

Seminole Middle School's Annual Mock Trial With Judge William Overton

Judge Overton, at right, welcomes the first of two groups of eighth graders. One group spent the morning in the courtroom while the other group toured the Juvenile Detention Center with Judicial Assistant Dolores Lyons. The process was reversed in the afternoon. Judge Overton has been doing the program for about 15 years.



An assistant state attorney explains the role her office plays in the trial



The Clerk's office provided guidance for the student clerk and the sample evidence that was a key element of the case: grand theft auto and possession of drugs.



The "judge" is focused, above, as a "witness" tells the court what he saw in the case.

At right, Judge Overton assists in the robing of another student, about to take the bench.



An assistant state attorney stands by in case the student prosecutor needs advice on how to question a key witness.



The jury listens as the defense gets its turn at the witness. The Public Defender's office had representatives on hand for advice.