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## The Regional Municipality of York hosts annual York Region Secondary School Mock Trial Competition

*Opening Ceremonies to take place at York Region Administrative Centre TODAY at 2 p.m.*

**NEWMARKET** – The Regional Municipality of York is hosting the opening ceremonies of the annual York Region Secondary School Mock Trial Competition today, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

The event brings together more than 200 students, representing 24 schools from across York Region to compete for the coveted 2008 Judge's Cup.

Students prosecute and defend a criminal case through inter-collegial competition. Each team is aided by a lawyer coach leading up to and during the competition.

Team are evaluated on the basis of proper trial process and procedure; development and presentation of appropriate legal argument and statements; oral advocacy and use of compelling arguments; witness performance and courtroom etiquette.



Students also have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with recruiters and representatives from The Regional Municipality of York, York Regional Police, OPP and Osgoode Hall Law School on potential career and education opportunities during a career fair preceding the competition opening ceremonies.

**WHO:** More than 200 students, representing 24 schools from across York Region

**WHAT:** Annual York Region Secondary School Mock Trial Competition

**WHEN:** TODAY, Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.  
*The career fair takes place in the Great Hall beginning at 1 p.m.*

**WHERE:** Council Chamber of the York Region Administrative Centre, located at 17250 Yonge Street in the Town of Newmarket.

The first round of competition begins at 4 p.m. at the Newmarket Courthouse (located across the street) at 50 Eagle Street West. ***\*\*Please note that both the opening ceremonies and the competition at the courthouse are open to the media and TV cameras.***

For more information on The Regional Municipality of York, please visit [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)

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