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Kalamazoo Central Wins High School Mock Trial Tournament

Kalamazoo Central High School's varsity mock trial team claimed victory over Ann Arbor Community High School students at the 2016 Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament State Championship on March 19 at the Veterans Memorial Courthouse in Lansing. The state champions advance to the national championship May 11–15 in Boise, Idaho.

Run by the Michigan Center for Civic Education, the tournament consisted of four regional

rounds in Washtenaw, Kent, Macomb, and Oakland counties. The top 10 teams moved on to the state championship, where they were evaluated by presiding judge Hon. Carl Marlinga, scoring judges SBM President Lori Buiteweg and M. J. Stephen Fox, and court officer Janice Balog.

Kalamazoo Central High School's junior varsity team took third place. Cardinal Mooney High School, De La Salle Collegiate High School, Detroit Catholic Central

High School, Grand Blanc High School, Huron High School, and North Muskegon High School also competed in the state final round.

The Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament is sponsored by the State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County Bar Foundation, and SBM Litigation Section. ■

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Kalamazoo Central High School's varsity mock trial team and supporters celebrate their win.



The moment of victory



Left to right: State championship scoring judges M. J. Stephen Fox and SBM President Lori Buiteweg with presiding judge, Hon. Carl Marlinga

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