



## MONROE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MONROE LEGAL REPORTER

913 MAIN STREET · STROUDSBURG, PA 18360 · MONROEBAR.ORG

570.424.7288

570.424.8234 (FAX)

PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
FROM: MONROE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
DATE: May 1, 2016

### FANTASY TRIALS DELIVER STELLAR COURTROOM PROCEEDINGS

**STROUDSBURG, PA:** Fantasy Trials-Monroe County Bar Association’s look at the lighter side of Law Day April 29, held a captivated crowd of fifth graders from six surrounding school districts. Courtrooms One, Two and Three counted on laughs as Pocono Mountain, Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg, Pleasant Valley, Notre Dame and Monsignor McHugh students got a view of costumed law professionals portraying plaintiffs and defendants while attorneys argued the case of the Commonwealth versus Han Solo.

The force was with the Honorable Judge Margherita Patti-Worthington, Judge Stephen Higgins and Judge Jonathan Mark as each held their composure while masked Darth Vader testified as to Han Solo’s guilt in recovering his spacecraft, the Millennium Falcon, from Vader’s private property.

Striking back with compelling counter questions, Solo’s defense team triumphed over periodic outbursts by the Dark Lord. With intervals of judicial clarification, followed by courtroom opinion on guilt or innocence, the verdict was in – innocent!

Eager to “saber” the moment, kids took turns for photo-ops while giving props to their entertainers. Proving comprehension of complicated terminology and aspects of the law can come naturally when cleverly commingled with humor, the students’ courtroom composure and inquiries afterwards was light years ahead of their time.

For further comment:  
Denise Burdge  
Executive Director  
Monroe County Bar Association  
913 Main Street  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
[570.424.7288](tel:570.424.7288)  
[dburdge@monroebar.org](mailto:dburdge@monroebar.org)

###



Darth Vader compels the courtroom as Judge Stephen Higgins commands the bench.  
JP: Hofbauer Strategies

***“THE JOURNAL OF THE POCONO PLATEAU, MAY 13-26, 2016”***