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Stonewall students' mock trial rescheduled to Feb. 25

For immediate release

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Stonewall Jackson Middle School students will present a mock trial in front of Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Kanawha County) Judge Louis H. “Duke” Bloom at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

The trial will occur in Judge Bloom’s courtroom in the Kanawha County Judicial Building, 111 Court St., Charleston. The trial originally had been scheduled for last week but was postponed due to weather.

The mock trial is part of West Virginia Law Adventure, a civic education program of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. Stonewall Jackson Middle School students have participated in the program since it began in 2008. This is the fifth year that Judge Bloom has hosted the students in his courtroom.

The Young Lawyers Section of the West Virginia State Bar drafts three criminal scenarios from which middle school and high school classes choose. The young lawyers also judge the trial scripts in several grade categories. 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. The winning classes visit the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in the spring.

Travel expenses are partially paid for by a grant from the West Virginia Bar Foundation.

West Virginia Law Adventure is one of several civics projects of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. Others include Marble Monday trivia on Twitter @WVCourts, Robes to Schools, and LAWS (Legal Advancement of West Virginia Students). To learn more about the Court’s civics projects, visit <http://www.courtswv.gov/public-resources/student-resources/index.html> or contact Kandi Greter, Public Education Coordinator, at 304-340-2755 or kandi.greter@courtswv.gov.

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