

2009 JUDGING PANEL VOLUNTEER FORM



NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Due to the large number of teams participating in this tournament, please consider serving in multiple rounds. This will help us meet the required number of presiding judges and evaluators necessary to fully staff all competition rounds. Thank you!

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT Judging Panels

Presiding Judge: In each courtroom there will be one presiding judge who is responsible for maintaining order, moving the trial along in the designated time allotment, ruling on evidentiary motions, and overseeing all procedures during the trial.

Scoring Evaluator: In each courtroom there will be three scoring evaluators who will evaluate the students' performances and who will be responsible for completing a score sheet based upon individual performances of each team. Students are scored on their presentation skills, **not** on the merits of the case.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT Time Commitment

Ample time will need to be allowed before the competition date to thoroughly review the case materials and listen to the orientation CD, which will be provided. Past experience shows that most judges spend approximately two hours reviewing the case materials before arriving at the competition site. On the day of competition, at least four (4) hours should be set aside per round that is scheduled.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT Experience Pre-Requisite

To participate in the National High School Mock Trial Championship, **all judging panel volunteers must have at least two (2) rounds** of previous experience serving on a judging panel in a **high school** mock trial tournament or at least **1 season** of previous experience **coaching a high school** mock trial team. (*Coaches with a team active in the tournament may not serve on a judging panel.*) The required "experience" may be gained by serving on a judging panel during rounds at the Georgia regional (February, 2009) and state finals (March, 2009) levels of competition.

The rules and procedures are very different in a high school mock trial tournament than in a college or law school mock trial tournament, therefore we ask for volunteers with **high school** mock trial experience, so that our students have the best-prepared judging panels that we can provide when they present their case in a competition round.

MCJE for Georgia JUDGE Volunteers (NATIONAL TOURNAMENT)

Two (2) hours of MCJE credit is available for Superior and State Court Judges who volunteer to serve on a judging panel during the 2009 National High School Mock Trial Championship in May. Pre-requisite high school mock trial experience required for service (please see pre-requisite details above).

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT On-Site Competition Orientation

There will be an orientation session presented by Justice George Carley of the Supreme Court of Georgia before each round of the National Competition. All participating presiding judges and scoring evaluators are required to attend the orientation before their scheduled round(s). All judging panel members who volunteer in more than one round must attend the orientation session before *each* scheduled round. This is necessary for check-in, courtroom assignments and to address issues that may arise from prior rounds.

Instructions

Please provide **all** of the information requested on the following page. Case materials will be sent via regular mail after 1 April 2009. All panels will be assigned according to individual responses as much as possible. *The Judging Panel Coordinator will make the final decisions regarding presiding judge/scoring evaluator placement.*

I am committing to serve at the time(s) indicated below:

Times are approximate—detailed report time & location information will be forwarded to each volunteer closer to the tournament date. Please consider serving in multiple rounds.

Round I: Friday, 8 May 2009, (7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), at the Fulton County Courthouse, Atlanta

Round II: Friday, 8 May 2009, (11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), at the Fulton County Courthouse, Atlanta

Round III: Saturday, 9 May 2009, (7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), at the Fulton County Courthouse, Atlanta

Round IV: Saturday, 9 May 2009, (11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), at the Fulton County Courthouse, Atlanta

I would prefer the role of:

Presiding Judge

Scoring Evaluator

I have had (#) **ROUNDS** of HSMT judging experience as a:

Presiding Judge

Scoring Evaluator

OR

I have had (#) **YEARS** of HSMT judging experience as a:

Presiding Judge

Scoring Evaluator

I have HSMT Coaching Experience:

Yes

No

of Years?

State?

Team?

I have a conflict with the team(s) from *(Identify by school or state)* _____

Do you have mobility issues that our trial coordinator should be made aware of?

Yes

No

If yes, please (in general terms) describe on the reverse of this form or on a separate sheet of paper—thank you!

Name:

Address:

City, State Zip:

E-Mail Address:

Cell Phone:

State Bar Number:

STATE

Number

Please return this completed form

By Fax: 404/527-8717

Or mail:

Georgia Mock Trial Competition

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Your NATIONAL competition assignment notice and orientation packet will be mailed after 1 April 2009.

Please contact the mock trial office with any questions: 404/527-8779 or 800/334-6865 ext. 779 or mocktrial@gabar.org