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Albuquerque Academy Takes State in Mock Trial

To thunderous applause and a standing ovation, Albuquerque Academy mock trial team accepted its trophy as the 2005 New Mexico state champion at an awards banquet and dance at the Doubletree Hotel.

The Academy students, along with 8 other teams from across the state that advanced from regional competitions in February, packed the halls and courtrooms of the Second Judicial District Courthouse for two days, vying for the right to represent New Mexico at the national finals in North Carolina in May.

The teams, acting as lawyers and witnesses, tried the fictional case of State of New Mexico vs. Mickey Finn, in which Finn, a student at Central New Mexico University was accused of slipping "Ecstasy" into a drink at a college party, causing the death of another student. Jurists representing local, state, and federal benches, as well as lawyers and other community members, served as judges and jurors for the event.

Academy's mock trial team members — Ann Atura, Sheyanna Hall, Matthew Ketai, Nico Martinez, Anne Meyers, Lauren Scott, Sara Snow, Marcus Williams, and Connor White — were coached by teacher advisor Jessica Hass and attorney Sonia Roth. While in Charlotte, the



[Franchini and AA team] For the first time since 1992, Justice Gene and Mrs. Glynnie Franchini were unable to accompany the state champion team to the national finals, but that didn't stop them from coming to the airport at 6:30 AM to see the students off.

group, along with 43 other competing teams from as far away as Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, attended festivities at Lowe's Motor Speedway where 120 mph rides in NASCAR® pace cars were available.

The Academy team team went 1-3 at the national finals, earning incredibly high points (only 9 teams in the 44-team event had higher overall total scores) and a witness or attorney award in every single round. Outstanding attorneys were Anne Meyers and Marcus Williams. Outstanding witness awards went to Matt Ketai and Connor White.

Other teams placing in the New Mexico state finals were Albuquerque's St. Pius X and Cibola,

which placed first and second runners up, respectively.

Individual awards for Outstanding Witness went to Juliette Campbell, Eldorado; Steven Castillo, Cibola; Lindsey McFarland, Mayfield; Duane Richins and Amanda Walter, Animas; and, Connor White, Albuquerque Academy.

Outstanding Attorney awards were presented to Jacob Candelaria and Andrew Freyer, St. Pius X; Larissa Duran, Mayfield; Chris Heise, Eldorado; Kristen McKee, Sandia Prep; and, Marcus Williams, Albuquerque Academy.

Animas High Earns Professionalism & Spirit Award

At the 2005 mock trial awards banquet and dance, the teams from Animas High earned CCV's first annual Professionalism & Spirit award for their outstanding conduct and sportsmanship at the 2005 regional and state finals competitions. The school was presented a trophy and a \$500 cash award. A CCV board member who was on hand for all four rounds of finals was so impressed with these young people that she matched the cash award with \$500 of her own!

CCV Board Welcomes New Directors

The Hon. Gene E. Franchini and



Jane Webster were unanimously



elected to the CCV Board in December and attended their first meeting in April. Justice Franchini, who is retired from the New Mexico Supreme Court, offers mediation services. Ms. Webster is a classroom teacher at LBJ Middle School. Both are long-time participants in the high school mock trial program.

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The board extends a hearty "thank you" to the individuals and firms listed below who help to make possible the work of CCV. If we inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name, please accept our sincere apologies. Also, we would appreciate your notifying us of any errors, so we can correct our records.

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Thank you!

We extend heartfelt thanks to Senator Nancy Rodriguez for introducing a bill to support the New Mexico high school mock trial program, to the legislature for supporting it, and to Governor Bill Richardson for signing it.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Since our last issue, CCV has supported the following community organizations and activities.

- Albuquerque Law Day
- Albuquerque Academy State Champion Mock Trial Team
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship Program
- Equal Access to Justice Campaign
- Foundation for Open Government
- KNME By the People Program
- League of Women Voters' Education Fund
- New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association Scholarship Program
- Silver Horizons Senior Hall of Fame
- State Bar of New Mexico Leadership Institute
- State Bar of New Mexico Media Conference
- UNM Institute of Public Law "Wild Friends" Program

2005 IOLTA GRANTS

Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) is an idea that originated in British, Canadian and Australian jurisdictions in the 1960s. In the United States, IOLTA was pioneered in Florida and now exists in every state in the country. The New Mexico IOLTA program was approved by the State Supreme Court in 1984 and is now one of the largest non-governmental funders of civil legal services for poor people in our state.

Through IOLTA, attorneys and firms may pool otherwise unproductive client funds in interest-bearing accounts. Only those funds that are either nominal in amount or held for a relatively short period of time (making investment on the client's behalf impractical) are eligible to earn interest for the IOLTA program. That interest is then paid to the Center for Civic Values, the administrator of IOLTA, for distribution to programs that provide legal services to the poor, public law-related education or improvements in the administration of justice.

For 2005, IOLTA has awarded \$155,000 to New Mexico nonprofits that provide a wide variety of programs and services to citizens statewide.

Advocacy, Inc. Guardianship Program \$10,000

Advocacy, Inc. will assist children whose parents are unable or unwilling to care for them by keeping them out of the foster care system and helping them to achieve long-term stability.

Dismas House \$10,000

Dismas House, a program that reintegrates non-violent parolees into the community, will purchase a van to transport residents.

Legal FACS \$10,000

Legal FACS (Forms and Courthouse Services) will provide legal services to low-income civil litigants in Bernalillo County, develop and distribute stand forms and instruction materials and give pro bono referrals to the disabled and victims of domestic violence.



From left: David Berlin, CCV's Vice Chair and the New Mexico Supreme Court's appointee to the IOLTA Grant Committee, presents an IOLTA grant check to Bill O'Neill of Dismas House. The funds were used to purchase a van from Pat Rich of Rich Ford, who arranged for the purchase at dealer cost.

New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty \$70,000

NMCLP will supply advocacy services for low-income persons throughout the state and will provide technical assistance and training to others who advocate for New Mexico's poor.

New Mexico Environmental Law Center \$5,000

NMELC will offer free legal representation to low-income, minority communities that are facing environmental justice, degradation and health issues.

New Mexico High School Mock Trial \$10,000

The New Mexico High School Mock Trial program will educate high school students about real-life issues in a courtroom setting.

New Mexico State Bar Foundation Bridge to Justice Legal Helpline \$10,000

The Bridge to Justice Legal Helpline will assist

the working poor of New Mexico by providing legal information, advice, issue assessment and brief services.

Pegasus Legal Services for Children \$5,000

PLSC will improve child well-being through legal advocacy by providing services to children who are vulnerable due to violence, abuse and neglect, poor health or disability.

Office of Catholic Social Ministry \$10,000

The Family Unity & Citizenship Program will assist immigrant families by offering non-religious education and immigration services to low-income residents of southern New Mexico.

Senior Citizens' Law Office \$15,000

SCLO will provide a Health Care Rights project by advocating for and educating senior citizens in managed health care plans in Bernalillo County.

The Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools

The Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools is working with advocates from across the political spectrum to elevate civic learning as an educational priority. As a campaign, we need leadership at all levels and in all sectors to restore civic purpose to American schools. Political and school district leaders have particular and significant opportunities to change public education policy.

CCMS has produced a guide, *Advancing the Civic Mission of Schools*, that reflects the wisdom of a variety of experts and activists consulted by the campaign. It identifies six challenges to civic learning, including:

- Integrating civic learning into the curriculum
- Implementing sound civic education standards
- Developing better assessment methods to evaluate students' civic learning and making schools accountable for civic education
- Improving teachers' and administrators' training for civic education
- Increasing collaboration between schools and communities

The guide discusses these challenges and lays out clear action steps that schools, districts, state and federal leaders can take to meet them. For more information visit <http://www.civicmissionofschools.org>.

- Making students' civic learning a priority in school reform

New Mexico Supreme Court Approves Grants



IOLTA Grantees NM Environmental Law Center attorney and expert witnesses survey waste piles at the Molycorp mine in Questa.

The State Supreme Court approved distribution of \$155,000 in IOLTA grants to ten nonprofit organizations that provide a wide variety of services to the citizens of New Mexico. The 2005 distribution brings the total awarded by IOLTA to nearly \$3.3 million since the first grants were given in 1987.

In September 2004, funding applications were distributed to New Mexico 501(c)(3) organizations that met the established IOLTA criteria. Completed applications were due in October, and the grant committee met in November to review them. The group's recommendations were submitted first to the CCV Board of Directors for

review and then to the New Mexico State Supreme Court for approval. The grant committee is composed of seven members who are appointed to three-year terms by the Supreme Court, the State Bar of New Mexico and CCV.

Nationwide, IOLTA programs contribute more than \$100 million dollars each year to fund programs that provide legal services for the poor, law-related education for the public or improvements in the administration of justice. And, while many IOLTA programs have had to reduce grant budgets in response to rising bank charges and falling interest rates, the New Mexico program has maintained a steady budget for the past few years, and was even able to increase it a little for 2005.

Applications for 2006 funding will be available on the CCV website on October 1 and must be postmarked by November 1. Call 764-9417, extension 12, for more information about IOLTA grants or visit IOLTA on the web at http://www.civicvalues.org/IOLTA_main.htm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST

Thank you and congratulations to the following attorneys and firms for opening new/additional or converting existing trust accounts to IOLTA. You are making a difference in the lives of nearly half a million New Mexicans who receive services from IOLTA-funded programs. (Names are listed according to the information provided by their financial institutions.)

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Mock Trial Volunteers Honored

Volunteers who celebrated their 10- 15- or 20-year anniversaries with the New Mexico High School Mock Trial program in 2005 were honored during this year's competitions in Las Cruces and Albuquerque. Together, they have given more than a century to the mock trial program!

10 Years

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15 Years

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20 Years

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Mock Trial

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“Students have a chance to experience what it means to be a professional person through this program, and I know it inspires them to go on to college and then seek a professional life. When I was teaching at Hot Springs, there were students who did not plan to even attend college until they became involved in mock trial. Now some of them are lawyers!”

*-Sonia Roth, Division Head, Grades 10-12
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“Citizenship is a tough occupation that obliges the citizen to make his own informed opinion and stand by it.”

- Martha Gellhorn

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