

## **All Six Oswego County Mock Trial Teams Advance**

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Spirits are high after the first week of the Mock Trial Tournament with two teams walking away undefeated. Central Square and Oswego both edged out opponents in the preliminary rounds to increase their standings to 2-0 in their respective divisions. In the morning trial, yesterday, between Central Square and Pulaski, at the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse, the presiding judge, Mary E. Rain, Esq., ruled in favor of the Central Square team. In the afternoon trial between Mexico and Oswego, Fulton City Court Judge, Hon. Spencer J. Ludington, ruled in favor of the Oswego team. The winners in a mock trial are decided by tallying points awarded to each team during the trial based upon various objective criteria. Teams alternate between representing the prosecution and defense from match to match. The scores in both of these matches were very close.

Since none of the six participating teams have been eliminated, all schools remain in contention to win the event, and the right to represent Oswego County at the Regional Competition which is slated for April 28<sup>th</sup>, in Norwich, New York. However, there are still several trials yet to be held before the overall county winner will be determined. The undefeated teams, Oswego and Central Square, move on to the semi-final round, on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The other four teams, Hannibal, Mexico, Pulaski, and Sandy Creek, will compete on February 26<sup>th</sup> to determine who will emerge as the other two semi-finalists. The top two teams will compete in the County Finals scheduled for March 31, 2007.