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At an awards banquet and dance at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, Cibola High School (Albuquerque) mock trial team accepted its trophy as the 2009 New Mexico state champion.

The Cibola Gold students, along with seven 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 Atlanta, GA, in May.

The Cibola team was coached by teacher Marvin Romero and attorney David Berlin; they were assisted by Robby Berlin.

Other teams placing at state were Sandia Prep Silver (Albuquerque) and Sandia Red (Albuquerque), which placed first and second runner up, respectively.

Outstanding Attorney awards were presented to Jonathan Dominguez, Cibola Gold; Laura Donnelly, Sandia Prep Silver; Sarah Kiracon, Sandia Red; Dominic Martinez, Pojoaque White; Emily Maturo, Cibola Gold; Leah Rosenberg, Sandia Prep Silver; Tarran Trotter, Animas; and, Laura Worden, Albuquerque Academy.

Individual awards for Outstanding Witness went to: Shane Briley, Sandia Prep Silver; Tyler Carr, Volcano Vista; Bridget Elliott, Cibola Gold; Megan Ehrhart, Sandia Red; Estevan Hernandez, Sandia Red; Claire Thomson, Pojoaque White; Hannah Stolarczyk, Raton; and Maia Wynn, Sandia Prep Silver.

Ms. Donnelly, was named the Lawrence Zamzok Outstanding Attorney and received a \$500 cash award. Mss. Ehrhart and Wynn tied for the Lawrence Zamzok Outstanding Witness and split the \$500 cash award.



Mock Trial Volunteers Honored

Volunteers who celebrated important anniversaries with the New Mexico High School Mock Trial Program were honored at this year's Awards Banquet and Dance. Together, they have given more than 130 years to the mock trial program! (Unless otherwise noted, recipients are mock trial judges.)

10 Years

Billy Brown
Rosemary Cosgrove-Aguillar (in 2008)
Mick Gutierrez
The Hon. Karen Molzen
The Hon. Leslie Smith
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La Cueva High School

15 Years

The Hon. Bruce Black
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Anthony Gonzales,
CCV staff (in 2008)
Tila Hoffman

Mock Trial Named Outstanding Program by State Bar

The State Bar of New Mexico selected High School Mock Trial to receive its Outstanding Program Award for 2009. The honor is given to recognize outstanding or extraordinary law-related programs that serve the legal profession and the public. The award will be presented during the State Bar's Annual Meeting at the Buffalo Thunder Resort on Friday, July 10 at 5:00 PM.

Thank You Mock Trial Volunteers

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Special thanks to CCV staff member and scoring wizard Anthony Gonzales!



THANK YOU!

4th Annual Franchini Scholarships Awarded



Evan Dixon, Sandia Prep (Albuquerque), and Nicole Joe, Cibola High School (Albuquerque), were named the recipients of the 2009 Hon. Gene E. Franchini mock trial scholarship. Any student who was in mock trial for two or more years, including participating at regionals in the application year, was eligible to apply for the \$750 award.

Pojoaque Wins Mock Trial Professionalism & Spirit Award



Team members from Pojoaque White earned CCV's Professionalism & Spirit Award for their outstanding conduct and sportsmanship at the 2009 mock trial competition. In addition to a trophy, the school received a check for \$500.

Mock Trial



Thank You Mock Trial Judges

These generous people gave their time and expertise to serve as judges and jurors at the 2009 New Mexico high school mock trial competitions.

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- Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department**
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- Nadine Sanchez and Melody Longwill, Third Judicial District Court**
- The University of New Mexico School of Law**

Congratulations and many, many thanks to the following dedicated teachers and attorneys/judges below who generously gave their time and energy to mentor hundreds of students in this year's New Mexico high school mock trial program.

Mock Trial

Teachers	Attorneys	Team Name
Joaquin Sanchez	Sonia Roth	Albuquerque Academy
Jeff Huggins	J. Ed Casados	Albuquerque Green
Jeff Huggins	J. Ed Casados	Albuquerque White
Jacque Davenport	none	Animas
Marvin Romero	David Berlin	Cibola Brown
Marvin Romero	David Berlin	Cibola Gold
Dawn Rupp	Wendell Lane	Cloudfcroft
Elizabeth Kriegel	Jarod Hofacket	Deming
Jeanette Ayon		
George Shea	The Hon. Neil Candelaria	La Cueva
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Burt Bowles	none	Piedra Vista Blue
Burt Bowles	none	Piedra Vista Silver
Josh Waldman	Santiago Juarez	Pojoaque Green
Josh Waldman	Robert Gonzales	Pojoaque Black
Josh Waldman	Scott Fuqua	Pojoaque White
Robin Smith	Terrence Kamm Steven McConnell	Raton
Marissa Bannerman	Ken Fladager	Rio Rancho
Cramer Johnson	Matt Vance	Sandia Blue
Cramer Johnson	Matt Vance	Sandia Red
Stacy Moses	Michael Cox Jerry Dixon Michelle Hironaka	Sandia Prep Blue
Stacy Moses	Michael Cox Jerry Dixon Michelle Hironaka	Sandia Prep Red
Stacy Moses	Michael Cox Jerry Dixon Michelle Hironaka	Sandia Prep Silver
Robyn Dow	Jack Jacks	St. Pius X Black
Robyn Dow	Jack Jacks	St. Pius X Gold
Anne Young	The Hon. Frank Sedillo	Valley Gold
Anne Young	The Hon. Franck Sedillo	Valley Maroon
Marvin Romero Robby Berlin	David Berlin	Volcano Vista



Cibola Takes Lucky 13th at National Mock Trial



Cibola High School, which won the 2009 New Mexico high school mock trial state championship, earned the right to represent the state at the national finals in Atlanta, Georgia, in May. After placing first in the state the team had just five weeks to learn a new case entitled, *State of Georgia vs. Ashley Dougherty*, the murder trial of the New Echota museum curator who was accused of killing a local artist.

The Cibola students finished in 13th place and the students earned either an outstanding witness or attorney award nomination in every round. The team – Bridget Elliott, James Reid and Emily Maturo (front row left to right) and Chris Hodges, Jesse Hernandez, Jonathan Dominguez, Nicole Joe and Antonio Page-Kahn (back row left to right) was coached by Marvin Romero (seated far left), Robby Berlin (back row center) and David Berlin (seated far right).

SANDIA PREP ATTENDS AMERICAN MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL



First runner up in the New Mexico high school mock trial championship, Sandia Prep Silver, competed against 26 teams from the US, Canada and South Korea at the American Mock Trial Invitational in Brunswick, New Jersey. Prep placed fourth at the three-trial event and Laura Donnelly received two best attorney awards, while teammates Shane Briley and Costa Logothetis each earned a best witness award.

CCV CHAIR ELECTED TO NATIONAL BOARD



"I believe I am a strong advocate for mock trial because I have witnessed firsthand how instrumental the program has been in keeping some students in school."

David M. Berlin, the Chair of CCV's Board of Directors, was elected to the National High School Mock Trial Championship, Inc. Board of Directors in a vote of mock trial coordinators from across the country.

David has been involved with the New Mexico mock trial program since 1988, when he began judging and over the next several years he also helped to draft several cases that were written for New Mexico. In 2002, he became the attorney coach at Cibola High School, thereby ending his case-authoring days, and in 2009, began coaching at a second school, Volcano Vista. David has also judged at the national level since 1995, except in 2004, 2006 and 2009 when he was the coach of the state champion team from Cibola and attended nationals as a coach, rather than a judge.

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The Board extends a heartfelt "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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Rose Scholarship Awarded

Amber Abercrombie, a student at the University of New Mexico School of Law, was selected by the school to receive the U.M. Rose Scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year. The scholarship was established at CCV through a bequest from the Rose family of Hobbs and an anonymous donor, and is awarded annually to provide financial aid to a student from the south-eastern part of the state.



Mullins Scholarship Awarded

Charlie Kalm, a student at the University of New Mexico School of Law, was selected by the school to receive the Joseph J. Mullins Memorial Scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year. The scholarship was established in memory of long-time CCV board member and Rodey lawyer Joe Mullins.



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

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League of Women Voters' Education Fund
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The institutions whose names are listed in bold are members of CCV's IOLTA Honor Roll. Because they waive minimum balance requirements or processing fees to CCV, several thousand additional dollars are available annually to help the nearly 1/2 million New Mexicans who benefit from services provided by IOLTA-funded organizations.

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Supreme Court Approves \$307,000 in 2009 IOLTA Grants

Nine New Mexico nonprofits that provide civil legal services for the poor, improvements in the administration of justice or legal education for the public will receive more than \$300,000 in IOLTA funding in 2009. Applications were submitted in October and were considered by the seven-member IOLTA grant committee in November. That group's recommendations were reviewed by the Center for Civic Values' board of directors and were submitted to the Court for its approval in December. The Court approved funding for the following organizations.

ADVOCACY, INC.

which protects and promotes the interests of at-risk children and youth, will receive \$30,000 to fund a portion of the legal services necessary for court-ordered guardianships and adoptions by grandparents, relatives and friends who elect to care for children whose parents are incarcerated, drug-addicted, deceased, abusive or absent.



Advocacy, Inc., client and grandchild

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL NEW MEXICO

will use its \$40,000 grant to advocate on behalf of battered immigrants by hiring a legal assistant to support its VAWA Immigration attorney and by expanding its volunteer activities.

ENLACE COMMUNITARIO

works to eliminate intergenerational violence among Latino immigrants. Enlace's \$35,000 grant will be used to offer bilingual, culturally appropriate, free legal services and education about the justice system, and to assist with forms completion and court translation for Spanish-speaking victims of domestic violence.

LEGAL FACs

offers face-to-face free or low cost civil legal services and referrals to low-income pro se litigants in domestic matters, representation in cases where pro se is unsuitable, and, victim advocacy. Its \$30,128 in IOLTA funding will be used to provide a legal assistant for its forms clinics and hosting for its pro se web site, which receives more than 1,000 hits each month.

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

offers free and low-cost legal representation to organizations and grassroots groups throughout the state that fight environmental injustice. Its \$10,000 grant will help efforts to support low-income, minority communities that face environmental degradation and health issues.

NEW MEXICO CENTER OF LAW AND POVERTY

advocates for effective, systemic solutions to poverty and the problems facing those who are poor. The Center will use its \$92,000 to improve the administration of public assistance programs, increase access to healthcare at hospitals serving the indigent, increase protections for poor laborers, and, augment the quantity and quality of civil legal services available to low-income New Mexicans.

NEW MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL

will use its \$10,000 award to conduct a six-month educational program that improves students' knowledge, skills and attitudes about the law and the legal system and helps build their understanding about their rights

PEGASUS LEGAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

promotes, supports and defends the legal rights of children to safe and stable homes, quality education and healthcare, and, a voice in the decisions that are made about their lives. Pegasus will use its \$14,996 IOLTA grant to help fund a youth law project in the area of family law for young parents, legal needs of homeless/runaway youth, and helping youth transition from foster care to adulthood.

SENIOR CITIZENS' LAW OFFICE

offers free legal assistance to persons over 60 in Central New Mexico. SCLO's \$45,000 award will provide funding for the Health Care Rights Project. Previously a Bernalillo County-focused effort, the project is now expanding to Sandoval, Torrance and Valencia counties.

Call 764-9417, extension 14, for more information about IOLTA grants or visit IOLTA on the web at http://www.civicvalues.org/IOLTA_main.htm.

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July 4

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August 19

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September 1

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September 7

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October 1

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IOLTA 2010 Grant
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October 24

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November 1

IOLTA 2009 Grantee Final
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November 17

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