2007	Martin Luther King High School, Riverside Unified School District
2008	Temecula Valley High School, Temecula Valley Unified School District
2009	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District
2010	Woodcrest Christian High School
2011	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District
2012	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District
2013	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District
2014	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District, Third Place at State Competition
2015	Hemet High School, Hemet Unified School District
2016	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District
2017	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District, Seventh Place at State Competition
2018	Martin Luther King High School, Riverside Unified School District, Third Place at State Competition
2019	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District, Third Place at State Competition
2020	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District
2021	Martin Luther King High School, Riverside Unified School District
2022	Notre Dame High School, Office of Catholic Schools - Diocese of San Bernardino, Fourth Place at State Competition
2023	Murrieta Valley High School, Murrieta Valley Unified School District, Seventh Place at State Competition
2024	Polytechnic High School, Riverside Unified School District



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