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# **Judge Marlinga to Preside at Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament**

Macomb County Probate Judge Carl Marlinga will serve as the Presiding Judge in the State Finals of the Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament. This event will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Courthouse in Lansing on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

The Tournament, which is sponsored by the Michigan Center for Civic Education, is a wonderful instructional opportunity for elementary and secondary students. Teams of students are assigned a "case" and act out the roles of attorneys and witnesses. The teams compete in real courtrooms and argue their cases in front of real judges and lawyers who have volunteered to judge the competition.

Macomb County Probate Judge Carl Marlinga will serve as Presiding Judge for the final championship round of the Tournament. "Mock trial competitions are an invaluable educational opportunity for students. It provides students with an 'inside' look at the law and helps them develop critical thinking skills. It's an honor to be asked to preside, and admittedly, very enjoyable for me to view the law through a fresh set of eyes."

The Veteran's Memorial Courthouse is located at 313 W. Kalamazoo in Lansing, Michigan, and runs from 8:00 a.m. to 6:40 p.m. For more information about the Michigan Center for Civic Education, please go to <http://www.miciviced.org/>. For Judge Marlinga's profile, please see: <http://probatecourt.macombgov.org/ProbateCourt-CarlMarlinga>.

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