

Santa Clara County Mock Trial 2008

Mock Trial is a program that allows students to develop the skills necessary for the mastery of state content standards for history and social science. Through performance-based education, the program furthers an understanding of both the content and processes of our legal system; increases basic skills, analytical ability, and self-confidence; and promotes cooperation among students of various cultures and interests. Students build self-esteem and increase their content knowledge about the law. Students act as prosecution and defense attorneys and witnesses for the court case.

- **PEOPLE v. PALMER** is the trial of Alex Palmer, an ex-employee of a famous television producer, who is alleged to have murdered his former employer Jes Markson.
- **Who:** High school students from schools throughout the Santa Clara County
- **When:** February 5, 7, 11, 13
Quarterfinals on February 26
Semifinals on February 27
Finals scheduled for February 28
Trials begin around 6pm.
- **Where:** The Santa Clara County Superior Court
191 N. First Street
San Jose, CA 95113
Final Round: Old Court House
161 N. First Street
San Jose, CA 95113



In a pre-trial argument, the prosecution will argue that the results of a scientific test called memory mapping meets the requirements the Court set in *Kelly v. State* to determine if evidence is relevant and reliable.

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