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# Connecticut Kids Court Final Competition 2022

Tanya A. Hughes, Executive Director  
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Teams  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Welcome to the 2022 Connecticut  
Kids Court Final Competition

## **Moderators**

Attorney Cheryl A. Sharp

Attorney Michelle Dumas Keuler

## **2022 Middle School Finalists**

**Suma Ganta**, Irving A. Robbins Middle School, Farmington CT

**Zeeva Haviland**, Irving A. Robbins Middle School, Farmington CT

**Olivia Dixon**, Norton Elementary School, Cheshire CT

**Aditi Bhor**, Irving A. Robbins Middle School, Farmington CT

**Kriti Jaldurgam**, Irving A. Robbins Middle School, Farmington CT

## **2022 High School Finalists**

**Neha Jampala**, Deerfield Academy, Deerfield MA

**Sreenidi Bala**, Farmington High School, Farmington CT

**Nicholas Gius**, Southington High School, Southington CT

**Jah'Nyah Maddox-Williams**, New London High School, New London CT

## **Judging the Kids Court Competition:**

**The Honorable Juliett L. Crawford**

Judge Trial Referee

**The Honorable Dawne Westbrook**

Connecticut Superior Court Judge

**The Honorable Donna M. Wilkerson Brillant**

Connecticut Superior Court Judge

**Matt Larock**

Associate Attorney General

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## **HISTORY OF KIDS COURT**

In 1993, then UCONN law school students, Cheryl A. Sharp and Rae Thiesfield developed and launched the first Kids Court Competition at UCONN Law School to educate students about diversity and civil and human rights issues. In 1996, after receiving approval from the Governor's Office, Attorneys Sharp and Thiesfield co-chaired the first statewide Kids Court Competition which kicked off with Kids Speak. Kids Speak is a day for students from across the state to come together and discuss topics related to civil and human rights. In 2000, CT Kids Speak and Kids Court was selected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as one of the best practice award winners, and received the **"Simply the Best"** award. Following a brief hiatus, Kids Court resumed in 2011. Kids Court has been featured on **Fox 61 News** and in local papers throughout CT.

Tonight we are honored to continue the Kids Court Competition hoping to inspire the next generation of civil rights leaders. "...Make a career of humanity. Commit [ourselves] to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater Nation of your country, and a finer world to live in." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (address at the Youth March for Integrated Schools, April 18, 1959, Washington, D.C.)

## **CHRO**

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