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Wolfcryer Gets Day in Court

FORT WORTH, Texas – Is it a crime to cry “wolf” if there is no wolf in sight? What if you see a wolf but choose not to speak? These were the questions at hand when students from six local elementary schools took command of the courtrooms of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law on Nov. 13, for the case of *Joey Wolfcryer v. The Village of Sheepfold*.

The trial was part of the law school’s second elementary mock trial exhibition. Following their arrival at the law school, the students were welcomed by Dean Frederic White and received a campus tour from law students. The case of *Joey Wolfcryer* was then presented by different groups of elementary participants in the law school’s courtrooms.

Andrea Hunter, Texas Wesleyan’s public interest research fellow, said the event is important to the school and students because it provides a unique opportunity for young children to experience the legal field as a future career option.

“We had almost 120 students, including observers,” Hunter said. “It is a great feeling to see 10-year-old students making objections and cross-examining witnesses. Many of the students said they had never thought about being a lawyer before the event, and I love that we were able to provide this unique opportunity to a group of such bright children.”

The two interpretations of *Joey Wolfcryer*’s case received different verdicts from their respective juries. Students in each trial received awards for best defense, best prosecution and best professional demeanor.

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