



## MOCK TRIAL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015

### *U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia to Address NHSMTA Awards Gala*

The Carolina Center for Civic Education is pleased to announce that the Honorable Antonin Scalia will give the keynote address at the 2015 National High School Mock Trial Championship in Raleigh on May 16.

Justice Scalia is the senior associate justice on the Court, having assumed his office in September 1986. He previously served on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and as a Professor of Law at both the University of Virginia and the University of Chicago.

“We are extremely excited that Justice Scalia has agreed to attend the NHSMTA next month,” said Gordon Widenhouse, Host Director for the competition in Raleigh. “He is an engaging speaker and will provide the highlight to our hosting this event.”

The NHSMTA runs from May 14-16. It is not too late to participate.

On Thursday, May 14, there will be various meetings and social events. The evening includes a Pin Exchange for the students, at which the Honorable Paul M. Newby will talk about North Carolina’s effort to regain its original copy of the Bill of Rights.

On Friday and Saturday, forty-six teams from across the nation as well as several other countries, will compete in trials at the Wake County Courthouse, the North Carolina State Bar, and Campbell Law School during the morning and afternoon. There will be a reception for all volunteer judges at the State Bar on Friday evening. Chief Justice Mark Martin will speak at this reception.

Justice Scalia will give the keynote address during the awards ceremony on Saturday, May 16 from 8:00-10:30 pm at the Raleigh Convention Center. Limited tickets to this awards ceremony, which includes a dessert buffet, will be available. To purchase your tickets, which are



*Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice, was born in Trenton, New Jersey, on March 11, 1936. He married Maureen McCarthy in 1960 and has nine children – Ann Forrest, Eugene, John Francis, Catherine Elisabeth, Mary Clare, Paul David, Matthew, Christopher James, and Margaret Jane. He received an A.B. in 1957 from Georgetown University and the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, an LL.B. in 1960 from Harvard Law School, and was a Sheldon Fellow of Harvard University from 1960-1961. He was in private practice in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1961-1967, and served as Professor of Law at the University of Virginia from 1967-1971, as Professor of Law at the University of Chicago from 1977-1982, and as Visiting Professor of Law at both Georgetown University and Stanford University. He served as Chairman of the American Bar Association’s Section of Administrative Law from 1981-1982 and its Conference of Section Chairmen from 1982-1983. He served as General Counsel of the Office of Telecommunications Policy from 1971-1972, as Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States from 1972-1974, and as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel from 1974-1977. He served as a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1982. Nominated as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States by President Reagan, he assumed that office on September 26, 1986.*

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Hundreds of people will be assisting with the NHSMTTC. It is not too late to join us. You can register to volunteer at [www.mocktrialvolunteer.com](http://www.mocktrialvolunteer.com).

The NHSMTTC in Raleigh promises to be an unforgettable experience. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend!