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West Virginia Law Adventure winners announced, invited to Court For immediate release Tuesday, April 12, 2011

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Classes from three middle schools and one high school have won the opportunity to perform mock trials in front of Supreme Court justices at the finale of this year's *West Virginia Law Adventure*, the Supreme Court's civic education program for middle school and high school students.

Students from Kanawha County's Herbert Hoover High School will perform their mock trial in front of Chief Justice Margaret L. Workman at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 15, in the Supreme Court Courtroom.

Middle School students will be at the Court on Friday, April 29, according to the following schedule:

- 10 a.m., seventh graders from Jackson Middle School, Wood County, performing before Justice Robin Jean Davis.
- 11 a.m., sixth graders from Jackson Middle School, Wood County, performing before Justice Davis.
- Noon, eighth graders from Western Greenbrier Middle School, Greenbrier County, performing before Justice Thomas E. McHugh.
- 1 p.m., mixed grades from Horace Mann Middle School, Kanawha County, performing before Justice McHugh.

Unlike other mock trial programs in which students perform cases using scripts or materials prepared by adults, in *West Virginia Law Adventure* each class writes its own script based on one of three criminal case scenarios in the *Law Adventure* rules book. Students mailed their written transcripts to the West Virginia State Bar. The Bar's Young Lawyers Section chose winners, and the winners were invited to perform their mock trials at the Supreme Court.

Students' trips to the Supreme Court are paid for by a grant from the West Virginia Bar Foundation. Before mailing in their transcripts, participating West Virginia classes had to perform their trials at a courthouse in front of a judicial officer. The trips to the courthouses also were paid for with the grant from the West Virginia Bar Foundation.

Ten schools from seven counties participated in the program this academic year.

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