

York Region Secondary School

2019

JUDGES' Cup



Monday, April 29, 2019
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The Organizing Committee

This is our 15th Mock Trial. When we launched our first York Region Judges' Cup, we had no idea how popular it would become. The Organizing Committee, made up of Crown Attorneys, Teachers, Judges, and Defence Lawyers has continued to work together to keep the Judges' Cup Mock Trial a challenging, successful and memorable event for all participants. We could not do it, however, without the assistance of the Court Clerks and Judges who provide their time and the Lawyers who coach the teams. We also wish to thank Court Operations at the Courthouse for making sure that we have the facilities, and Betty Dykstra, Janet Marchment, and Shirin Ganji who are the reason that anything gets done at the York Region Law Association. Both the Ontario Justice Education Network and the Ontario Criminal Lawyers' Association are good friends of our event, as are your School Boards. But... at the end of the day, it is you Students and Teachers who put in your time to take part in our event that makes it a success year after year. We know that you are taking time out of your studying and after school activities to meet and prepare for the trials. We hope that you learn something from the experience, and we wish you success in the competition. Above all, we hope that you have a lot of fun in trying this year's case. Thank you to our supporters, and to the teachers and students who keep coming back year after year. We could not do this without you.

Here is a little video retrospect of the last 15 years (works in VLC player). Good luck to all.

Click Here: [Mock Trial Compilation](#)

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April 11, 2019

To all participants in the 2019 Mock Trial Competition:

On behalf of the planning committee and myself, I would like to welcome and congratulate all the students participating in the 2019 Judges' Cup Mock Trial Competition. This year we have record numbers of schools participating, 24 in total.

We welcome those returning for another exciting year and those who are participating for the first time. The feedback from prior years has been that this is a great experience for all the participants. It is a chance for you to get to know students from other schools in a healthy and fun competition.

Every year we hold the competition, we are amazed by the talent of all involved. We recognize the many challenges you face on a day-to-day basis at school. We have seen in the media the struggles students your age face with bullying, negative messaging, substance abuse, and challenging home lives. You have chosen to dedicate your time to the positive activity of these mock trials and for that, you should be proud.

We are proud of all of you and wish you the best as you go forward. There is no doubt that your futures, given the dedication and determination you have shown to this project, will be very bright.

Have fun!

Justice Cindy Johnston
Local Administrative Judge/
Mock Trial Committee

Students, Teachers and Coaches
2019 Judges Cup Mock Trial
c/o Madame Justice Cynthia M. Johnston &
the Organizing Committee
Ontario Court of Justice
50 Eagle Street West
Newmarket Ontario

April 24, 2019

Dear Participants:

Re: 2019 Judges Cup Competition

The York Region Law Association and its members are pleased to have been supporters of the Judges' Cup since its inception.

The Judges' Cup provides students with an invaluable experience; the opportunity to present a case in a courtroom setting presided over by the Judges who sit in the courthouse on a daily basis. The court staff who volunteer their time to assist with the competition complete the realistic experience.

The quality of advocacy that the high school students demonstrate is impressive. The students, the teachers and the coaches are to be congratulated for the fine presentation that we see each year. Each and every one of our members wish you the best of luck in your mooting.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to Betty, Janet and Shirin for their efforts in organizing and facilitating this event. I would also like to thank all of our members, the Crown Attorney offices, the local judiciary and others who have contributed their time as well. Without their involvement this competition would not be possible.

Good Luck

Yours very truly,

Adam White

Adam White
President, York Region Law Association

The 2019 Schools

Alexander Mackenzie High School	Middlefield Collegiate Institute
Aurora High School	St. Augustine Catholic High School
Bayview Secondary School	St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School
Bill Crothers Secondary School	Stephen Lewis Secondary School
Bur Oak Secondary School	The Country Day School
Dr. John M. Denison High School	Thornhill Secondary School
Father Bressani Catholic High School	Tommy Douglas Secondary School
Holy Trinity School	Unionville High School
Huron Heights Secondary School	Vaughan Secondary School
Keswick High School	Villanova College
Markham District High School	

Opening Ceremonies

Monday, April 29, 2019

2:30 - 3:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies at York Region Headquarters
3:30 - 4:15 pm	Students arrive at the Courthouse
4:30 - 6:00 pm	First Round of Moot Competition at Newmarket Courthouse
6:00 - 6:25 pm	Dinner
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Second Round of Moot Competition

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

4:00 - 4:15 pm	Students arrive
4:30 - 6:00 pm	First Round of Moot Competition at Newmarket Courthouse
6:00 - 6:25 pm	Dinner
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Second Round of Moot Competition

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

4:30 - 6:00 pm	Semi-Final Round
6:00 - 6:25 pm	Dinner
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Finals
8:15 - 9:00 pm	Presentation of Awards and Closing Remarks



2019 Team Members

Alexander Mackenzie High School

Teacher: John Petrone

Students: Tina Guo, Lucia Sun, Lauren Koek, John Muffit, Lina Lin, Yvonne Wang, Janny Liao, Christina Shirvani

Alternates: Amy Li

Aurora High School

Teacher: Mary Anne Gans

Students: Haley Piper, Christine Latimer, Selena Loueiro, Aylin Kashef, Qasim Sadeed, Katherine Haines, Tanya Sheberstov, Farnoud Tavakoli

Alternates: Michael Atanassov, Liza Nisenbaum, Sabina Parmegiani, Arteen Mirzaei, Jessica Latimer

Bayview Secondary School

Teacher: Dwight Stewart

Students: Selena Cai, Elwin Wang, Oscar Ou, Bryan Chen, Rita Chen, Anette Xia, Ryan Mark, Aveen Damghani

Alternates: Anna Wang, Asma Khamis, Victoria Dai

Bill Crothers Secondary School

Teacher: Lora Gillies

Students: Clare Littlechild, Mackenzie Foyle, Kristin Papaconstantinou, Loic Tagne, Emma Boswick, Julian Safos, Kiki Oduwole, Christina Rajkumar

Alternates: Sarah Flinn, Raine Garrell

Bur Oak Secondary School

Teacher: Ms. Michelle Van Roon

Students: Gideon Ho, Matthew Ng, Alex He, Tara Kwok, Peter Liu, Selena Guo, Victoria Wong, Satrajit Chatterjee

Alternates: N/A

Dr. John M. Denison High School

Teacher: Elias Tsokas, Esquire

Students: Riya Thomas, Nick Sugrim, Charolette McMunn, Camryn Kinahan, Matthew Keenan, Deesha Gaur, Grace McCaffrey, Ella Eum

Alternates: N/A



2019 Team Members

Father Bressani Catholic High School

Teacher: Anna Maria Petrolo

Students: Julia Agozzino, Elisabetta Canaletti, Krystina DiGenova, Julian Morelli, Emily Nicaso, Sabrina Rosati Sarah Simone, Emma Verrilli

Alternates: Alessia Attard

Lawyer Coach: Louie R. Genova

Holy Trinity School

Teacher: Art Lightstone

Students: Sam Esmaeili, Shayan Noor, Anu Popoola, Paige Paradkar, Eala Mobasheri, Alex Colby

Alternates: N/A

Huron Heights Secondary School

Teacher: Sal Greco

Students: Fatemah Adelzadeh, Parwana Majidi, Daniella Shved, Samantha Berardi, Zachary Pasquino, Brooke Lee-Kilgour, Taylor Cole, Talisa Anderson

Alternates: N/A

Lawyer Coach: Lesley Pasquino

Keswick High School

Teacher: Jeffrey Simpson

Students: Emily Gero, Adrienne Head, Amy Polegato, Olivia Poste, Elaina Naderi, Sierra Van Tent, Ginger Yu

Alternates: Maddie Sardone

Markham District High School

Teacher: Shallu Sharma

Students: Angelina Fermanovski, Marco Cen, Ahmad Chaudary, Jessica Johnson, Marusa Bavakaran, Sameer Merali, Aditya Tolani, Irfan Sharif

Alternates: Ryan Mohanarasa, Joshua Baldassini

Middlefield Collegiate Institute

Teacher: Jamie Glass and Cathy Mobilos

Students: Maheen Jawaria, Sakina Fatima, Sonia Tumkur, Tilak Vyas, Vishalii Suthakar, Ibrahim Irfan, Yihan Li

Alternates: Raveena Lamba



2019 Team Members

St. Augustine Catholic High School

Teacher: Vince Tomei and Julia Notarfonzo

Students: Sara-Emilie Clark, Justin Gharibo, Kiyam Jadavji, Ashley Kam, Mark Shenouda, Emily Strike

Alternates: Atlee Lauder

Lawyer Coach: Marina Elias

Stephen Lewis Secondary School

Teacher: Darren Abenstein

Students: Emily Segal, Elad Dekel, Habon Abdullahi, Jessica Leonard, Priyanka Khandelwalm Avery Levitt

Alternates: N/A

Thornhill Secondary School

Teacher: Heather Leatham and Eric Rosenberg

Students: Amy Bagrin, Sofia Khiavi, Craig Waterman, Nina Uzunovic, Gloria Son, Danial Mohammadi

Alternates: N/A

St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School

Teacher: Paul Legace and Alessia Picarelli

Students: Alexandra (Sasha) Broun, Matthew Warrick, Christina Lanni, Ismail Abdelmalek, Ziyang (Sally) Yang, Vitaliy (Vito) Yushvaev, Andrew Lawrence, Jonathan Shenouda

Alternates: Pe er Krut, Beatrice Pinsky, Veronica Terechshenko

The Country Day School

Teacher: David Downer

Students: Abraham Litwin-Logan, Anais Leiva von Bovet, Sarah Gibbons, Anna Croxon, Christina Chkarboul, Billy Tsiolis, Eliza Pasha, Maria Ivoditova

Alternates: Kate Ilnitskaya

Tommy Douglas Secondary School

Teacher: Dilani Wright and Svetlana Tymoshenko

Students: Robby Bhullar, Natan Brodetski, Adiel Bromfield, Ahmad Doorani, Armita Khashayardoost, Anish Puri, Abisan Vignes

Alternates: N/A



2019 Team Members

Unionville High School

Teacher: Dustin Cash and Mr.Struk

Students: Scott Hopton, Jonathan Mcnaughton, Rebecca Bulmer, Jesse Cogan, Sho Taniyama, Isabella Sharma, Winsor Ytterock, Maeve Simon

Alternates: Chantal Campbell, Asad Jessani, Rachel Ni, Nicola Koroknay, Lucas Morin

Vaughan Secondary School

Teacher: Michael Feldbloom

Students: Madeline Bonavota, Mason Friendly, Nicole Haim, Noam Morris, Rebecca Nguyen, Michael Shalamov, Hoon Yang

Alternates: N/A

Villanova College

Teacher: Rosalie Naworynski

Students: Madeleine Castiglione, Vincent Gagliardi, Alex Gromov, Jessica Mirkin, Aidan Naworynski, Shivam Vania

Alternates: N/A

A Note About Judging

Again this year the marking of the mock trial will be done on a team basis. As the teachers and coaches are aware, certain rules have been established that may not be same as the OBA Tournament Rules.

MARKING SCHEME: The marking scheme consists of six areas in which the judges will be paying special attention. A description of what the judges will be looking for in each area is set out below.

Trail Process and Procedures

- Did each team member/lawyer observe proper trial procedure (order of case, timely and appropriate objections, appropriate responses to objections, court decorum, entering exhibits, approaching witnesses)?
- No unfair deviations from the facts in the fact/case scenario

Development and Presentation of Legal Argument

- Opening and closing statements set out the theory of the case
- Direct examination with appropriate non-leading questions which brought out key information
- Cross examination questions brought out contradictions and/or weakened the other side's case
- Closing statements were organized, well-reasoned and summarized the important areas of the evidence

Oral Advocacy

- Did team members speak clearly and distinctly, could they be heard?
- Did team members keep their presentations within the prescribed time limits?
- Were the team members compelling in their arguments?

Witness Performance

- Were the witnesses (including accused, police, etc.) convincing in their testimony, well-prepared for questions and answered questions appropriately?
- Did they stay in character and not deviate unfairly from the facts?

Civility and Decorum

- Were team members polite and able to maintain civility even during examination or cross examination?
- Did the team members respect the judge and clerks in the courtroom?
- Were team members respectful of their opponents?

Special Awards

- Judges will also be keeping an eye out for exceptional students, both in technical presentation, and for such qualities as enthusiasm in their roles!

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Second Best

Our firm extends congratulations for a job well done to each and every student participating in this year's Judges' Cup Moot Court Competition, and it is our very real pleasure to present a three hundred dollar cash prize to the runner up team in the Judges' Cup Final Moot, and a further three hundred dollar cash prize to the winning team in the Consolation Round. We wish the best of luck to each team, and as trial lawyers, we know, that sometimes, despite the best preparation and presentation, (yes sometimes), you still come in second.



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The lawyers at the Law office of Algie, Katz & Respicio are pleased to continue to be a part of the Judges' Cup competition, and will once again be on hand at the closing ceremonies to hand out to the fourth place team a crisp one hundred and fifty dollar bill (or something like that).

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AWARDS & PRIZES



Judges' Cup Trophy

The Judges' Cup Trophy is presented by the Judges of the Ontario Court of Justice and Superior Court of Justice at Newmarket, and is awarded each year to the school that places first in the Mock Trial Competition.



Winner and Second Place Plaques

The Judges of the Ontario Court of Justice and Superior Court of Justice at Newmarket, with the generous assistance of the Ontario Justice Education Network present each student who is a member of the winning team the second place team, and the winner and second place team of the consolation round with a commemorative plaque. The winning team and coaches are also treated to a luncheon by the judges.



York Region Law Association Badger Award

The coveted York Region Law Association Badger Award is presented annually to the student who is judged to have conducted the most effective cross examination during the first two days of the competition (vigorously cross examining, without actually badgering the witness).





The Ontario Justice Education Network continues to be a major contributor to our annual event. Its mission statement reads: “By strengthening public understanding of the legal system and the administration of justice, a vital pillar of our democracy is strengthened.”

With its continued financial support of our Judges’ Cup Competition, O.J.E.N supports the hands on experience and new found understanding of our legal system and the role that it plays in our society.

Thanks O.J.E.N.

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Thank you!

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