



# Mock Trial

2025-2026

**Who:** 4L-4R scholars

**Where:** Room 1321

**When:** Tuesdays, 3:45-5:15 p.m.

**Dates:** September 23 – February 3

**Advisor:** Magistra Towell &  
Magistra Demakis-Haustein

**Fee:** \$125, payable to *Parnassus*

**Deadline:** Thursday, September 18

The Minnesota High School Mock Trial Program is an exciting law-related education program that introduces students to the American legal system and provides a challenging opportunity for personal growth and achievement. Scholars will exercise their critical thinking and teamwork skills, as well as the basic skills learned in the classroom.

Teams are given case materials based on an actual trial and with the guidance of their coaches work to form a prosecution and defense team, including witnesses. Teams employ research to form their arguments and testimonies over the proceeding months, then work to take on the roles of lawyers and witnesses before presenting their case against their opponents to a real judge at a county courthouse.

## **TENTATIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULE:**

At the time of this publication (August 2025), exact competition dates have not been announced. We also do not know if they will take place in-person or virtually. Last school year saw a mix of both. More information will be sent home as soon as it becomes available.

In past years, we have participated in 1-2 invitationals on Saturdays during the month of December. These are typically hosted by local high schools or universities.

Courthouse trials take place over 4-5 weeks. They will likely be held on either Tuesdays or Thursdays during the weeks listed below.

### **Tentative Courthouse Trial Schedule:**

1. Week of January 5 – Round 1
2. Week of January 12 – Round 2
3. Week of January 19 – Make Up Trial (if applicable)
4. Week of January 26 – Round 3
5. Week of February 2 – Round 4
6. Week of February 9 - Round 5 (playoff round, only if team qualifies)



## **REGISTER**

All Parnassus activity registrations must be completed online at: <https://students.arbitersports.com/organizations/parnassus-preparatory-school> by a parent/guardian. Registration is not complete until the online registration form and payment have been submitted. Please note, activity registration has moved to a new website. All parents/guardians will need to create an account when registering for the first time in the new system.

Questions:

Ms. Baddin: [baddin@parnassusprep.com](mailto:baddin@parnassusprep.com) (763)-496-1416 ext. 290