

## DC Everest student wins Wisconsin Mock Trial courtroom artist competition

MADISON, Wis. (March 16, 2026) – Beyla Fritz, a student at DC Everest High School in Weston, won the Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Courtroom Artist Competition during the semifinal rounds of the tournament March 7–8.

The competition is part of the annual Wisconsin High School Mock Trial program sponsored by the Wisconsin Law Foundation, the charitable arm of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

Fritz’s sketch portrays two courtroom participants during a mock trial proceeding. One figure is seated at the stand speaking into a microphone while another stands nearby with hands clasped. Using graphite and colored pencil, Fritz adds shading and contrast to define the figures and courtroom furniture, while selective color highlights the central subjects. An American flag appears in the background, reinforcing the courtroom setting. Like professional courtroom artists, Fritz created the drawing while observing the proceedings in real time.

The competition challenges students to create detailed sketches of trial participants while following strict courtroom guidelines. Artists must remain seated during the proceedings, refrain from communicating with teams or spectators, and submit their completed drawings to the presiding judge at the conclusion of the round. The winner is selected through a vote by tournament participants, including students and coaches.

Participants create their artwork on 11-by-14-inch paper in a horizontal format using mediums such as colored pencils, ink, pastels or markers. Judges evaluate entries based on composition, accuracy and the artist’s ability to capture the atmosphere of the courtroom.

The Wisconsin High School Mock Trial program helps students develop critical thinking, public speaking and analytical skills while learning about the legal system. The courtroom artist competition adds a creative dimension to the program, allowing students to engage with the legal field through art.

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Beyla Fritz of DC Everest High School in Weston holds the award after winning the Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Courtroom Artist Competition during the semifinal rounds of the tournament March 7–8 in Madison. Photo by Shannon Green/State Bar of Wisconsin.



This courtroom sketch by Beyla Fritz of DC Everest High School depicts two participants during a mock trial proceeding at the Wisconsin High School Mock Trial tournament semifinals March 7–8. Photo by Shannon Green/State Bar of Wisconsin.

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