



# Supreme Court of Appeals State of West Virginia

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### **Kanawha Family Court Judges to preside in high school mock trials**

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Eleventh Circuit Family Court Judges will preside over mock trials presented by students from all eight Kanawha County high schools next week in a program sponsored by the Kanawha County Family Court Bench/Bar Committee.

This is the eighth year that Family Court Judge Mike J. Kelly has led the mock trial program that involves domestic violence, a topic family court judges often handle and that affects the lives of many students. Judge Kelly and Family Court Judges Kenneth Ballard, Robert Montgomery, and Sharon Mullens will preside in the trials.

The Kanawha County program precedes, and complements, the West Virginia Supreme Court's *West Virginia Law Adventure* mock trial program.

This year's trials involve young women charged with murder whose defense is that they were victims of severe domestic violence at the hands of the deceased. Students will act as attorneys, witnesses, and jurors, with the assistance of practicing Kanawha County attorneys.

The schedule will be as follows.

#### **9 a.m. March 26**

- Herbert Hoover High School vs. George Washington High School  
in the W. Kent Carper Justice and Public Safety Complex
- Sissonville High School vs. South Charleston High School  
in Courtroom No. 4 (the Ceremonial Courtroom), Kanawha County  
Courthouse

#### **9 a.m. March 29**

- Capital High School vs. Nitro High School  
in Courtroom No. 4 (the Ceremonial Courtroom), Kanawha County  
Courthouse
- Riverside High School vs. St. Albans High School (W. Kent Carper Justice &  
Public Safety Complex)

For more information, contact Judge Kelly at (304) 558-5801.

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