

LOGOS SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL

Idaho State Champions

1995	1996	1999	2000
2001	2004	2005	2006
2007	2008	2009	2010
2011	2012	2013	2015
	2017		

Logos School's Mock Trial Team thanks...

tonight's jurors, and Judge Evans, for giving their evening to us; and to the University of Idaho Law School for opening their courtroom to us;

Tom Garfield, our drama coach, for offering his expertise in all facets of case preparation, but especially in preparing our witnesses;

the Logos Mock Trial alumni who sparred against us in practice, steeling us for competition—you are all distinguished state champions (year indicated): Carolyn (Garfield) Wilson (1998), Sam Creason (2000, 2001; coach of champions in 2011, 2012*, 2013), Samuel Dickison (2004, 2005*, 2006*, 2007*), Chantelle (Courtney) Wilson (2008), Maggie Church (2008), Gavin Meyer (2010, 2012*), Morgan (Schlect) Abens (2011, 2012*, 2013), Danny Bradley (2015, 2016*); special thanks to Morgan Abens for organizing the alumni squad;

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our parents, for putting up with all this Mock Trial madness, for following us to competitions around the state and packing courtroom galleries with their friendly faces, and for giving us the exciting opportunity to compete at the regional, state and national levels.

Logos School Presents...

Idaho High School Mock Trial Demonstration



May 6, 2017

Presiding Judge

The Hon. Michelle Evans, Magistrate Judge,
Idaho's Second Judicial District for Nez Perce County

Jurors

Evan Ellis News Director, KQQQ Radio

The Hon. Bill Lambert, Mayor of Moscow

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT
FOR THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HARTFORD

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Plaintiff,

v.

WILBUR MERRITT IV

Defendant.

Case No.: HHDCR16-000015

CASE SUMMARY

In the early morning of November 1, 2014, police discovered the dead body of seventeen-year-old Sigourney Porter at the Adriaen's Landing area near the bank of the Connecticut River. She had suffered a violent blow to her head, and authorities found a hockey stick nearby that was covered in Sigourney's blood.

The night before, on Halloween, Sigourney was among many teenagers who had gathered at Adriaen's Landing for a party. Some partygoers came dressed up as team members of a local hockey club and brought along hockey sticks—including Quinn Putnam, Winchester Colt and the defendant, Wilbur Merritt. Leslie Crandall was also at the party.

The investigation, led by Lieut. Bobby Uncas, failed to turn up sufficient evidence to solve the crime. Then, two years later, Wilbur Merritt confessed to killing Sigourney to the members of a secret fraternal organization in the course of an initiation rite. Soon after Merritt's confession came to light, the State of Connecticut charged him with murder in the death of Sigourney Porter.

Prosecution Counsel

Nate Miller opening statement
Preston Evans
Emma Story closing argument

Prosecution Witnesses

Lieut. Bobby Uncas Regan Meyer
direct examination: Preston Evans
cross examination: Emma Story

Leslie Crandall Elli Sensing
direct examination: Emma Story
cross examination: Preston Evans

Jackie Webster Luke Mason
direct examination: Nate Miller
cross examination: Bennett Schlect

Defense Counsel

Bennett Schlect opening statement
Emma Story
Preston Evans closing argument

Defense Witnesses

Quinn Putnam Ethan Howell
direct examination: Bennett Schlect
cross examination: Nate Miller

Sal Newman Luke Mason
direct examination: Emma Story
cross examination: Preston Evans

Dr. Jamie Hale Nate Miller
direct examination: Preston Evans
cross examination: Emma Story

Coaches

Maggie Church, assistant coach
Chris Schlect, head coach
Bill Thompson, attorney coach
Chantelle Wilson, assistant coach