

York Region Secondary Schools

Judges' Cup

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Monday, April 3, 2023
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Monday, April 17, 2023



Organizing Committee

We are so happy to have you back in person for this year's event.

When we launched our first York Region Judges' Cup, we had no idea how popular it would become. The Organizing Committee, chaired by Justice Meyers, Crown Attorneys, Teachers, and Defence Lawyers and more 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 and Janet Marchment who are the reason that anything gets done at the York Region Law Association and the the OCJ Judicial Assistants: Jean Sopel, Patty Verni and Marissa Cruz who work tirelessly to keep us all on target. Both the Ontario Justice Education Network and the 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.

Good Luck and Have Fun

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MR. JUSTICE MARK L. J. EDWARDS
REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE



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March 31, 2023

To: Participants

Re: 2023 York Region Secondary School Mock Trial Competition

On behalf of the Superior Court of Justice (Ontario), I am pleased to welcome and congratulate all of the students, teachers, and academic advisors who are participating in York Region's annual mock trial competition.

The mock trial program is one of the programs that form part of the Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN). OJEN is committed to strengthening public understanding of the justice system and we are fortunate that thousands of students are provided with an opportunity to participate in their education programs each year.

Your participation in the mock trial program provides a unique opportunity to gain insight into the workings of the Canadian criminal justice system. The justice system is a cornerstone of our democracy and works to protect each person's basic rights, freedoms and responsibilities. At the end of this competition, you will have a better understanding of the way the courts work and of the roles of the people working within it. I hope that you find this to be an interesting and challenging experience.

Along with your participation, this competition would not have been possible without the commitment of many dedicated volunteers. I extend my thanks to the organizing committee and to the judges, lawyers, Crowns, court managers and staff, who are contributing their time to ensure the success of your mock trial competition.

Thank you for participating in this competition. Best wishes and good luck to you all.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Edwards', written over a white background.

MR. JUSTICE MARK L. J. EDWARDS
REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGE

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April 3, 2023

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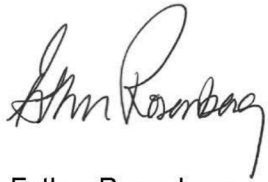
Dear Participants of the 2023 York Region Secondary School Mock Trial Competition,

I am so very pleased to welcome you to this year's mock trial competition. You are about to engage in an extraordinary learning experience. As students, you will have a unique opportunity to participate in a fundamental aspect of our justice system, where as counsel you will experience firsthand the excitement and challenges real counsel experience every day in our courts. For those who play the roles of witnesses, you will be exposed to what it feels like to be a witness. Playing your role convincingly requires a lot of hard work and dedication. For teachers and coaches, you will see your students strive to learn in a high-pressured competition that will benefit each and every one of them, whether they win or not.

It is always a thrill to see the students compete every year. When information about the justice system is not always easily accessible and there is an abundance of misinformation, this program teaches students the importance of our system of democracy and the significance of protecting all person's rights and freedoms while re-enforcing responsibilities as good citizens. It allows the students to develop a better understanding of how the courts work and about the roles of those working in the justice system. It will also help them learn new skills which will benefit them in their future endeavours. I have no doubt the experience will inspire some of you to even pursue a career in the justice system.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who make this program possible. These include the organizing committee, judges, defence lawyers, crown lawyers, court managers and staff and many others. Thank you for dedicating both your time and expertise to this program. The students and the community of York Region benefit from all your hard work.

Best of luck in the competition,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esther Rosenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "R".

Esther Rosenberg
Regional Senior Justice
Central East Region

Students, Teachers and Coaches
2023 Judges Cup Mock Trial
Madame Justice Meyer
& the Organizing Committee
Ontario Court of Justice
50 Eagle Street West
Newmarket Ontario
March 30, 2023

Dear Participants:

Re: 2023 Judges Cup Competition

The York Region Law Association and its members are pleased to continue its ongoing support of the Judges' Cup. The York Region Law Association is proud of its support of the Judges' Cup from 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 add to the sense of a "real" Court experience for the students.

The students, the teachers and the coaches are congratulated for their support of the impressive work we see from the students each year. Our members wish you the best of luck in your mooting and your futures.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to Betty and Janet 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 all others who have contributed their time as well as their knowledge and expertise to the excellence of this program. Without their involvement this competition would not be possible.

Good Luck

Yours very truly,



President, York Region Law Association

2023 Schools

April 3

Middlefield CI

Bill Crothers

Unionville H.S.

Holy Cross Catholic Academy

Markham Districh HS

Sacred Heart CHS

Sir William Mulock S.S.

Bur Oak S.S.

Father Bressani CHS

Stephen Lewis S.S.

St. Theresa of Lisieux

Villanova College

April 4

Aurora High School

St. Brother Andre CHS

Toronto Montessori Schools

Hodan Nalayeh S.S.

Bill Hogarth S.S.

Tommy Douglas S.S.

St. Augustine CHS

Richmond Hill HS

The Country Day School

King City S.S.

Alexander Mackenzie High

Newmarket High

APRIL 3, 2023

4:00 – 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



APRIL 4, 2023

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



APRIL 17, 2023

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





2023 Team Members

ALEXANDER MACKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: John Petrone

Lawyer Coach: Don Carter

Students:

Sanaz Amirnezhad

Michelle Drobinis

Karen Guan

Ashley Lau

Melissa Lipson

Carla Munoz

Zara Wong

AURORA HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Melanie Wong

Lawyer Coach: Charles Lamy

Students:

Chiara Bianchi

Reed Davidson

Maxwell Fast

Yuan Jin

Olivia Ma

Shelly Milman

Amanda Mouratidis

Anastasia Paraskevopoulos

Alternates: Wendy Kang, Andrew Laptev

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Rebecca Wortzman

Lawyer Coach:

Students:

Kenzy Attia

Helia Bahasadri

Saleem Kara

Arissa Ravoddej

Noosha Hedary

Evan Chiu

Anvita Johari

BILL CROTHERS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Laura Gillies

Lawyer Coach: Nadir Sachak

Students:

Shamas Ahmed

Sidhak Athwal

Isabella Brancati

Larissa Gerard

Archana Karnan

Jurnee Scott

Selena Sirpal



2023 Team Members

BILL HOGARTH SECONDARY SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Terence Ho
Lawyer Coach: Maya Sengupta-Murray
Students:
Sakina Muhammad
Mugi Nishanthan
Jazmine Noori
Ribeena Piranthapan
Prakalya Prabhu
Megan Qiu
Wali Rehman
Serena Sunderji
Alternates: Ayana Chopra; Tiffany Ho

BUR OAK SECONDARY SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Konstantinos Tsitsikotas
Lawyer Coach: Alice Pan
Students:
Isabelle Ally Gutierrez
Nabiha Habib
Joanne Kahumba
Suzanne Poudel
Maria Umar
Sharangi Vijitharan

FATHER BRESSANI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Anthony Gorys
Lawyer Coach: Kristen Dulysh
Students:
Priyanka Collins
Emma Gagliardi
Marie Lahoud
Martina Molino
Chiara Naccarato
Simone Poku
Isabella Sanchez
Jacob Sozinho
Alternates: Evan Iacoucci Sofia Landolfi
Samantha Ponzi

HODAN NALAYEH SECONDARY SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Scott Campbell
Lawyer Coach: Jeremy Mutton
Students:
Nicholas Chernyakhovsky
Eric Dobre
Melika Fatemi
Pardis Ghafouri
Hannah Goldstein
Sabrina Kryzerman
Jessica Pitkis
Teodora Stojanovic
Alternates: Sophia Bellisario



2023 Team Members

KING CITY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Angelica Frutti

Lawyer Coach: Dan Mideo

Students:

Amar Aggarwal

Noa Brook

Alexander Di Donato

Harry Lally

Chiara Mores

Emma Nitsopoulos

Stavroula Papadimitriou

Nina Trickey

Alternates: Leeza Filippova, Nicole Singh

MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Shallu Sharma

Lawyer Coach: Thompson Hamilton

Students:

Adam Fernando

Ira Bhagi

Amrit Khattra

Amy Lawson

Jordan Lukashal

Kasthuri Siva

Thevakini Sribalan

Sudarini Yogathasan

Alternates: Jay Sagar

MIDDLEFIELD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Teacher Coach: Jamie Glass

Lawyer Coach: Rashmi Kumar

Students:

Kenzy Attia

Helia Bahasadri

Saleem Kara

Arissa Ravoddej

Noosha Hedary

Evan Chiu

Anvita Johari

NEWMARKET HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Michael Singh

Lawyer Coach: Ankush Sondhi

Students:

Katerina Zaravinos

Misha Razi

Nadia Jouaneh

Jackleen-rochell Katz

Tristen Irvine

Grace Graham

Fola Olusanya

Luke Labelle



2023 Team Members

RICHMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Gloria Woo

Lawyer Coach: David Levy

Students:

Akshay Akilan

Ashika Akilan

Yameen Khurshid

Caroline Li

Huzaifa Safri

Naomi Sun

Vanessa Wang

Adrian Young

Alternates: Nick Karagiannis, Roy Li

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Cristina Mariani

Lawyer Coach: Nicole Cadman

Students:

Mark Belov

Kristian Flaszynski

Nora Gonzalez Villalobos

Niha Hayat

Jacey Lee

Tara McCabe

Cara Parker

SIR WILLIAM MULOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Debralee Lloyd-Graham

Lawyer Coach: Peter Westgate

Students:

Armita Aslfallah

Trinity Edl

Parnion Ghazali-ardakani

Paige McNicol

Irine Parampath

Benjamin Rennie

Alyssa Valizadeh

Rachelle Warren

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Vince Tomei

Lawyer Coach: Kelly Strike

Students:

Hayden Azan

Julian Cuni

Althea Kotsopoulos

Ananiya Narmathan

Tina Ranjbar

Audrey Tao



2023 Team Members

ST. BROTHER ANDRÉ CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Silvia Sloane

Lawyer Coach: Matthew Tawdrous

Students:

Michael Benedetto

Gabriela Cedeno

Ophrah Ehiogu

Harshini Kengeswaran

Grace Muktar

Alexander Patel

Jessica Sivaguru

Lauren Yung

Alternates: Maija-Liisa Jones,

Marissa Perez, Keira Young

ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC HIGHSCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Richard Ow

Lawyer Coach: Liis Jakobson

Students:

Thomas Covert-Pareja

Raamtin Farmani

Lileigh Gayed

Isabela Jaimungal

Demi Miron

Jolie Nakhla

Natalie Sienkiewicz

Martino Yu

STEPHEN LEWIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Darren Abenstein

Lawyer Coach: Erin Thomas

Students:

Mia Aronov

Max Jung

Marissa Magder

Maya Nasar

Tali Pinsker

Melissa Wilhelm

Alternates: Emma Bellamy, Emily Golikov,

Lauren Shelan

THE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: David Downer

Lawyer Coach: Antar Kahlon

Students:

Olivia Budweth

Lily Chen

Ananya Kapur

Zak Khan

Monika Nascimento

Jessen Patel

Kian Tabandeh Doust

Mariella Tsiolis



2023 Team Members

TOMMY DOUGLAS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Alessia Fedrigoni,
Dilani Wright

Lawyer Coach: Veronica Puls

Students:

Arita Avdjaj
Arianna De Caprio
Sophia Eghobamien
Andrea Lue
Kareema Nasir
Hiba Syed
Havina Vivegananathan
Rosemary Vu

TORONTO MONTESSORI SCHOOLS -RH

Teacher Coach: Allison Dickson

Lawyer Coach: Kellie Hutchinson

Students:

Evan Chan
Justin Jang
Maryam Joulaie
Aiden Lee
Ava Lie
Max Qiu

UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Dustin Cash

Lawyer Coach: Tushar Pain

Students:

Logan Chen
Jaden Kwan
Cachy Ma
Avery McIntosh
Ella Naumoff
Kavinila Sritharan
Susannah Webster
Maggie Yuan

Alternates: Jana Alqasheet, Mabel Lee Luo
Guoan Song

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Teacher Coach: Michael Pepler

Lawyer Coach:

Students:

Lia Chang
Justin Zhang
Catherine Shevelevich
Thomas Dong
Daniel Ly
Ivy Zeng
Nathaniel Yang
Charlie Wang



Note About Judging



Again this year the marking of the mock trial will be done on a team basis.

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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We extend 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 the prize to the first place team in the Judges' Cup Final Moot, 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 don't come in first but you must always continue to fight

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We are extremely proud to sponsor the 2nd place, 3rd place and consolation round teams. Congratulations on a job well done.

I've always been a strong believer in the presumption of innocence, your right to representation and the right to a fair process. That is why I created a strong legal team with like-minded lawyers who are solely in the business to advocate on your behalf and fight tirelessly for your rights.

*Mustafa
Sheikh*





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.



Final Four Plaques

The top four teams who make it to the finals will be presented with individual plaques indicating their standing. Prizes for these teams have been generously supported by individual firms



Awards of Merit are offered to those who show outstanding efforts in the roles that they have portrayed. We would not be able to offer these awards without the generous sponsorship of those listed in the program

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: “OJEN is dedicated to promoting understanding, education, and dialogue to support a responsive and inclusive justice system.” With its continues 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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