

JUDGING PANEL VOLUNTEER FORM



2010 REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

I am volunteering to serve on a judging panel in the city and on the date indicated below:

Albany (Sat., 2/6/10)	Douglasville (Sat., 2/6/10)
Athens (Sat., 2/13/10)	Jonesboro (Fri-Sat., 2/5 & 6/10)
Atlanta (Sat., 2/6/10)	Lawrenceville (Fri-Sat., 2/5 & 6/10)
Brunswick (Sat., 2/6/10)	Macon (Sat., 2/6/10)
Cartersville (Sat., 2/6/10)	Marietta (Sat., 2/6/10)
Dalton (Sat., 2/6/10)	McDonough (Sat., 2/6/10)
Decatur (Sat., 2/13/10)	Savannah (Fri-Sat., 2/5 & 6/10)

- I would prefer the role of: Presiding Judge Scoring Evaluator
- I have had ____ (#) **ROUNDS** (if less than 1 yr) of judging experience as a: Presiding Judge Scoring Evaluator
OR
- I have had ____ (#) **YEARS** (if more than 1 yr) of judging experience as a: Presiding Judge Scoring Evaluator
- I have HSMT Coaching Experience: Yes No
- # of Years Coaching? _____ Team Coached? _____
- I have a conflict* with the team(s) from (*Identify by school name*) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

State Bar Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Please return this completed form to

FAX: 404/527-8717 or mocktrial@gabar.org

Georgia Mock Trial Competition—ATTN: Stacy Rieke

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Your regional coordinator will be in touch with you in January with competition schedule and prep material information, etc.

All Judging Panel materials will be found in an electronic format online at www.georgiamocktrial.org in 2010.

No paper copies will be provided will be provided by the mock trial office or the regional coordinators.

Thank you for your support of our efforts to reduce our paper usage and save on printing and mailing costs.

THE ROLE OF JUDGING PANEL VOLUNTEERS AT REGIONALS

REGIONAL 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 sit in the jury box and 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.

REGIONAL Orientation

There will be an orientation session presented by a member of our coordinating team before each round of competition. All participating presiding judges and scoring evaluators should plan to attend the orientation before each of their scheduled rounds, even if they are scheduled in multiple rounds. This is necessary for check-in, courtroom assignments and to address issues that may arise from prior rounds.

REGIONAL 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.

REGIONAL Pre-Requisite

There is **no pre-requisite** for volunteers serving on judging panels at the **regional level**. Attorney coaches may not serve on a judging panel. Please be aware that the rules and procedures are very different in a high school mock trial tournament than in a college or law school mock trial tournament. Our main goal is to have enthusiastic and well-prepared panels so that our students have the best experience that we can provide when they present their case in a competition round.

***Conflicts**

The Subcommittee on the Rules has identified several areas of conflict that may include, but are not limited to the following examples: the judging panel member (J/E) formerly coached a team in the competition, the J/E is a family member of a team member or coach, the J/E works in the same firm, office or department as a coach and/or the J/E has a spouse that is a member of the faculty of a team's school. Having a conflict with a team in the competition does not necessarily exclude a volunteer from serving on a judging panel during the competition, however we must be able to identify all potential conflicts in order to address them appropriately.

Instructions

Please provide **all** of the information requested on the following page (including a cell phone number, which will be kept confidential and only be used in an emergency situation on competition day). **Your regional coordinator will be in contact with you in January, most likely by email, to confirm your round assignment, convey information on the competition day schedule and location and provide you with the instructions for obtaining the preparation materials.** All delivery of preparation materials will be accomplished online. 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.