

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 Madison, WI in May 2014.

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 8, 2014 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 9, 2014. Mock Trial finals are held at the Supreme Court on March 10, 2014 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 2013 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

Taylor Hamilton was driving Mom's car, heading to P-cubed on the night of the big game. Alex Cooper left the game early because the team was losing, as usual. Alex cut through the woods and started to cross Nash Street, behind the high school. When the car and Alex collided, Alex was badly injured. Was Taylor careful enough or was Taylor distracted by friends and a text message? Did Alex's hoodie cause a problem or did he exercise caution in crossing the road?

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 on October 1, 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 December 13, 2013. 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 access to the Mock Trial listserve via email after receipt of fees and the registration form. Case materials will be released October 1, 2013.

For additional information, contact:

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IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Coaches conference
October 21, 2013
- ◆ Final entry deadline
December 13, 2013
- ◆ Team Drop deadline
January 10, 2014
- ◆ Regional Tournaments
February 8, 2014, Statewide
- ◆ State Semifinals and Finals
March 9-10, 2014, Madison, WI
- ◆ National Championship
May 8-10, 2014, Madison, WI

2014 National High School Mock Trial Championship

Madison – May 8-10, 2014

Help introduce the next generation of leaders to our justice system – find out how you can help.

Hundreds of volunteers will be needed to make this event a success.

Fundraising will be necessary to support the Championship.

Visit www.wisbar.org/nationalmocktrial2014 to sign up to be a volunteer or to make a tax-deductible donation.



2014 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 _____	Teacher Coach #2 _____
Phone (Include area code) _____	Phone (Include area code) (optional) _____
Email (Required) _____	Email (Required) _____

2. **Attorney Coach** (please fill in completely)

Attorney Coach #1 _____	Attorney Coach #2 _____
Phone (Include area code) _____	Phone (Include area code) _____
Email (Required) _____	Email (Required) _____
City _____	City _____
Zip _____ County _____	Zip _____ County _____

☐ **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)
- ☐ **Two teams for the tournament.** (\$300 entry fee enclosed)
- ☐ **Three teams for the tournament.** (\$450 entry fee enclosed)

Signature-Teacher Coach _____ Date _____

Signature-Principal _____ Date _____

Please return registration form by Friday, December 13, 2013 to:

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

NO TEAMS WILL BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER AFTER DECEMBER 13, 2013.

Case materials will be released October 1 and emailed to you upon receipt of registration materials.

The registration fee is non-refundable.

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