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**Annual Mock Trial Begins Friday**

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (March 3, 2017) – The Arkansas Bar Association’s annual Mock Trial State Tournament will begin Friday, March 3 at noon, with the final round Saturday, March 4 at 4 p.m. It will be held at the Pulaski County Courthouse and the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Little Rock.

More than 300 students from 25 high schools around the state will compete for the title of *Mock Trial State Champions* and the chance to compete at the national Mock Trial competition in Hartford, CT this May.

Approximately 100 local attorneys and judges volunteer to help with the coordination and judging of the competition, which will include 30 teams.

The public is invited to attend the mock trials and watch the students make their arguments.

Parents and teachers who are interested in bringing the Mock Trial program to their school are encouraged to contact the Arkansas Bar Association. The ArkBar can provide curriculum plans for in-school classes as well as material for establishing a Mock Trial team as an extra-curricular activity. Only six students and a teacher-sponsor are needed for a team.

**About Arkansas Bar Association**

The Arkansas Bar Association is a voluntary, statewide organization with 5,000 members. Among its purposes are the advancement of the administration of justice and the fostering among its members of high ideals of integrity, learning and public service.

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