

## Facilities

Lodging for the Academy will be at the Holiday Inn on Hull Street in Athens. Two students will be housed in each room. Evening security guards will provide added security for our rooms. A full breakfast will be provided on Friday and Saturday mornings at the hotel. Brunch will be served at the hotel Sunday. Lunch on Friday and Saturday will be eaten in downtown Athens and dinner Friday and Saturday will be served at the hotel.

Most of the classes and the closing assembly will be held at the University of Georgia, School of Law. If scheduling permits, a field trip may also be included courts and offices in the Athens area.

## Student Bar of Georgia

The Georgia High School Student Bar Association was created in 1998 following the first annual Law Academy. A concluding activity of the Law Academy is the administration of a required student bar examination, which is based on the Rules of the Competition, the Rules of Evidence (a simplified version of the Federal Rules of Evidence) that govern the Georgia Mock Trial Competition, and courtroom procedure. The essay component of the examination is based on the case being used throughout the curriculum of the Law Academy.

Students admitted with each class receive a special certificate in the spring. Students earning very high scores on the examination are admitted "with honors".



## Schedule

### THURSDAY, 15 October 2009

5-7:30 p.m. Registration of Law Scholars in Lobby of the Holiday Inn  
8-10:00 p.m. Orientation

### FRIDAY, 16 October 2009

Morning Legal Tour of Athens, Lunch  
Afternoon UGA LAW SCHOOL—General Session and Breakout Sessions\*  
Evening HOLIDAY INN—Dinner and General Session; Study period/social time

### SATURDAY, 17 October 2009

Morning UGA LAW SCHOOL—General Session and Breakout Sessions, Lunch  
Afternoon UGA LAW SCHOOL—General and Breakout Sessions  
Evening HOLIDAY INN—Dinner and General and Break-Out Sessions; Study period/social time

### SUNDAY, 18 October 2009

Morning Brunch, study for bar exam and check-out of hotel  
UGA LAW SCHOOL— Student Bar Examination  
Afternoon Closing Assembly at UGA Law School (open to parents and friends); trial demonstrations and presentation of certificates, Adjournment and luggage pick-up at hotel or law school

A more detailed schedule will be provided to registered students and faculty before the start of the Law Academy.

\*General and Break-Out Sessions will focus on Team Building, Leadership Skills, Rules of Evidence, Openings/Closings, Direct/Cross Examinations, Objections, and Trial Techniques.

**Application and Deposit  
Deadline is  
1 September**

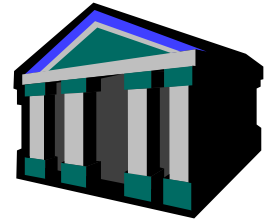


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# LAW ACADEMY

*Students are invited to  
attend an intense weekend training  
experience that's fun and in-  
formative!*

**15-18 October 2009**

**University of Georgia  
School of Law  
Athens**



*Sponsored by the  
Special Projects Task Force of the  
High School Mock Trial Committee  
Young Lawyers Division  
State Bar of Georgia*

## Law Academy Information

### **TUITION IS \$375 per participant**

The Academy provides pre-mock trial season training for student **team leaders**. Attorneys make up the residential faculty and HSMT veterans from across Georgia will be featured speakers in the general sessions.

Students ages 14-18 currently enrolled at the secondary level are eligible to apply, if they have participated with their mock trial team for at least one full season. Checks or money orders are accepted, but we do not accept credit cards.

Law Academy offers intensive instruction on trial procedure. A **criminal case** forms the basis of the instructional activities and this is important because a criminal case will be part of the **2010** competition. Students role-play parts based upon the case and receive training that will allow them to become team leaders in the upcoming academic year. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

The mock trial experience of competition and participation in Law Academy develops leadership skills, encourages responsibility, builds citizenship and forms new friendships among high school students across Georgia. Participating in this activity will acquaint students with our legal system in a way that encourages respect and understanding of the legal profession.

The program is committed to providing financial assistance to enable students to participate, but our financial resources are limited. All checks toward a student's tuition should be made payable to the **State Bar of Georgia**.



## Application Requirements

- 1) The application packet is available online [www.georgiamocktrial.org](http://www.georgiamocktrial.org) under the "Other Programs" link. Financial aid details are found in this packet.
- 2) Due to budget constraints, enrollment is limited to **25 students**. No more than two students may apply from each school. Sending in an application does not guarantee acceptance. Since enrollment is limited, specific criteria will be used to select the 25 individuals who will participate. Criteria will include:
  - number of students applying from school
  - regional representation
  - mock trial experience
  - grade
  - meeting deadlines
- 3) At least one year of active mock trial experience is required.
- 4) Students who have previously attended Law Academy will not be considered eligible to apply this year.
- 5) **A deposit of \$150 is due by 1 September** with the application packet. Make check(s) or money orders payable to the **State Bar of Georgia**. Cancellation by a student or parent and a request for the refund of a deposit must be received by 1 October. Deposits will not be refunded after this date, if a student's participation is cancelled. Absolutely no requests for refunds will be considered after 1 October. **The \$225 tuition balance is due 1 October.** Credit cards are not accepted. Deposit checks will be returned to students not selected to attend.
- 6) Tuition checks returned due to insufficient funds will carry a penalty of \$20. Student participants may be suspended from the 2010 mock trial competition if all or part of their Law Academy tuition checks is returned due to insufficient funds.
- 7) Partial scholarships are available, however full scholarships are not. Financial aid will be provided for no more than 10 applicants. Students eligible for a scholarship will receive no more than \$175.00. Two letters of support must accompany any request for financial aid. Requests for financial aid must be submitted with the application packet by **1 September**.

- 8) Students attending Law Academy will be required to sign a release form acknowledging that all Law Academy rules will be followed at all times.

## Things to Remember

- ▶ Law Academy is a "closed campus" activity. All student participants will stay on-site overnight and may not leave any Law Academy site or activity without permission from Law Academy coordinators.
- ▶ Students who do not follow the written Law Academy rules outlined in the release forms, other Academy materials and/or any verbal instructions given by the Law Academy coordinators/staff during the course of the Academy risk expulsion from Law Academy and or suspension/expulsion from the 2010 mock trial competition.
- ▶ No student participant may use a vehicle during the Academy. Car keys will be turned over to the Law Academy staff upon registration. (Keys will be placed in the hotel safe until Sunday morning.) Failure to turn over car keys will be considered a violation of the procedures of the Law Academy and will be dealt with accordingly.
- ▶ No boys are allowed in girls' rooms and no girls are allowed in boys' rooms.
- ▶ **NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS, DRUGS, ALCOHOL or WEAPONS.**
- ▶ Participants will not be allowed to swim in the hotel pool during Law Academy.
- ▶ Participants must bring all Law Academy materials with them, which include a notebook and case materials. Materials will be mailed or emailed to participants during the month of September. All participants are required to be familiar with the written Law Academy materials.
- ▶ Dress for Law Academy is casual. Students will walk to and from the law school each day, will lunch in downtown Athens and may walk to field trip stops. Weather is unpredictable in September so please be prepared. Comfortable walking shoes will be necessary.

## Mission Statement

The Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition helps students gain an understanding of the legal system by providing opportunities for school teams to participate in academic competitions where players assume attorney and witness roles in a court case. Lawyers coach students in developing questioning, critical thinking and oral advocacy skills.



*2008 Law Scholars at the Arch in Athens*

## Vision Statement

The Georgia Mock Trial Competition will impact participating students by improving their proficiency in such basic skills as listening, speaking, reading, and reasoning. The program will also foster cooperation among diverse groups of young people while promoting better communication and collaboration between the educational and legal communities.

