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Students to visit Supreme Court as part of West Virginia Law Adventure

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Middle school students from Kanawha and Mineral Counties and high school students from Greenbrier County will attend Supreme Court argument dockets this month as part of the West Virginia Law Adventure program.

The students all participated in the Supreme Court's West Virginia Law Adventure mock trial program. Unlike other mock trial programs in which students act out scripts written by adults, West Virginia Law Adventure allows participating classes to write their own scripts based on one of three criminal case scenarios in the West Virginia Law Adventure rules book.

The case scenarios are written by the Young Lawyers Section of the West Virginia State Bar. Each participating class must act out its script in front of a judicial officer – a magistrate, family court judge, or circuit judge – before sending in its entry. Winners in each category are invited to the Supreme Court.

Seventh-grade students from Stonewall Jackson Middle School in Kanawha County will watch arguments at the Supreme Court on Tuesday, April 8. A combined grade-level group from Horace Mann Middle School will watch arguments on Wednesday, April 9. A combined grade-level group from Greenbrier East High School will attend arguments on Tuesday, April 22. Eighth-grade students from Frankfort Middle School in Mineral County will be in the courtroom for the argument docket on Wednesday, April 23.

“In past years winning classes have performed their mock trials in front of a Supreme Court Justice. We decided to change that part of the program this year to let the students see the Supreme Court in action in real appellate cases,” said Nikki Tennis, Director of the Division of Children’s Services for the Supreme Court Administrative Office.

“This way, they get a glimpse of all stages of cases, from preparation to trial to appeal, and they will meet all of the Justices,” Ms. Tennis said.

Students’ trips to the local courthouses and the Supreme Court are paid for by a grant from the West Virginia Bar Foundation.

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