



## News & Trending

NEWS

### MIKE WEDDINGTON JUDGES THE 38TH NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION FOR REGION V

03.06.2013

**RALEIGH, N.C.** – Smith Anderson lawyer Mike Weddington served as a judge in the 38th National Trial Competition (NTC) for Region V which was hosted by Campbell University Law School on Feb. 8, 2013, at the Wake County Courthouse in Raleigh. In this annual trial competition, teams of law school students from across the U.S. participated in regional mock trials and receive scores for their performance from lawyer judges. Two teams from each regional trial advance to the national finals competition, April 3-7, in San Antonio, Texas.

This year's regional competition involved a criminal murder case in which the defendant offered a plea of insanity. As a judge, Mike observed a mock trial and awarded teams with points for each phase of the trial, including opening statements, direct examination of witnesses, cross-examination of witnesses, and closing jury arguments. Following the trials, judges provided the teams with encouragement and suggestions on how they might improve. Teams competed in a total of three preliminary rounds, followed by quarter final and semifinal rounds. The judges helped identify the top two teams who would advance to the national finals competition. This year, Region V's two winning teams represented Campbell University.

The 12 competing law schools in Region V included Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, Campbell Law, Charlotte School of Law, Duke University, Elon University, Emory University, Mercer University, North Carolina Central University, University of Georgia, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, University of South Carolina, and Wake Forest University.

#### **About Mike Weddington**

Mike Weddington has more than 35 years of commercial litigation experience and has represented organizations and individuals across the spectrum of commercial and business disputes. In addition, he provides advice on a wide variety of construction matters, with a particular focus on payment and performance surety bond issues. Mike also represents licensed professionals in both licensing and disciplinary matters before state licensing boards, with an emphasis on medical professionals.

### PRACTICE AREAS

[Appellate Advocacy](#)

[Commercial Litigation](#)