

San Mateo County Mock Trial

28th Annual Competition • February 2012

People v. Buschell A Murder Trial

Ryan Buschell, a resident of Emerald City, is charged with murder and with violating the California Concealed Carry Statute.

The prosecution alleges that Ryan Buschell murdered friend and fellow Wheeler University student, Becca Abeles. The prosecution argues that a disagreement between Ryan and Becca led Becca to produce evidence that Ryan had violated the strict honor code at Wheeler. Exposure of this evidence would jeopardize Ryan's chance of inheriting \$20 million. It is further argued that a wound on Becca matches a knife owned by Ryan, and that fibers found on Becca match Ryan's clothing. Finally, the prosecution argues that eyewitness testimony will show that Ryan followed Becca from a desert music festival to her campsite where the murder took place.

The defense argues that Ryan and Becca have been friends since childhood, and that Ryan would never harm Becca. The defense argues that they had resolved their disagreement just prior to the homicide. The defense also argues that eyewitness testimony will show that Ryan has an alibi and was not at the campsite where Becca's body was found. The defense further argues that the forensic evidence regarding the knife and fibers is speculative and inconclusive.

The pretrial issue is whether restrictions on concealed firearms ownership in the California Concealed Carry Statute violate Ryan's fundamental right to bear arms under the Second Amendment. The defense argues that self-defense is a fundamental right and the right to carry a concealed handgun should extend beyond the home for self-defense purposes. The prosecution argues that the California statute is a reasonable regulation of the right to bear arms and is therefore constitutional.



Sarah Gonzales, South San Francisco, Courtroom Artist 2012

Sponsored by
The Constitutional Rights Foundation
The San Mateo County Bar Association
The San Mateo County Office of Education
The San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association

2012 Awards

Plaques

Outstanding pretrial attorney

Marjorie Marquardt, Menlo

Outstanding trial attorney

Kaiya Gordon, Hillsdale

Outstanding witness

Alex Melles, Crystal Springs

Outstanding courtroom artist

Sarah Gonzales, South San Francisco

Certificates of Excellence

Ali Amini, Aragon, trial attorney

Tammy Ng, Aragon, witness

Shagnon Fei, Carlmont, trial attorney

Cristal Guzman, Carlmont, witness

*Alexander Dubovoy, Crystal Springs
trial attorney*

Orysua Stys, El Camino, trial attorney

Aaron Cahen, Hillsdale, witness

Ali Ryan, Hillsdale, trial attorney

*Christian Ejercito, Jefferson, trial
attorney*

Lindsay Johnson, Menlo, trial attorney

Amanda Ballard, Menlo, witness

Mary Hanley, Menlo, trial attorney

Raymond Tong, Mills, trial attorney

Jennifer Kao, Mills, trial attorney

Rene Hosman, Notre Dame, witness

*Molly Miram, Notre Dame, trial
attorney*

*Amin Nilchian, San Mateo, trial
attorney*

Diane Liu, San Mateo, trial attorney

Chris Bradley, Serra, trial attorney

Bhavik Patel, Serra, trial attorney

Austin Lee, South San Francisco, witness

Miyako Takashima, South San

Francisco, trial attorney

Gabe Malasig, Terra Nova, witness

*Melissa Moyce, Terra Nova, trial
attorney*

*Austin Davidson, Westmoor, trial
attorney*

Dedication

John Heron and Gene Mullin founded the San Mateo competition in 1984 as teacher coaches. Then, as coordinators, with the support of all the sponsors and the assistance of Karen Gotelli, over twenty-five years they built and sustained this model program. Their vision and dedication have enabled all students and adults here today to experience the challenges and joys of mock trial in San Mateo County and beyond.

John Heron continues to support the program behind the scenes in a variety of ways, including reporting the scoring, developing the law day program, and this year singlehandedly designing and putting together our new website (www.mocktrial.org).

2012 Dedication

Dan Devitt, Chris Lagod, Craig Heimark, and Thom Scher have developed a model program at Menlo. Menlo has achieved a high standard of excellence and has created a rich, year round experience that attracts enough students to field a junior varsity as well as a varsity team. Menlo has won four out of the last five county championships, has won a national invitational tournament, and has represented San Mateo County well at the state tournament, this year finishing fifth. Menlo's success is a testament both to the students' efforts and to the immeasurable dedication and guidance of its coaches.

The Participants in 2012

Aragon

Richard Adelstein
Alex Batista
Angelika Batista
Sharon Borden
Joe Constanti
Jacob Engler
Gabe Hargis
Alexis Harrington
Ali Imani
Megan Kain
Linh Luu
Emma Mamis
Tammy Ng
Carly Olsen
Jackie Prager
Kiana Saniee
Regina Wen
Nathan Zhang
Teacher Advisor
Carlo Corti
Attorney Coach
David Lim

Carlmont

Julia Albertson
Michael Bastaki
Gavin Chase
Kevin Chow
Rachael Cissna
Gabriela D'Souza
Shangnon Fei
Jeff Grant
Michelle Guan
Cristal Guzman
Jack Hendershott
Alex Kumamoto
Lessan Kwok
Sabrina Leung
Alex Listvinsky
Danielle Schneider
Lauren Selby
Lina Tsvirkunova
Adelyn Yau
Teacher Advisor
Dave Gomez
Attorney Coaches
Michael Lizano
Melissa Derr
Rick Good

Crystal Springs

Nooshin Beygui
Cash Callaghan
Collin Ching
Jack Davidson
Alexander Dubovoy
Shayaan Haq
Molly Johnson
Helen Lo
David Madding
Alex Melles
Baylor Odabashian
Alessandra Occhiolini
Hope O'Leary
Conrad Sain
Alexander Tan
Julia Tang
Alexis Teter
Chloe Weiner
Teacher Advisor
Wells Wadleigh
Attorney Coach
Libby O'Leary

El Camino

Reef Aldayafyh
Victoria Araujo
Joseph Arroya
Benny Choi
Alexander Cougiran
Gabriella Estrada
Kevin Gelasio
Ben Lai
Sarah Ling
Emily McMonigle
Jasmine Reynoso
Orysua Stys
Maryio Ubamos
Teacher Advisor
Joel Compton
Attorney Coach
Emily Andrews

Hillsdale

Aaron Cahen
Benjamin Canevari
Courtney Carroux
Kaiya Gordon
Saloni Gupta

Kevin Hoffert
Shivraj Kodak
Noam Margalit
Hongying Markowitz
Quinn McElroy
Ryan McElroy
Reyna McKinnon
Sinead Nelson
Samantha Rosen
Ali Ryan
Neema Shayo
Dasha Shtykalo
Riya Singh
Kyle Slaughter
David Straub
Julia Yarak
Isik Yildiz
Teacher Advisors
Rebecca Chamow
Cynthia Soliman
Jaimie Yung
William Maples
Attorney Coaches
Mirissa McMurray
Jeff Feinberg

Jefferson

Andrew Aragona
Josephine Baesa
Roberto Castellanos
David Chan
Mei-Ping Chiu
Matthew Constantino
Micah Dela Cruz
Christian Ejercito
Bernadette Ferrer
Juan Garcia
Erika Igtanloc
Lorraine Manasan
Juan Miguel Pascal
Lelis Ramirez
Alexis Santiago-Cruz
Xavier Sarria
Teacher Advisors
Kyle Lessler
Kristen Ashford
Attorney Coach
David Silberman

Menlo

Helena Abbot
Amanda Ballard
Colin Barrett
Nick Batchelder
Sadie Bronk
Brett Caplan
Nick D' Alencon
Mary Hanley
Kevin Harris
Julia Heimark
Kathryn Hurd
Megan Jenson
Lindsay Johnson
Alexander Katsis
Marjory Marquardt
Allie Miller
Kate Park
Taylor Stone
Christina Wadsworth
Carson Witte
Teacher Advisor
Dan Devitt
Attorney Coaches
Craig Heimark
Chris Lagod
Other adults
Thom Sher
Abby Horrigan
David Larson
Jim Batchelder

**(The Participants
continue on the
next page.)**

The Participants in 2012 (continued)

Mills

Arjun Banerjee
Becca Cisneros
Anurag Dulapalli
Francis Fu
Valerie Fates
Ariel Gozzip
Shin Ikuno
Jennifer Kao
Jason Kim
Eric Lee
Jessica Liang
Jeffrey Liao
Kevin Mo
Dorothy Tao
Raymond Tong
Josephine Xu
Lawrence Yonathan
Natalie Zhang
Teacher Advisor
Barbara Campbell
Attorney Coaches
Dennis Zell
Rolando Pasquali

Notre Dame

Allie Coon
Taelor Coon
Linnea Doane
Elizabeth Holden
Rene Hosman
Kristen Jay
Kaylee Kohlmaier
Andee McKenzie
Amanda McGee
Molly Miram
Brooke Natenson
Emily Ohara
Hannah Say
Joelle Shane
Polina Shilyaeva
Jackie Sideras
Nikkie Singh
Delaney Steele
Teacher Advisor
Allison Hurley
Attorney Coaches
Elaine Tipton
Patti Holt

San Mateo

Marie Angle
Srinu Bhamadipati
Megha Bindal
Eric Chuang
Juhie Desai
Jessica Fu
Jordan Barron-Goldman
Liza Leykina
Diane Liu
Miranda Liu
Nidhi Manoj
Akshaya Natarajan
Amin Nilchian
Samson Peter
Chandini Ramesh
Justin Shing
Patrick Tai
Rui Zhang
Teacher Advisor
Patsy Fergusson
Attorney Coaches
Mara Feiger
Gemma Mondala
Kevin Allen

Serra

Justin Baptista
Chris Bradley
Carlo Bruno
Chris Chen
Ahmad Gill
Sean Mendonca
Piam Mottaghian
Bhavik Patel
Atticus Patterson
Zacchaeus Patterson
Raphael Restrivera
John Santaga
Christian Scheley
Paul Smallman
Carmen Stacy
Zach Verlinden
Garret Vichot
Ray Whehan
Teacher Advisor
Jim Terranova
Attorney coaches
Shawn Christianson
Dominic Campodonico
Jim Whelan

South San Francisco

James Catiis
Irene Diaz
Louisse Geronimo
Anteneh Hailu
Kimberly Hui
David Karditzas
Amber Keller
Jacqueline Kong
Austin Lee
Dennis Lee
Antonio Maralit
Andrea Sims
Vikram Sreedhar
Miyako Takashima
Maylee Tan
Christine Yee
Alysia Yee
Artin Au-Yeun
Teacher Advisor
Kimberly Chin
Attorney Coaches
Chuck Smith
Tyler Paetkau

Terra Nova

Brynn Alen
Kjersti Chippendale
Justice Dumalo
Emma Filar
Jake Grey
Gabe Malasig
Melissa Moore
Melissa Moyce
Alana O'Neill
Rico Pepin
Jeremy Peschard
Karli Rasmussen
Jenna Reiner
Violet Replicon
Madison Segura
Emily Stack
Jared Steele
Mariah Theobald
Teacher Advisor
Nicole Vaughan
Attorney Coach
Nicole Vaughan

Westmoor

Kim Alilou
Reid Bruni
Acelia Castaneda
Naksh Choudry
Andrew Chu
Austin Davidson
Tammy Han
Vincent Han
Noel Hernandez
Edwin Kan
Jessica Kwong
Joanna Kwong
Isabela Ramos
Mohammed Saiyed
Coral Sanchez
Alexa Tiletile
Teacher Advisor
Shawn McGraw
Attorney Coach
Mark Zafarello

San Mateo County Mock Trial

Greg Jouriles, Hillsdale High School, Competition Coordinator
Suzanne Ury, San Mateo County Private Defender Program, Judges and Scorers Coordinator
Dr. Anne Campbell, Superintendent, San Mateo County Office of Education
Joshua M. Bentley, President, San Mateo County Bar Association
Todd P. Emanuel, President, San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association
Karen Brake, San Mateo County Superior Courts Management Analyst, Master Calendar Coordinator

The Presiding Judges

Hon. Donald Ayoob	Hon. Linda Gemello (Ret.)	Hon. Barbara Mallach
Hon. Gerald Buchwald	Hon. Jack Grandsaert	Ronald Marblestone
Hon. Leland Davis III	Jeffrey Hayden	Ross Nadel
Dario De Ghetaldi	Comm. Elizabeth Hill	Hon. Craig Parsons
Comm. Richard Du Bois	Hon. Carl Holm (Ret.)	Hon. Joseph Scott
Hon. Steven Dylina	Comm. Susan Jakubowski	Hon. V. Raymond Swope
Hon. Susan Etezadi	David Levy	George Wailes
Hon. Mark Forcum	Eric Liberman	Hon. Marie Weiner
Hon. Beth Labson Freeman	Michael Liberty	

Scoring Attorneys

Carolyn Adler	Shirish Gupta	Catherine Raye-Wong
Nafiz Ahmed	Mitri Hanania	Amanda Riddle
Deborah Appel	Jeff Hayden	Alpana Samant
Justin Berger	Tara Heumann	Nicole Sato
Michele Bissada	Kathy Jacomb	Jennifer Scotto
Evelina Bozek	Vishal Jangla	Vince Scotto
Ray Buenaventura	Olga Kelley	Marc Seidenfeld
Chinhayi Cadet	Richard Keyes	Al Serrato
Pamela Canter	Shelly Landon	Paul Smoot
Steve Carlson	Monika Lee	Kristi Cotton Spence
Laurent Chen	Darin Leviloff	Anne Steele
Christopher Cobey	Aron Liang	Charles Stone
Christopher Cooke	Kecia Lind	Ed Suman
Sean Dabbel	Sandra McNabb	Jordanna Thigpen
John Digiacinto	Kathryn Meola	Constantine Tsagaris
Martin Eisenberg	Bonnie Miller	James Wade
Todd Emanuel	Cameron Miller	Stephen Wagstaffe
Chuck Finney	Janelle Mosher	Myra Weiher
Selena Galaviz	Connie O'Brien	Eugene Whitlock
April Glatt	Richard Pierce,	Jeff Windsor
Ross Green	Morley Pitt	Jonathan Wolff
Karen Guidotti	Naresh Rajan	Kathryn Yolken
Gina Guiley		

Art Contest Judge

Judy Chamow

2012 Rankings

Champion	Menlo School
2 nd Place	Hillsdale High School
3 rd Place	Mills High School
4 th Place	South San Francisco High School

San Mateo County Winners

1984 – 85	South San Francisco High School
1985 – 86	El Camino High School
1986 – 87	El Camino High School
1987 – 88	Carlmont High School
1988 – 89	Carlmont High School
1989 – 90	Carlmont High School
1990 – 91	Carlmont High School
1991 – 92	El Camino High School
1992 – 93	El Camino High School
1993 – 94	Hillsdale High School
1994 – 95	Hillsdale High School
1995 – 96	Hillsdale High School ▲
1996 – 97	Hillsdale High School ●
1997 – 98	Hillsdale High School
1998 – 99	Hillsdale High School
1999 – 00	Hillsdale High School
2000 – 01	Hillsdale High School
2001 – 02	Hillsdale High School ●
2002 – 03	Hillsdale High School ▲
2003 – 04	Hillsdale High School ●
2004 – 05	Hillsdale High School
2005 – 06	Hillsdale High School
2006 – 07	Hillsdale High School
2007 – 08	Menlo School
2008 – 09	Menlo School ▲ ☆
2009 – 10	Hillsdale High School ★
2010 – 11	Menlo School
2011 – 12	Menlo School

★ *California State Champion*

● *California 2nd place*

▲ *California 3rd place*

☆ *National Invitational Tournament Champion*