

## 2018 State High School Mock Trial Competition Winners Announced

Congratulations to Jesuit High School (New Orleans), winners of the 2018 Richard N. Ware, IV State High School Mock Trial Competition! The competition was held on March 10, 2018 at the 24th Judicial District Court in Gretna. The members of the first place team are: Nathan Alvarez, Gabe Dupuy, Ethan Erhardt, Christian Lacoste, Nick Leonik and Manuel Molina. Jesuit team member Manuel Molina was also awarded Best Attorney, and team member Nick Leonik was awarded Best Witness. The Jesuit team will now go on to compete in the 2018 National High School Mock Trial Championship this spring in Reno, Nev.

Second place went to the mock trial team from Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Metairie): Adija Bhattacharjee, Omer Israeli, Kiera Lesky, Carter Nugent, Luke Vedros and Jacob Zanca.

The State High School Mock Trial Competition is the culmination of four regional championships. It is coordinated annually by the LSBA's Young Lawyers Division. The competition is named in memory of the Honorable Richard N. Ware, IV, who enthusiastically volunteered for nearly a decade as the presiding judge of the final round of the Louisiana High School Mock Trial Competition.

This year's state case, *State of Louisiana VS. Hendrix Rhodes*, was written by the members of the University of Louisiana-Monroe Mock Trial Team. Click here to view the [2018 High School Mock Trial Case](#).