



Mock Trial Competition Grand Final

On Thursday, 11 October 2018, the season's top two teams, both hailing from Hale School, competed in the Grand Final of the Law Society's Mock Trial Competition in Court 1 of the Supreme Court in Stirling Gardens. The judge was the Chief Justice of Western Australia, the Honourable Peter Quinlan. The winning team was Hale Briefs, who achieved a narrow victory over their rivals and schoolmates, Hale Defenders, in a civil matter concerning the payment of wages to a young person working in a fast food restaurant.

We thank the members of the Grand Final Case Working Group, Kathryn Roach, Sam Hemachandra and Zoe Kalimeris, for devising and producing the new case material.

The Mock Trials are fictional civil and criminal cases, with the rules of evidence and procedures modified and simplified. Each team prepares their own case, and the students take on the roles of barristers, solicitors, court staff and witnesses. 1,175 students in Years 10, 11 and 12 participated in 196 trials this season. 124 teams from 53 schools were involved.

At the presentation following the Grand Final, Law Society President Hayley Cormann thanked the legal profession for their support: 83 volunteer lawyers acted as judges, while 52 legal practitioners and law students coached the students.

Ms Cormann also thanked the Chief Justice for judging the Grand Final and acknowledged the support of the Supreme Court of Western Australia, Department of Justice, Department of Education, Murdoch University and the Public Purposes Trust. She noted that the Mock Trial Competition is a fantastic, dynamic way to introduce the law and our legal system to young people, that there is strong evidence that too many Australians have an inadequate understanding of their rights and responsibilities before the law, and that community legal education has therefore never been more important.

Many people at the event embraced the #MockTrialsForever message. The State Government intends to cut more than \$110,000 in funding to the Law Society's Education and Community Services Programme from July 2019, and this will directly affect the Mock Trial Competition. The Competition helps young people engage with the legal system and build



valuable skills. The Law Society is asking the State Government to reverse its decision, and hopes people will share the message and the hashtag on social media. The Mock Trial Competition has been held every year since 1987, and we hope it will continue to go from strength to strength, with proper funding from the State Government.

You can register to volunteer as a judge or a coach for the 2019 Competition.

Previous participation is not required and registered practitioners can claim CPD points for their efforts. We will be running an information session in February 2019 to explain the Competition in detail.

Please contact us on mocktrial@lawsocietywa.asn.au or on (08) 9324 8604 to register your interest, or register via the Volunteer Lawyer Registration form, found on the Law Society's website.



Plaintiff Team – 'Hale Briefs' – Winning Team

Students:	Murray Pratt
Calum Wong	Nicholas Kane
Charlie Hurst	Nicholas Stone
Dhanush Vijayaraghavan	Nikkhil Mukundala
Jamie Warnock	Stephen Hanna
Jordan Pearce	
Marcus Jorgensen	Teacher – Ms Desiree Lange
Matthew Foster	Coach – Dr Marc Saupin

Defendant Team – 'Hale Defenders' – Runner-up Team

Students:	Henry Fowler
Aaron Bloch	Lachie Stafford
Byron Ellis	
Connor Price	Teacher – Ms Susannah Watson
Henry Chen	Coach – Dr Marc Saupin

We extend our thanks to the following members of the profession who volunteered as coaches and judges in the 2018 Mock Trial Competition. The Competition would not be possible without your support.

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