



# Glenbard Township High School District 87

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## **Mock Trial team takes second place at state competition**

Congratulations to the Glenbard South High School Mock Trial team for taking second place at state, after intense competition on March 3 and 4. Sixty teams competed, and Glenbard South was the only public school to place in the top three.

Team members conducted both prosecution and defense trials that were nearly flawless. Their commitment to excellence and the demonstration of their knowledge, after months of study, practice and preparation, epitomizes Glenbard South spirit in scholarly endeavors.

Special citations were awarded to Ben Miller ('09) as "best witness" in the role of Sheriff's Deputy Reece Mathewson and Amarto Bhattacharyya ('08) as "best attorney" for his direct examination of witnesses. Team members include:

For the Prosecution:

Julie Merritt ('07) - Attorney, Opening Statement and Closing Argument  
Amarto Bhattacharyya ('08) - Attorney, Direct Examination  
Katie Kosartes ('07) - Attorney, Cross Examination  
Ben Miller ('09) - Witness Reece Mathewson, Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy  
Katie Ledwidge ('06) - Witness Shelby Cullom, Student  
Alison Anderson ('09) - Witness Skeeter Ferris, Cemetery Security

For the Defense:

Tyler Sandquist ('07) - Attorney, Opening Statement and Closing Argument  
Claire van Eijk ('06) - Co-Captain. Attorney, Direct Examination  
Margaret Truesdale ('07) - Co-Captain. Attorney, Cross Examination  
Masha Shapiro ('08) - Witness Jesse Dubois, Student  
Jessica Wong ('09) - Witness Pat Dowling, Student  
Monica Guio ('08) - Lee Dubois, parent of Jesse Dubois

Glenbard South's team is ranked second in the state, No. 1 in DuPage and Lake counties, No. 2 in Cook County and No. 3 in Kane County. It is the only team in northern Illinois to place in every regional competition and at state.

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