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## Adams High School Wins Mock Trial

The courtroom for the final trial was packed with 120 spectators and four of the finest judges. The final round had *Wall Street Posse* from John Adams High School facing *Paint the Town* from Trinity School at Greenlawn. Both teams are from the South Bend area. Their panel of judges: the Hon. Steven David presided, Hon. Larry McKinney, Hon. Martha Wentworth, and retired Lafayette attorney Susan Roberts, the former leader for Indiana's High School Mock Trial program. The civil case dealt with art forgery and involved many interesting and unique legal issues as well as witnesses.



*Wall Street Posse, Adams High School*

*Wall Street Posse* is heading to the national competition May 12-14 in Boise, Idaho. There were 24 teams in the state finals this year. The board and staff wish to thank the teachers and dozens of volunteers who helped make this a great competition for the 185 participating students.

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## Central Indiana Attorney Honored for Mock Trial Leadership

Mike Trentadue, Of Counsel with Clapp Ferrucci, Fishers, was honored with the Woods Award for his dedication and commitment to Indiana High School Mock Trial. Trentadue is an attorney-coach for Heritage Christian School in Indianapolis.

"When I first joined Mock Trial I didn't know what hearsay was, and then last season I got the Top Attorney Award at State," one student said about Trentadue's help. Susan Roberts presented the award at the State Ceremony on March 6.

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## April 15: Help Fishers HS Prepare for National Competition

Help the Fishers team representing Indiana at the *We the People* National Competition prepare for their testimony. A practice session will be held on April 15 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30

p.m. at [Fishers City Hall](#). Contact Dane Starbuck at [dstarbuck@indy.rr.com](mailto:dstarbuck@indy.rr.com) or (317) 806-6773 if you are able to judge or if you have any questions.

If you would like to make a financial donation to help the Fishers High School team represent Indiana, you may [donate online](#) or send a donation to the Foundation at 615 N. Alabama St. #122, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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### Online Virtual Pro Bono Law Clinic

Fourteen attorneys at Faegre Baker Daniels' Fort Wayne office worked together to answer 27 questions over a lunch hour on [Indiana Legal Answers](#) last month. Both new and more experienced colleagues collaborated to find the best answers for low-income members of the public who had posted legal questions. [Indiana Legal Answers](#) is a virtual law clinic where attorneys can offer pro bono advice and information at your convenience. Contact Marilyn Smith at [msmith@inbf.org](mailto:msmith@inbf.org) or (317) 269-7863 if you have any questions.

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### Evansville North *We the People* Team Impresses Attorneys

Four seniors from the Evansville North High School *We the People* team reunited to demonstrate their constitutional knowledge before a group of attorneys at the Evansville Bar Association offices on February 29. The students' poise and content knowledge impressed the audience who advised them to answer questions confidently because their "judges" on the panel may not be aware of the finer points of that area of the law. If you would like to volunteer for the *We the People* southern regional competitions on **November 15** and **17**, contact [Tiffany Ball](#) or [Vickie Puffer](#).

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### North Side High School Wins Warren Burger Award

Fort Wayne's North Side High School will attend the national *We the People* competition April 22-25. The school and their teacher, Matthew Mertes, were nominated by Lily Lawson, Indiana *We the People* State Coordinator, for the award. The Warren E. Burger Award honors students from a high-need school who demonstrates a high level of academic achievement with an invitation to the national finals. The school's team is working with the Allen County Bar Foundation to raise the \$14,000 to attend the event.

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