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18 High School Teams to Compete at Annual Ohio Mock Trial Cuyahoga Regional Competition

CLEVELAND – February 24, 2011 – The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association will host 18 teams at the Annual Ohio Mock Trial Cuyahoga Regional Competition this Friday, February 25 at the Cuyahoga County Courthouse at One Lakeside Avenue in downtown Cleveland, with the first of two trials beginning at 12:45 p.m. This Regional event is an intermediate contest for the 18 qualifying teams from the Cuyahoga, Lake and Huron County District Competitions. More than 180 students representing 10 high schools will compete in two afternoon trials and nearly 30 volunteer judicial panelists – judges, magistrates and attorneys – will preside over the trials and score the event. The winners of both trials will advance to the Ohio High School Mock Trial State Finals on March 10-12, 2011.

Participating high schools include: Brecksville-Broadview Heights' Team Gold (Cuyahoga District); Mayfield Team (Cuyahoga District); Mentor's Teams Rock and Terminator (Lake District); North Olmsted's Team Legal Eagles (Cuyahoga District); Orange's Teams Cub, Falcon, Panther and Shark (Cuyahoga District); Riverside's Team Gold (Lake District - Painesville); Solon's Teams A. Scalia, E. Kagan, J. Roberts, R. B. Ginsburg (Cuyahoga District); St. Edward's Teams Gold and Green (Cuyahoga District); St. Paul Catholic's Team Golden (Huron District - Norwalk); and University School's Team Maroon (Cuyahoga District – Hunting Valley).

This year's fictional case asks whether a county coroner's removal of body parts for scientific analysis constitutes an impermissible taking of property without due process of law in violation of the family members' constitutional rights. Each team has prepared to present both sides of the case in two trials at the Regional Competition. Students play the roles of attorneys, witnesses and bailiffs. Awards are presented in each trial to the "Outstanding Attorney" and "Outstanding Witness." The teams have been assisted by teachers and volunteer legal advisors. Trial #1 is set for 12:45 – 2:45 p.m. and Trial #2 is set for 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. An awards presentation will take place at the conclusion of both trials at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The Ohio Mock Trial program is conducted under the auspices of the Ohio Center for Law Related Education (OCLRE). The OCLRE is sponsored by the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio State Bar Association, Attorney General's Office and ACLU Foundation of Ohio. The Cuyahoga District Competition is sponsored by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, with funding support from the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation. More information is available at [http://www.clemetrobar.org/Pro Bono and Community Programs/Mock Trial/Ohio Mock Trial Cuyahoga Competition/](http://www.clemetrobar.org/Pro_Bono_and_Community_Programs/Mock_Trial/Ohio_Mock_Trial_Cuyahoga_Competition/).

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