



To: Teachers, Coaches, and Participating Students
From: Delaware 2024 Host Committee
Date: April 22, 2024
Re: 2024 National High School Mock Trial Championship—Educational information

This memorandum provides information for the educational events that are being provided as part of the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Wilmington, Delaware. Students may sign up individually or coaches may sign up students by providing the number of students who will attend each event. You can signup at <https://signup.com/go/dTwTYcz>.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We are also providing information regarding a scholarship from one of our sponsors—the American Lawyers Alliance—in this memo.

The events, times, and locations for the education seminars are:

Event	Date / Time / Location
Tours of the Louis L. Redding House	May 1 and May 2, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm 310-312 East 11 th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 Limited to ten individuals per time slot
Celebrating Diversity in the Bench and Bar	May 2, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Delaware Contemporary Arts Museum
Attorney Workshop	May 2, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Chase Center—Christiana Ballroom
Witness Workshop	May 2, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Chase Center—Dravo Auditorium
Courtroom Artist Workshop	May 2, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Chase Center—Atrium Lobby
Courtroom Journalist Workshop	May 2, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Chase Center—Board Room

I. **Tours of the Louis L. Redding House**

Louis L. Redding was born on October 25, 1901. He attended the then-segregated Howard High School, then Brown University, where he graduated with honors in 1923. In 1925, Mr. Redding enrolled in Harvard Law School, and was the only African American in Harvard's 1928 graduating class. In 1929, Mr. Redding became the first African American admitted to practice law in Delaware (and he would remain the only African American admitted in Delaware for over twenty (20) years).

During his more than fifty (50) years of law practice in Delaware, Mr. Redding handled cases that successfully challenged discrimination in housing, public accommodations, employment and the Supreme Court decisions in some of his cases are still taught in Constitutional law classes throughout the United States.

In 1950, Mr. Redding brought *Parker v. University of Delaware*, which resulted in the University of Delaware being desegregated. In 1952, Mr. Redding brought *Belton v. Gephart* and *Bulah v. Gephart* in the Delaware Court of Chancery, seeking to desegregate public schools. These cases were decided by the late Collins J. Seitz (then a Chancellor, and later of the Third Circuit) and were later joined with the appeal of *Brown v. Board of Education* to the Supreme Court. Delaware was the lone jurisdiction in the appeal that had determined that separate was not equal and that the only remedy was desegregation—and thus the only decision that was affirmed by the Supreme Court rather than reversed.

The Redding house has been renovated and restored and serves to honor the legacy of Mr. Redding and the Redding family and to celebrate their contributions to civil rights, education, literature, and culture.

There will be two tours per day on May 1 and 2, at 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. Tours are limited to no more than ten (10) individuals. Anyone that attends a tour will receive a commemorative pin.

II. Celebrating the diversity of the legal profession and civics careers

This year, the host committee is celebrating the diversity of the bench, bar, and civics-related professions at the Delaware Contemporary Arts Museum on the Riverfront. For this reception, a series of diverse attorneys and civics-related individuals will provide brief overviews of how they ended up with careers in the law and legal related fields.

Justice N. Christopher Griffiths (associate justice of the Delaware Supreme Court), Senator Kyle Evans Gay (Delaware State Senate), Senator Sarah McBride (Delaware State Senate and the highest-ranking elected trans official in the country), attorney and state auditor Lydia York, Dwayne Bensing, Legal Director of the ACLU of Delaware, and Judge Kareem West of the Cobb County (Georgia) Juvenile Court will each provide brief (five minute) overviews of how they became interested in the law and a career in the law and civics.

Afterwards, you will have time to meet the speakers and ask them questions.

III. Attorney workshop

This interactive workshop will focus on the mechanics of what makes a good trial presentation and how to effectively present at trial. This interactive course will start with pointers and a lecture from Nicole Mozee. Ms. Mozee is an assistant professor at Wilmington University School of Law and a Deputy Attorney General for the Delaware Department of Justice, where she works in the Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust. After the presentation, attendees will break into smaller groups to workshop specific aspects of the case with feedback from Ms. Mozee.

IV. Witness workshop

Join Wilmington native Daniel Murphy (writer/producer, Evil Hag Productions) and Kathy Buterbaugh (Production Manager, Wilmington Drama League) for an interactive discussion and workshop on effective acting techniques. Mr. Murphy is a Wilmington native and received his BFA from the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU, which he attended with actress Aubrey Plaza. Currently, Mr. Murphy is a writer/producer with Evil Hag Productions, founded by Aubrey Plaza and has also co-written two children's books with Ms. Plaza. Kathy Buterbaugh is the long-time production manager at the Wilmington Drama League, where both Ms. Plaza and Mr. Murphy got their starts.

V. Courtroom artist workshop

This workshop will focus on how to quickly and effectively capture the essence of the courtroom scene and dealing with the constantly changing dynamics of the courtroom.

VI. Courtroom journalist workshop

Join Karl Baker and Xerxes Wilson, both courtroom reporters for a workshop focused on how to engage the audience and make them feel like they were in the Courtroom.

Mr. Baker is a reporter for the non-profit news startup, Spotlight Delaware. He joined Spotlight in February 2024, following a two-year stint as a freelance reporter and Stubstack publisher. Before that, Mr. Baker spend several years reporting for The News Journal (Delaware). Over the years, Mr. Baker has covered a range of beats, but he tries to focus on finding the stories that challenge the power centers in business and politics. Before arriving in Delaware, Mr. Baker reported for Bloomberg News, the Seattle Times, and American Public Media's Marketplace. He has worked on both coasts and in Mexico City. Journalism is Mr. Baker's second career—prior to becoming a journalist, he spent more than a decade in the North Pacific commercial fishing industry. Mr. Baker was born and raised in Seattle. He earned his B.A. in political science from the University of Washington and a master's in business journalism from New York University.

Mr. Wilson has covered courts in New Castle County Delaware for the last approximately five years. His coverage includes New Castle County Superior Court, Chancery Court as well as Delaware's federal courts. He previously covered New Castle County government for The News Journal as well as oilfield and environmental stories in southern Louisiana. Today, his reporting interests involve Delaware's prisons as well as pushing both the courts and government agencies for public records.

VII. Jurgemeyer Memorial Scholarship Scholar

The American Lawyers Alliance is looking for that outstanding high school senior who has overachieved during high school in law-related activities. Were you a superstar on your school's Mock Trial Team? President of the Student Body? Write a winning essay for NCSS? A wonder kid in Model UN? If so, you need to apply NOW for the **\$10,000** Catherine G. Jurgemeyer Memorial Scholarship!

Additional information can be found at: <https://www.americanlawyersalliance.org/catherine-jurgemeyer-high-school-scholarship>

The late Catherine G. Jurgemeyer was a formidable member of the American Lawyers Alliance, having created and implemented the "Law in a Free Society" project as well as an active

member of the ALA Teacher of the Year Award Committee. In honor of her memory, her daughter, Nancy J. Haar, has generously funded this annual \$10,000 scholarship for a deserving high school senior whose body of work both inside and outside the classroom has demonstrated a special dedication to law-related education with academic excellence.

The Jurgemeyer Scholarship is awarded and judged without regard to gender, race, color, religion, national origin, or disability.

Deadline: MAY 31, 2024