

# **MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION**

In February and March 2019, more than 700 junior and senior high school students across Utah tried a civil case in which Savea Tuvale, a minor who was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, was pepper sprayed by the Emigration Police Department's agent, a school resource officer at Emigration High School. The Officer ordered Savea to hand over his backpack in which it was later determined to contain a 3D non-functional model of a gun. As Savea reached for his backpack, he was pepper sprayed by the Officer. The Officer handcuffed Savea and took him to the principal's office. After an hour, he was transported to the police station where he later was released in his guardian's care. Savea didn't return to Emigration High School; instead, he returned to his home in Pago Pago, on the island of Tutuila, which is part of American Samoa.

Students impressed more than 250 judges, attorneys, and community representatives with their presentations in over 90 mock trials held in Salt Lake valley courtrooms. The high school and junior high school championship rounds were in the Court of Appeals Courtroom in the Scott M. Matheson Courthouse. The high school National Mock Trial Competition will be in Athens, Georgia, in May.

The Utah State Bar, Utah Bar Foundation, and Utah Law Related Education honor this year's mock trial champions, first-place courtroom artists, and first-place courtroom journalists.

## **WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

Tejita Agarwal  
Gideon Gomm  
Lizzie Peterson  
Kiyana Banuri  
Kenneth Nelson  
Andrea Oltra Alonzo  
Ciara Khor Brogan  
Marleigh Anderson  
Vinay Bandiatmakur  
Kishan Thambu  
Coach: Jacob Taber  
Attorney Coaches: Edwin Wall; Sadè Turner

## **INTEGRITAS**

Mia Carter  
Mia Sharpe  
Matthew Hatch  
Abby Erickson  
Tyler Tingey

Simon Kisby  
Ian Wilde  
Savannah Orton  
Jamie Floyd  
Coach: Suzanne Christensen

## **COURTROOM ARTISTS**

### **FIRST PLACE SENIOR DIVISION**

Noelani Hegwood  
Tooele High School

### **FIRST PLACE JUNIOR DIVISION**

Sydney Bateman  
Central Davis Junior High School

## **COURTROOM JOURNALISTS**

### **FIRST PLACE SENIOR DIVISION**

Treysen Anderson  
Integritas

### **FIRST PLACE JUNIOR DIVISION**

Jonny Hunsaker  
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