

Utah Law Related Education

MOCK TRIAL COMPETITIONS Held for Utah Schools



Junior High Winners

John Kennedy, Josh Milward, Esther Eberting, Celeste Burns,
Mirabela Archibald, Heidi Williams, Caden Greene
Robyn Russell



Integritas School Winners

Dallin Christensen, Luke Kaschmitter, Tannah Carter, Jaxon
Floyd, Savannah Short, Emma Engstrom, Joshua
Christensen, Sydney Nielsen

More than 700 students from Utah middle and high schools gathered in courtrooms across Utah for the Mock Trial competition held by Utah Law Related Education. The Utah State Bar and the Utah Bar Foundation honor this year's champions at the Law Day luncheon April 30.

The competition, held in February and March, pitted students as attorneys, witnesses and baliffs in a mock civil case. In this year's scenario Justin Hall, a minor child, sustained serious injuries while attending a summer camp. A camp counselor led a group that included Justin on a hike, and the group became lost and ended up spending the night on the mountain. At 3 a.m. Justin awoke in a confused state and fell down the mountain, sustaining a spinal injury that led to long-term impairment. The scenario was re-written and adapted to Utah law by Kristina Kindl.

More than 275 judges, attorneys and community leaders judged the trials and evaluated the students' efforts in 90 separate mock trials. Integritas was the high school level winner, and Utah County Junior High, a group of home-school students, was the Junior High level winner.

Integritas' winning team includes Tannah Carter, Dallin Christensen, Joshua Christensen, Emma Engstrom, Jaxon Floyd, Luke Kaschmitter, Sydney Nielsen and Savannah Short. The courtroom artist is Gracia Lee, Timekeeper is Luke Bunch. Advisors are Suzanne Christensen and Jodi Floyd, and Jacob Smith is the attorney coach.

The Utah County Junior High team includes Mirabella Archibald, Celeste Burns, Esther Eberting, Caden Greene, John Kennedy, Joshua Milward, Robyn Russell and Heidi Williams. Katrina Kennedy is the advisor and LauraLyn Eberting is the attorney coach.

The Integritas team will compete at the Mock Trial national competition in Reno, Nev. May 10-13.