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HISTORIC COURTHOUSE PLAYS HOST TO HIGH SCHOOL STATE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

14 teams from across state, including 3 local teams, competed in Nashville for state title



On Friday, March 19th and Saturday, March 20th, the Metro Davidson County Historic Courthouse served as site of the 30th annual Tennessee State High School Mock Trial Competition. White Station High School of Memphis

claimed the state high school mock trial championship title, defeating St. Mary's Episcopal School, also of Memphis. It was White Station's second win in two years. The team now will represent Tennessee at the National High School Mock Trial Competition in Philadelphia May 5-9.

The two-day state competition involved 14 teams from across

the state including three from the Nashville area: Brentwood High School which finished 3rd in the overall competition; David Lipscomb High School which finished in 4th place; and Hume Fogg Academic High School which finished in 7th place. To reach the state competition, each team had to win its respective district competition in February.

Over 200 volunteers, including lawyers, law students and paralegals were instrumental in making the competition a success. In addition, nearly 20 sitting judges in the state presided over the trial



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Non-Jury

Week of February 22

February Trial Verdicts

CIRCUIT COURT

Appeals

GENERAL SESSIONS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
09C-1801	FOREIGN JUDGMENT	5		P-GRANTED			
08C-2853	CONTRACT/DEBT	5		P-\$62,507			
07C-795	MALICIOUS PROSECUTION	2		3RD PARTY P-\$25,000			
09C-2017	INJURY/DAMAGES	5		P-\$800,000			
09C-486	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	6		P-\$107,524			
09C-2867	METRO APPEAL	5		P-\$50 FINE			
09C-2184	GSA/CONTRACT/DEBT	2		P-\$31,652		DISMISSED AFTER TRIAL	PLAINTIFF
09C-4399	GSA/DAMAGE/TORT	2		P-\$471 + COSTS		P-\$722	DEFENDANT
08C-2225	GSA/CONTRACT/DEBT	6		TRIAL SUSPENDED		P-\$23,087	DEFENDANT

Jury

Week of February 1

CIRCUIT COURT

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
07C-2566	BREACH OF CONTRACT	2		P-\$0 DAMAGES			
08C-3268	GSA/CONTRACT/DEBT	1		D-\$165,800		P-\$1,750	PLAINTIFF

Week of February 8

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
07C-3620	NEGLIGENCE	3		D-DIRECTED VERDICT			
07C-2773	AUTOMOBILE	2		DEFENDANT			
08C-1422	AUTOMOBILE	1		P-\$6,650			
08C-2817	MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	6		DEFENDANT			

MOCK TRIAL

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rounds at the Historic Courthouse, including Chancellor Russell Perkins of the 20th Judicial District and Judge Angelita Blackshear Dalton of the Davidson County General Sessions Court. Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice Janice Holder presided over the championship match.

The teams put their skills to the test arguing the case of Advanced Distribution, LLC v. R.M. Construction, LLC - a fictitious civil case developed by the TBA's Young Lawyers Division, which involved a dispute over design and construction of a 400,000 square foot distribution center featuring a concrete slab-on-grade floor. The central issue at stake was whether the work performed constituted a breach of contract and professional negligence.

The Tennessee mock trial program was initiated in 1980 as a project of the Public Law Institute of the University of Tennessee College of Law. Shortly thereafter, the Young Lawyers Division of the Tennessee Bar Association assumed responsibility for the competition. Since that time, the program has grown and improved; and today, more than 100 teams participate in local competitions across the state.

**ALL COURT REPORTERS
MUST BE LICENSED
BY JULY 1, 2010**



Last year, the General Assembly passed Public Act 450 establishing the Tennessee Board of Court Reporting (TBCR). According to this legislation, as of July 1, 2010, all court reporters must have licenses issued by the TBCR in order to take verbatim transcripts of depositions, administrative proceedings, court hearings and trials.

The new licensing board, which is administratively attached to the Administrative Office of the Courts, consists of four court reporters, two attorneys and one judge.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



DID YOU KNOW?

- First St. Patrick's Day parade took place in 1737 in Boston
- The color originally associated with Saint Patrick was blue, not green
- It did not become a national holiday in Ireland until 1903 and the first parade wasn't held in Dublin until 1931
- There are more Americans of Irish origin (36 million) than there are Irish in Ireland (4.4 million)
- Saint Patrick was not Irish by birth - He was born in England



DATA BANK

February 2010

Case Information

Circuit Court

New Civil Cases Filed.....	183
Jury	88
Non-Jury	95
Civil Cases Concluded.....	217
Jury	127
Non-Jury	90
New Divorce Cases Filed	229
Divorce Cases Concluded.....	152
Domestic Petitions Filed	216
Domestic Petitions Concluded	323

General Sessions Civil

New Cases Filed.....	3,638
Executions Issued	3,854
Garnishment Payments.....	4,396
Judgments Collected.....	\$950,885
Orders of Protection Petitions.....	196

Probate Court

New Cases Filed.....	165
Cases Closed	170

Traffic Violations

Moving Citations	9,463
Total Violations.....	13,621
Parking Violations.....	4,158
Total Fines Collected	\$756,105
Nullifications	1,298
Nullification Fees Collected	\$15,572
Environmental Citations.....	570
*Credit Card Payments	3,930

*--Online and phone payments combined

Case Analyses

GENRE	FEBRUARY	YTD
AUTO ACCIDENTS	2	3
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	2
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	1
NONE	0	0
CONTRACTS	5	13
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	3	9
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	3
NONE	1	1
TOTAL AWARDS	\$259,959	*\$666,604
*REPRESENTS AMOUNTS DISCLOSED BY COURT		
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1	1
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	0
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	1
PENDING	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	7	12
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	6	11
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	1
NONE/UNDER ADVISEMENT	0	0

Auto Accident Cases

	FEBRUARY	YTD
JURY TRIALS	2	3
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	2
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	1
NONE	0	0
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	\$6,650	\$16,742
AVERAGE JUDGMENT	N/A	N/A

Soft Tissue Auto Cases

	FEBRUARY	YTD
JURY TRIALS	2	3
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	2
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	1

General Sessions Auto Appeals

	FEBRUARY	YTD
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	0
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
NONE	0	0

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