

# ***RODEO COLLECTOR SUES INSURANCE COMPANY OVER 'ANNIE OAKLEY' BUCKLE LOSS – WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL***

CHEYENNE – When Andy Adams learned his insurance company wouldn't cover loss of a valuable belt buckle that once belonged to famous sharpshooter Annie Oakley, he denied any suggestion of fraud and sued, and that is where this year's Wyoming High School Mock Trial case begins.

WHSMT released the case of Adams vs. Honest Abe Insurance Company of Wyoming on Sept. 1. Now high school teams of 6-8 students will work on being able to present both the plaintiff and defendant's sides of this case, for the 2019 state competition Nov. 23 in Cheyenne. The winning team will represent Wyoming in the National High School Mock Trial competition in Evansville, Indiana, next May.

Case materials are available **here** and on the Archives tab. Materials include a background summary, a complaint and other court documents, sworn statements by witnesses and exhibits – all for use by students as they prepare for competition "trials."

Anyone interested in organizing a team or coaching a team, as a teacher or attorney, or interested in helping score or preside at the state competition in November, email state coordinator Marguerite Herman at

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Check the Resources tab for information about mock trial, rules of competition, coaching and scoring/judging information. Competition is open to any team of students in grades 8-12. A team is between six and eight students. Team registrations are due Nov. 13.

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