



Mock Trial

2026-2027

Who: 4L-4R scholars

Where: Room 1321

When: Tuesdays, 3:15-4:45 p.m.

Dates: September 22 – February 2

Advisor: Magistra Towell &
Magistra Demakis-Haustein

Fee: \$145, payable to *Parnassus*

Deadline: Thursday, September 17

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 2026), 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 Tuesdays, or possibly Thursdays, during the weeks listed below.

Tentative Courthouse Trial Schedule:

1. Week of January 4 – Round 1
2. Week of January 11 – Round 2
3. Week of January 18 – Make Up Trial (if applicable)
4. Week of January 25 – Round 3
5. Week of February 1 – Round 4
6. Week of February 8 - 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. All parents/guardians will need to create an account when registering for the first time in the system.

Questions:

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