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**Orange County To Host  
State Finals of the Mock Trial Competition**

Santa Ana - For the first time in the 23 year history of California Mock Trial, Orange County will host the Mock Trial State Finals, April 2 - 4, 2004. More than 700 high-school students, representing 36 counties throughout California, will meet at the Orange County Superior Court Central Justice Center in Santa Ana, to compete for the State championship. The team representing Orange County is from El Dorado High School in Placentia.

“The Constitutional Rights Foundation’s Mock Trial program is a great opportunity for students to learn about our justice system. Teenagers who participate in the program gain an understanding of legal procedures and their rights and responsibilities,” said Fred Horn, Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court.

This year students will present a simulated case, *People v. Casco*, the trial of a high school senior who is accused of leading a credit card scam at his school. Superior Court, California Appellate and Federal Court judges will preside over each of the five rounds of competition and attorneys will rate the performance of student teams in a variety of categories. The winning team will advance to compete at the National Mock Trial Competition in Orlando, Florida, May 7 - 9, 2004.

The Constitutional Rights Foundation, Orange County and the Constitutional Rights Foundation, Los Angeles have been instrumental in bringing the State competition to Orange County. Many community partners who have contributed to this year's State Finals include: Superior Court of California, County of Orange; Orange County Transportation Authority; Orange County Sheriff's Department; and the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

For further information contact Anne B. Nutt of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, Orange County at (949) 440-6757, x 160 or Lisa Reale at the Constitutional Rights Foundation, Los Angeles at (323) 938-6170. Laura Wesley of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, Los Angeles will be on site at the competition (714) 334-2465.

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