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## Guam Mock Trial Champion Okkodo High School Headed to Nationals with Courtroom Artist and Journalist Winners

Hagåtña, Guam – Following the victory of Okkodo High School in the final match of the Guam High School Mock Trial Competition (GHSMTTC) on January 22, the Mock Trial Bulldogs will now advance to the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Phoenix, Arizona, where they will represent Guam alongside teams from across the United States, the Northern Mariana Islands, and South Korea.

Courtroom Artist winner Tetin Deleon Guerrero from Father Dueñas Memorial School and Courtroom Journalist winner Giada Sachi Meno from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam will also compete at the national level with the mock trial team. A series of educational sessions and activities will be held locally and in Phoenix, Arizona to prepare for the competition and further develop the team's skills and readiness.

*“The Guam High School Mock Trial Competition plays a crucial role in shaping the future leaders of our legal community,”* said Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts. *“Through this program, students gain invaluable experience in legal reasoning, public speaking, and teamwork—skills that will serve them well in any career they choose.”*

The Judiciary of Guam, in partnership with the Guam Bar Association, the Guam Department of Education, and the District Court of Guam, thanks all participants for their dedication and extends special appreciation to the GHSMTTC Courtroom Journalism and Artist Contest judges: Compiler of Laws Attorney Geraldine A. Cepeda, KUAM news anchor Nick Delgado, Pacific Daily News senior reporter Jojo Santo Tomas, Guam Police Department sketch artist Pete Pascua, local artists Frank Perez and Jessica Perez-Jackson, and local actress Hannah Elmore for leading the acting workshop.

Guam high schools are encouraged to start recruiting participants and preparing now for the next season in September 2025.

For more information about the GHSMTTC, contact State Coordinator Joleen Respicio at [jrespicio@guamcourts.gov](mailto:jrespicio@guamcourts.gov) or visit <https://www.guamcourts.org/ghsmtc/index.html>. For more information about the National High School Mock Trial Championship, visit <https://phoenix2025.nhsmtc.org>.

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