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Denver High School Students Have Their Day in Court

DENVER —The Denver Regional High School Mock Trial Tournament for the Colorado Bar Association was held on Friday, February 12 and Saturday, February 13. High school students tried a cold brutal murder involving a teenager in Pueblo, Colorado.

Denver School of Science and Technology placed first in the regional competition. Two teams from Colorado Academy will also advance to compete at the CBA State High School Mock Trial Tournament in Pueblo (April 1-2, 2016). Other teams that competed were from La Academia, Arrupe Jesuit, CEC Middle College of Denver, Mullen, George Washington and Northfield high schools.

“The team, teachers and coaches from Colorado Academy and Denver School of Science and Technology have worked extremely hard and are truly deserving of this achievement,” said Carolyn Gravit, CBA Director of Public Legal Education. “It is great to see them advance to compete in the state tournament.”

The Denver Regional Mock Trial Tournament was held at the Denver City and County Building. Months of preparation all came down to how the students argued the case in front of a panel of Denver-area lawyers and judges.

Teacher and attorney coaches have been working with the students for months to prepare them for the competition. This is the 31st year that the CBA has sponsored high school mock trial tournaments. The process helps students develop critical thinking, speaking, reasoning, strategic planning and team building skills.