

Genesee County Bar Association and Genesee County Bar Foundation

Present:

LAW DAY 2019

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a counter to the May Day observances in the Soviet Union and its satellites. Law Day provides an opportunity for educating students and citizens of this country about the Constitution and the Law, and the responsibilities of Citizenship.

The Mock Trial is a simulation of a civil or criminal case where high school students participate as attorneys, witnesses, or jurors. The case is tried in a court room, before a Genesee County Circuit Court Judge. This is an experience that cannot be replicated in a classroom. The Mock Trial gives students a first hand exposure to the courts and legal system.

Students learn to:

- Act out of respect for the rule of law and hold others accountable to the same standards.
- Use close and critical strategies to read and analyze complex texts, make connections prior to knowledge, draw inferences and determine main idea and supporting details.
- Present a coherent thesis when making an argument, support with evidence, articulate and answer possible objections and present a concise, clear closing.
- Critically examine evidence, thoughtfully consider conflicting claims, and carefully weigh facts and hypotheses.
- Find and organize information, analyze, interpret support interpretations with evidence, critically evaluate, and present information orally and in writing.
- Use deductive and inductive problem-solving skills as appropriate to the problem.
- Examine policy issues in group discussion and debates (clarify issues, consider opposing views, apply democratic values or constitutional principles, anticipate consequences) to make reasoned and informed decisions.
- Analyze events and circumstances from the vantage point of others.

“Our constitutional democracy requires active citizens. Responsible citizenship requires students to participate actively while learning in the classroom. Instruction should provide activities that engage students so that they simultaneously learn about civic participation while involved in the civic life of their communities, our state, and our nation. The social studies curriculum prepares students to participate in political activities, to serve their communities, and to regulate themselves responsibly.” Michigan Department of Education.



PEOPLE v JAYDEN DOUGLAS

Defendant Jayden Douglas has been charged with first degree premeditated murder of Matthew Chatham. Jayden’s ex-girlfriend, Kendall Hallmark began dating Blair Evans. Blair Evans and Jayden did not get along.

On August 24, 2017, Jayden is accused of shooting a pistol towards Blair but hitting the victim Matthew Chatham who died from the gun shot. Prosecutors say that Jayden intended to kill Blair and any intent should be transferred to the killing of Matthew.

Jayden asserts that he was defending himself and had no intent to murder anyone. Jayden asserts that he was afraid for his life when Blair pulled a gun on him and threatened him.

A jury will decide.

Friday, April 26, 2019

Masonic Temple and

Genesee County Circuit Court

Mock Trial: (Grades 9 –12)

Deadline to Enter:

Friday, February 22, 2019

