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KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRIAL LAWYERS

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## KALAMAZOO CENTRAL'S MOCK TRIAL TEAM HEADED TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP....

Kalamazoo Central's Mock Trial Team (seen in this photograph for the first time wearing their new uniforms) are headed to the National Championships **once again**. K Central has quite a distinguished Mock Trial Record. They have won 17 state titles. They were National Champions in 1996. And they placed second in the Nation three consecutive years from 2006 to 2009. And, thanks to Becket (nothin' but net) Jones, one of the team's coaches, they will be our honored guests at our April Meeting. Members of the Team (unfortunately **not** pictured above) are:

Jane Fisher Sr.  
 Sabrina Hirsch Sr.  
 Amanda Sidwell Jr.  
 Olivia Hodge Jr.  
 Alana Labelle-Hahn Jr.  
 Karanjit Sohi Jr.  
 Isaac Bertman Soph.  
 Sarah Ghazal Soph.  
 Abujit Rai Soph.  
 Katherine Mckibbon Soph.  
 Zjalyn Carter Fresh.

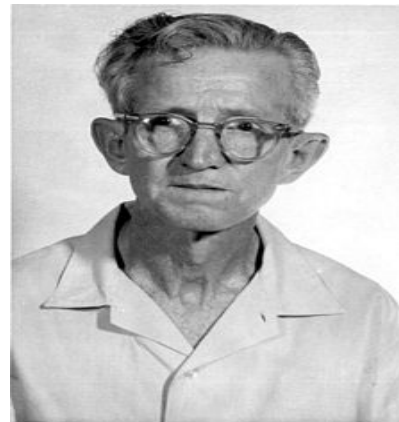
So let's have a good turn-out, and let's wish them well.

With our ringing endorsement, what could possible go wrong?

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**KCTLA MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**  
**NOON (LUNCH \$17)**  
**PARK CLUB**  
**KALAMAZOO CENTRAL**  
**MOCK TRIAL TEAM**  
**RSVP (Please)**

## Gideon's 50...Happy B'Day!



"If an obscure Florida convict named Clarence Earl Gideon had not sat down in his prison cell . . . to write a letter to the Supreme Court . . . the vast machinery of American law would have gone on functioning undisturbed. But Gideon did write that letter, the Court did look into his case . . . and the whole course of American legal history has been changed." — *Robert F. Kennedy*

*And speaking of WMU and Cooley...*

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## **SCOTSBORO BOYS PARDONED.**

"Even the dumbest cop on the [New York City] force would have spotted those two as tramps and liars. You know damn well they lied that day at the Paint Rock station and the Price girl has been lying ever since. Now you want me to plead three or four of the boys guilty of something they never did. The State of Alabama finally realizes that it has made a horrible mistake. You want me to pull your chestnuts out of the fire. You want a chance to save face. Tom, you ought to know me better than that."

-- Defense attorney Sam Liebowitz to prosecutor Thomas Knight, on a proposed compromise, December 1934

### **"J'accuse"**

Victoria Price and Ruby Bates, two virtuous white women of the south, riding a train without a ticket, in Alabama, in 1931, in the company of nine black men. When the Sheriff stopped the train and heard their story, I don't think he asked them for their ticket.



### **THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY**

**(Can we nominate this guy for the Fox award)**

Samuel Leibowitz was born in 1893, the son of Romanian Jewish immigrants who came to America to escape anti-Semitism. He grew up in New York, and then went to college and law school at Cornell. Finding most top lawyers avoided criminal law, he chose that field in which to make his mark.

Because of his impeccable record, Leibowitz was hired by the International Labor Defense to defend the young black men accused at Scottsboro; the I.L.D. could hardly be accused of wanting to martyr the boys for their cause after hiring a lawyer that some considered the next Clarence Darrow. They offered him no fees, but instead of defending gangsters and crooks, he would be working to free the nine youths. "Your organization and I are not in agreement in our political and economic views," he wrote the I.L.D., but he would take the case to defend "the basic rights of man."



