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In mock trial competitions, teams are supplied with the facts and stipulations surrounding a case. Countless hours are spent preparing trial strategies, witness roles, opening and closing statements, and direct and cross-examination questions for both the plaintiff and defense.

"It is so exciting to have made it this far for the first time," said Jon Mikels, Class of 2008, Mock Trial president and team captain. "This is something I want to do, so its great practice for the future, but it's also a bit of fun."

Ben Wilkinson, Class of 2007, Mock Trial business manager, said the practice and the competitions serve as a character building experience. "I have learned so much from Mock Trial. You learn to trust yourself and trust in your abilities," Wilkinson said.

Besides Wilkinson and Mikels, Megan Mease, Andrew Calhoun, Jason Novak, Britany Crowley, and Amy Bishop will compete in the tournament.

The 15-member Mock Trial organization, which consists of two teams, focuses on learning about the work of trial attorneys, understanding the judicial system, and developing critical thinking and communication skills.

