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Jim Kline and Tom Glassman, Shareholders in our Cleveland and Cincinnati offices, recently concluded coaching teams in the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education's annual Ohio High School Mock Trial Competition. Tom coached Wyoming High School and Jim coached Perry High School.

The students were given a "ripped from the headlines" fact pattern early in the school year and spent the next four months preparing their cases for trial. This year's case involved the interplay of First and Second Amendment issues. At the competition, the student teams played the roles of both attorneys and witnesses. Judging was done by local judges and attorneys. In true BSPH fashion, cross-examination got a little feisty at times!

The Ohio Supreme Court is one of the main sponsors of the competition. It focuses on developing critical thinking and public speaking skills, as well as teaching students about our judicial system. The students worked incredibly hard and did a phenomenal job at competition!

For more about the competition, visit http://oclre.org/aws/OCLRE/pt/sp/mocktrial highschool





