Jury of Children to Render Verdict in ‘Fairytale Mock Trial’ on Saturday, April 2 at Dormont Public Library

PITTSBURGH – It’s a landmark case: The Three Bears vs. Gold E. Locks. The bears have come home to find their porridge eaten, chairs broken and beds slept in. Is Gold E. Locks guilty? A jury of area children will decide.

The Allegheny County Bar Association Young Lawyer’s Division will present its Fairytale Mock Trial at noon on Saturday, April 2, at Dormont Public Library (2950 West Liberty Ave., Dormont, Pa., 15023).

In the scripted trial, actual Pittsburgh-area attorneys will play roles such as judge, witnesses, bailiffs, prosecutors and defense counsel. However, the jury will be made up of area children (ages 4 to 10), who will deliberate and offer a real, unscripted verdict. The educational event is designed to teach children about the legal system.

The Young Lawyers Division (YLD) is comprised of attorneys who have been practicing law for 10 years or less. Last year’s Fairytale Mock Trial was the first organized by YLD’s Public Service Committee and was comprised almost entirely of young attorneys and law students. However, this year they will be joined by several seasoned ACBA lawyers, as well as some non-attorney volunteers.

“Organizing ‘Fairytale Mock Trials’ is a fun, entertaining way to teach children about the legal system,” said Pittsburgh-area attorney Genevieve Pecharka, the event’s chair. “We are amazed at how eager our lawyer volunteers are to take on the roles of charters from ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears.’ I’m not sure who has more fun, the children or the attorneys.”

MEDIA INFO

Members of the media are invited to cover the Fairytale Mock Trial. For media inquiries in advance, contact Brian Knavish at 412-402-6620 or bknavish@acba.org. For media inquiries the day of the event, contact Genevieve Pecharka at 724-288-5059 or gpecharka@gmail.com.

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