

2008 Delaware High School Mock Trial

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Despite the weather forcing the closing of schools and the Courthouse on Friday, February 22, thanks to the flexibility of everyone involved, the 2008 Delaware High School Mock Trial competition was a great success. This year's state competition served as a dry run for our hosting the National Mock Trial Championship in May and allowed our many volunteers from the Court and the Delaware Paralegal Association to become more familiar with the Mock Trial process. They have our deepest thanks for coming though for us with all the schedule changes. We also could not have done this without the incredible support we received from our teams and our judge volunteers.

This year, twenty-four teams participated from schools and organizations throughout the state. They were A.I. DuPont High School, Archmere Academy, Cab Calloway School, Caesar Rodney High School, Campus Community School, Caravel Academy, The Charter School of Wilmington, Delaware Futures, Howard High School, Layton Preparatory, Padua Academy, Polytech High School, Salesianum School, Sanford School, St. Andrew's School, St. Elizabeth's High School, St. Mark's High School, Sussex Technical High School, The Tatnall School, Tower Hill School, Ursuline Academy, William Penn High School, Wilmington Christian School, and Wilmington Friends School. The two teams reaching the finals were Charter and Archmere, with Charter emerging as the champion. We wish to recognize the following members of the legal community who gave generously of their time and support, and for their service as advisors for our Mock Trial teams.

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We also wish to thank all of those who volunteered to serve as presiding and scoring judges during the competition. Your role is critical to the success of this program, and your participation means so much to the students who participate.

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