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Judiciary of Guam Kicks Off 2025 Mock Trial Season

(Hagåtña, Guam) — From powerful opening statements to quick-fire objections, Guam's high school students are ready to bring the courtroom to life as the Judiciary of Guam launches a new season of the **Guam High School Mock Trial Competition** (GHSMTTC), a dynamic civic education program that immerses students in the courtroom experience.

The season begins with a **Mock Trial Boot Camp** on **Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Judicial Education Center, followed by an **acting and improv workshop from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.** Led by volunteer attorneys Leslie Travis and Kyra Blas, the Boot Camp offers a fast-paced introduction to case theory, objections, and trial strategy. Students will also enhance their courtroom presence in the "I've Got (Acting) Skills" workshop with local actress Hannah Elmore, focusing on voice, pacing, posture, and just the right touch of courtroom drama.

Alongside the competition, the Judiciary will host the Courtroom Artist and Courtroom Journalist Contests, open to all high school students—including those not on a mock trial team—offering a creative lens into the courtroom, allowing students to capture the drama of trial through art and storytelling. The **registration deadline** for teams, artists, and journalists is **Friday, September 26, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**, with online registration available at the [GHSMTTC webpage](#). Mock trial matches will begin October 7, 2025, and the champion team (together with the courtroom artist and journalist winners) will represent Guam at the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Des Moines, Iowa, in May 2026.

"The Guam High School Mock Trial Competition is about more than learning the law—it's about building skills, confidence, and community," said Administrator of the Courts Danielle T. Rosete. *"Whether you are a competitor, an artist, or a writer, this program empowers students to engage with the justice system in meaningful ways."*

The Judiciary of Guam proudly hosts the GHSMTTC in partnership with the District Court of Guam, Guam Bar Association (GBA), and Guam Department of Education (GDOE) to promote civic learning, understanding of the judicial system, and the importance of trial by jury.

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