

"I think this is an outstanding program and benefits not only the students but the legal profession as a whole."

Mock Trial Judge

Bring the legal system and due process to life for your students!

When your class participates in the Mock Trial Tournament, you leave behind dusty books and boring lectures and apply the concepts that seem so dry and lifeless to students.

Using real facts from Mock Trial cases developed by attorneys and judges, students will take these concepts and bring them to life.

As your students build their cases and develop their arguments they will gain a new and deeper understanding of the court system, while building their respect for the legal system and its participants.

You're invited!

High Schools from across Wisconsin are invited to send students to compete in the annual Mock Trial Tournament.

This competition is designed to develop and test critical thinking and public speaking skills while exposing students to the atmosphere of a real-life trial situation. The winning state team will have the opportunity to represent Wisconsin in the National Mock Trial Championship in Albuquerque, New Mexico in May 2012.

How does the tournament work?

Teams of 6-12 students will present a case before a panel of three judges.

Regional competitions will be held across the state on Saturday, February 11 to determine which teams will advance to the state competition.

The winning team from each of the regional competitions will advance to the state competition in Madison, March 11. Mock Trial finals are held at the Supreme Court on March 12, and are judged by Supreme Court Justices.

About the tournament

When the Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Program takes kids to court, it's for good reason- to learn about justice, responsibility, and the role of an individual within a free society. When students learn to make decisions based on logic rather than emotion, they are better equipped to deal with the controversy and conflict of every day life. They are also more likely to develop tolerance and respect for fairness and authority.

Last year more than 1,200 students participated in the 2011 Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Tournament. These students represented both public and private schools from all over Wisconsin.

The mock trial tournament is run with assistance from hundreds of volunteers in local communities. The support from attorneys, judges, and coordinators in this program is voluntary. Participation by justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court is one of the highlights of this program.

The case

The 2012 Mock Trial Case was developed by the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin. The O'Neill's and the McDougal's have been neighbors for years. Now the property line is in question. Who has been using the property? For what purpose? Who is the rightful owner? Students will be challenged to present their side of the case with an interesting array of characters.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Teams

Each team will consist of three attorneys and three witnesses, and may include up to six alternates (maximum of 12 students).

Eligibility

Students must be actively enrolled in grades 9-12 at the time of the competition. Students who graduate in December or January prior to the competition are ineligible for participation.

Coaches

Each team needs one teacher coach and one attorney coach. It is each team's responsibility to locate an attorney coach. Assistance in locating attorney coaches will be provided if requested, but the ultimate responsibility for locating coaches remains with the team.

Cost

Entry fee per team is \$150 and is **NOT** refundable. Materials will be emailed to you upon receipt of appropriate fees. There will be no exceptions to this rule. **Purchase orders are not considered payment!**

Registration deadlines

All entries must be postmarked **no later than November 18, 2011**. Entries postmarked between November 11 and November 18 will be subject to a \$20 late fee per team. No entries will be accepted after November 18. **No exceptions.**

How to enter

Complete the entry form in this brochure and mail it, with the appropriate fees, to: **State Bar of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7158, Madison, WI 53708-7158**. Make checks payable to the State Bar of Wisconsin. You will receive case materials and access to the Mock Trial listserve via email after receipt of fees and the registration form.

For additional information, contact:

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IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Coaches conference
October 24, 2011
- ◆ Entry deadline without late fee
November 11, 2011
- ◆ Final entry deadline
November 18, 2011
- ◆ Team Drop deadline
January 6, 2012
- ◆ Team Rosters due to State Bar
February 3, 2012
- ◆ Regional Tournaments
February 11, 2012, Statewide
- ◆ State Semi-Finals and Finals
March 11-12, 2012, Madison, WI
- ◆ National Championship
May 3-6, 2012, Albuquerque, NM

"Being a lawyer taught me to think, listen, and write ideas at the same time, and I was forced to pay attention better."

Mock Trial Student Participant



2012 REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one entry form for each team.

1. Teacher Coaches (please fill in completely)

School Name _____

School Address _____ City _____

Teacher Coach #1 _____ Phone (Include area code) _____ Email (Required) _____	Teacher Coach #2 _____ Phone (Include area code) _____ Email (Required) _____
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2. Attorney Coach (please fill in completely)

Attorney Coach #1 _____ Phone (Include area code) _____ Email (Required) _____ City _____ Zip _____ County _____	Attorney Coach #2 _____ Phone (Include area code) _____ Email (Required) _____ City _____ Zip _____ County _____
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☐ We do not have an attorney coach in mind. We need assistance.

3. I am Registering: (Note: Registration is not complete until the entry fee is received.)

- ☐ **One team for the tournament.** (\$150 entry fee enclosed) ☐ **Team(s) for the tournament with late fee.** (Entry fee **plus** an additional \$20 per team enclosed)
☐ **Two teams for the tournament.** (\$300 entry fee enclosed) *Entries postmarked between Nov. 11 & Nov. 18.*
☐ **Three teams for the tournament.** (\$450 entry fee enclosed)

Signature-Teacher Coach _____ Date _____

Signature-Principal _____ Date _____

Please return registration form by Friday, November 18, 2011 to:

State Bar of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7158, Madison, WI 53707-7158

Registration forms postmarked between November 11-18 should be accompanied by an additional \$20 late fee.

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Case materials will be emailed to you upon receipt of registration materials. The registration fee is non-refundable.

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Your Students Should End up in Court!

*"This was only our third year
and we wish we had done this
years ago. Mock Trial is one
of the most valuable extra-
curricular activities there is."*

Mock Trial Teacher Participant



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