

GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AND GENESEE COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

PRESENTS:

LAW DAY 2015

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 reading 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.”

PEOPLE v CARY PRIOR

Defendant Cary Prior is charged with several crimes including Count I, Open Intoxicant; Count II, Possession Marijuana; Count III, Operating While Intoxicated; Count IV, Resisting Arrest; and Count V, Reckless Driving Causing Death.

The prosecution asserts that Defendant Prior was driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated with alcohol and marijuana and caused an accident which resulted in the death of Charles Michaelson. While the police were investigating the incident, Prior attempted to run away from police.

The Defense asserts that Defendant Prior was not driving the motor vehicle at the time of the accident.

In this trial, the prosecution and defense may call three witnesses each. Each team must determine who their best three witnesses are and present the testimony and evidence through those witnesses. The Defendant is not required to testify and may invoke his or her Fifth Amendment rights.

After both teams rest their cases, a jury of Defendant Prior's peers will determine whether Defendant Prior is guilty or not.

Friday, May 1, 2015

Masonic Temple and

Genesee County Circuit Court

Mock Trial: (Grades 9 –12)

Deadline to Enter:

Friday, February 13, 2015

LAW DAY 2015

PEOPLE v CARY PRIOR

☐ We would like to participate in Law Day 2015

School Name _____

Teacher Name—Sponsor _____

Telephone Number _____

Fax Number _____

Email _____

Best Time of Day to be contacted _____

Please check all that apply: #Attending

☐ Jury Orientation, _____

Masonic Temple, 9:30 a.m.

☐ Law Day Lunch, _____

Masonic Temple, 11:15 a.m.. (all participants welcome)

☐ Mock Trial, _____

Genesee County Circuit Court , 1:00 p.m.

Participating Students, Including Alternates, Jurors

The following number of participants are suggested (not including alternates): two (2) attorneys, three (3) witnesses (defense if assigned defense, and prosecution if assigned prosecution), and at a MINIMUM four (4) jurors. Please remember to email the names of the student participants by April 3, 2015 to emh@gcbalaw.org.

Attorney Sponsor

Some schools choose their own attorney. Please indicate your preference:

- ☐ Provide our team with an attorney-sponsor.
☐ Provide our team with an attorney-sponsor from last year (if available).
☐ I have confirmed _____ as our attorney sponsor. (If you have not personally confirmed with the attorney, do not complete this portion.)

Morning Session—Juror Voir Dire: During the morning session, students will participate in a mock Voir Dire. We will draw names of students by a blind draw. Only students who complete and return the juror questionnaire will be in the blind draw. This is similar to how a real jury is chosen. Please have your students complete a juror questionnaire either based on their information or create a person to play. The deadline for returning juror questionnaires to the GCBA is April 3, 2015. The juror questionnaire can be found on the GCBA website.



PICTURES

The Genesee County Bar Association would like to take pictures of the events throughout the day and use the pictures in a power point presentation during next year's Law Day luncheon and in its publication.

In order to take the pictures of the students and use the pictures in the power point presentation and in Genesee County Bar Association publications, the Genesee County Bar Association requires permission from the parents and teachers of the participating students.

If permission is provided by the parents and teachers, then the Genesee County Bar Association will provide copies of all pictures taken during Law Day 2015 to the schools.

By signing this section, you represent that you have received permission from the parents of the participating Law Day students for the Genesee County Bar Association to take pictures of the participating students and use the pictures in next year's Law Day Power Point presentation and in Genesee County Bar Association publications.

School Name _____

Teacher Name—Sponsor _____

Teacher Signature _____



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