

2018 LAW ACADEMY APPLICATION PACKET

Total Tuition is \$350.00 per participant

August 23-26, 2018

Please complete the application in the PDF and then print the completed Packet single-sided. Do not include these instructions with application; keep them for your reference.

Tuition:

Tuition for the 2018 Law Academy is \$325. Limited financial aid is available.

Applying to the Academy:

Acceptance to Law Academy will be limited to 40 participants, based on the order in which applications are received.

The main application is available online:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/HighSchoolMockTrial/2018LawAcademyApplication>

Upon completing the online application, the following items must be sent in to complete the application:

- **Release Form** (*included in this packet; parent/guardian, student and witness signatures required*)
- **Code of Ethical Conduct Form** (*included in this packet; teacher coach & student signatures required*)
- **Letter of Recommendation from Teacher or Attorney Coach**
- **Tuition Deposit** - (*\$125.00—check made payable to the State Bar of Georgia. To pay by credit card, complete the credit card form on the last page and include it with your application*)
- **Credit Card Payment Form** (*included in this packet; only if payments will be made by credit card*)

Please do not send in this page.

Deadlines

Applications and payments must be RECEIVED (not postmarked) at the Mock Trial office by the dates below:

- **Friday, August 10** – Application deadline: Application cut-off online; application paperwork and \$125 deposit due
- **Thursday, August 23** – Tuition balance due upon check-in at the Academy (if paying by check)

Completing the Coach Recommendation Letter:

Each applicant must include with the application packet a recommendation letter from a team coach. This letter should address the following:

- Student grade and number of years on mock trial team
- Parts played by student and any awards received at Region, District, State and/or National competitions
- School extracurricular activities and/or community service outside of mock trial
- Evidence that student exhibits leadership skills on the mock trial team
- Any additional information on why this student should be considered for acceptance to the Academy this year

Requesting Assistance with Tuition:

- LIMITED financial aid is available for a limited number of Academy applicants this year. No financial aid award will exceed \$125.
- The completed application packet must be submitted by the **August 10, 2018** late application deadline.
- If an applicant applies for financial assistance, the application may be submitted without a deposit. If financial aid is awarded, the Mock Trial office will notify all students requesting aid of the amount owed. This balance will be due upon registration at the Academy **Thursday, August 23**.
- Please remember that all applicants may solicit contributions from community sources (local bar association, local firms, local businesses, etc.) to support Academy tuition or supplement any financial aid received.

Submitting the Application Packet and Making Tuition Payments:

- The following pages should be printed **single-sided** from the website and mailed to the state Mock Trial office by the deadline with the deposit.
- Checks must be made payable to the State Bar of Georgia.
- To pay by credit card, complete the attached credit card form and submit it with the application.
- Mail everything to:

Mock Trial Office
104 Marietta Street, NW
Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30303

Cancellation:

- Cancellation by a parent/guardian must be received in writing (email is acceptable) by **5 PM** on **August 10, 2018**.
- A request for a refund by a parent/guardian of any deposit paid must also be received in writing by **5 PM** on **August 10, 2018**.
- Tuition **will not be refunded** if a cancellation is made after 5 PM on August 10, 2018.

For more information on the Law Academy, contact Michael Nixon at 404/527-8779 or 1-800/334-6865, ext. 779; email mocktrial@gabar.org

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2018 LAW ACADEMY APPLICATION

To complete your application, send this page, along with the following two pages, and your deposit to the Mock Trial office. These items must be received by **Friday, August 10** to be considered for the Academy.

Student's Name: _____

School: _____

For Mock Trial Office use only

____ Online Application Completed

Date forms received _____

Release _____ Code of Conduct _____ Letter _____

Payment 1: Amount _____ Check # _____ Date Rec'd _____

Payment 2: Amount _____ Check # _____ Date Rec'd _____

RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

This Release and Agreement is made on the date recorded between the Parent/Guardian and Student Participant (hereinafter called "Releasers") and the High School Mock Trial Committee of the Young Lawyers Division, State Bar of Georgia, and its officers and/or agents (hereinafter called "HSMTC").

Whereas the HSMTC will offer and conduct a **Law Academy on August 23 – 26, 2018** whereas said program will include participation in general and break-out sessions, a field trip to legal sites around Atlanta and social activities conducted at Academy sites and at certain other locations within the Downtown Atlanta, Georgia area; and whereas said Academy will involve the overnight stay of students and/or Academy participants at the **Hampton Inn & Suites** in Downtown Atlanta and travel of said students and/or Academy participants within the Downtown Atlanta area

Now, therefore, in consideration of the benefits flowing to Releasers by participating in this program, Releasers understand and agree as follows

1. That certain cardinal rules of the program have been established, to include:
 - a. Participants must follow all instructions given by Law Academy directors and faculty at all times;
 - b. At no time will boys be allowed in girls' rooms, and vice-versa;
 - c. At no time will participants use any tobacco, alcohol or non-prescribed drugs, other than over the counter medication as directed;
 - d. Participants must strictly follow program scheduling at all times;
 - e. At no time may a participant leave his/her assigned group without express permission from the Academy directors;
 - f. All participants are bound by the Georgia High School Mock Trial Rules and the Georgia Ethical Code of Conduct which is extended to include this program and specifically incorporated by reference herein; and
 - g. Participants will maintain respect for all program sites, including hotel rooms.
2. That any breach of this agreement will result in the participant being dismissed and sent home immediately at parent/guardian's expense, with no refund of program fees paid, and potentially being suspended from participation as a member of a mock trial team competing in the **2019** Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition.
3. That the HSMTC has permission to use photographs or video/audio tapes of the participants taken in connection with the program's activities.
4. That the health history provided on the Health Information form is correct, so far as is known by the Releasers; and the student participant listed below has permission to participate in this program and to engage all prescribed activities except as noted.
5. That the below-listed parent/guardian hereby gives permission to this program director or his/her designate:
 - a. To provide ongoing health care to the below listed student participant
 - b. To select medical personnel and to order x-rays below or routine tests or treatment for the below-listed student participant.
6. That the Releasers will take full responsibility for payment of any such medical treatment.
7. That in the event the below-listed parent/guardian or his/her designee cannot be reached in an emergency, said parent/guardian hereby gives permission to the physician selected by this program director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery and any and all other treatment deemed necessary for the below-listed student participant.
8. Releasers hereby release the HSMTC, the State Bar of Georgia and all of its sections, employees, agents, volunteers, staff and independent contractors (including the State Mock Trial Coordinator) from any financial or other liability arising from such treatment.
9. Releasers hereby further release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the HSMTC, the State Bar of Georgia, and all of its sections, employees, agents, volunteers, staff, and independent contractors (including the State Mock Trial Coordinator) from any claim(s) for injuries, damages, or losses to releasor, his/her person, property, etc., whether known, unknown, foreseen, unforeseen, patent, or latent, which Releasers may have against the HSMTC arising out of or as a result of participating in the aforementioned Academy and any cost, fees, or expenses associated with any such claim or loss.
10. The Releasers have read this Release, understand and acknowledge the significance and consequence of such specific intention to release and hold harmless the HSMTC, the State Bar of Georgia, and all of its sections, employees, agents, volunteers, staff, and independent contractors (including the State Mock Trial Coordinator) from such claims, injuries, damages, costs, fees, and/or medical expenses, or any other unforeseen cost or expense, and hereby assume full responsibility in for any injuries, damages, costs, or losses that he/she may incur from the aforementioned Academy.
11. This Release and Indemnification Agreement is freely and voluntarily given and executed by Releasers.
12. This Release and Indemnification Agreement shall be binding on the heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, of the Releasor.

Parent/Guardian:	_____	_____	_____
	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Student Participant:	_____	_____	_____
	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Witness:	_____	_____	_____
	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE

CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR LAW ACADEMY

August 23-26, 2018

For all Participants in the Georgia Mock Trial Law Academy

The purpose of the Georgia Mock Trial Competition, and all of its Special Projects, including Law Academy, is to stimulate and encourage a deeper understanding and appreciation of the American legal system. This purpose is accomplished by providing students the opportunity to participate actively in the learning process. The education of young people is the primary goal of the Mock Trial program. Healthy competition helps to achieve this goal. Other important objectives include: improving proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and reasoning skills; promoting effective communication and cooperation between the educational and legal communities; providing an opportunity to compete in an academic setting; and promoting cooperation among young people of diverse interests and abilities. As a means of diligent application of the Georgia Mock Trial Competition's Rules during the competition season and in all Special Projects, the following Code of Ethical Conduct has been adopted for all participants in the Law Academy:

All student Participants in Law Academy will:

- Review all materials provided to Law Academy participants and complete any pre-Academy assignments
- Promise to participate in the Academy with the highest standards of deportment and civility
- Avoid all actions and activities they know are unprofessional, wrong and/or in violation of the Rules or this Code
- Follow all Academy rules and/or directions given by Academy staff
- Focus their attention on the educational value of participating in Law Academy
- Have respect for all Academy venues, including hotel rooms
- Strictly follow program scheduling at all times
- Refrain from the use of any tobacco, alcohol or non-prescribed drugs, other than over the counter medication as directed
- Refrain from entering the hotel room of anyone of the opposite gender (no boys in girls rooms; no girls in boys rooms)
- Refrain from possessing and/or using any sort of weapon or transporting any sort of weapon to any Academy venue at any time (this includes in a car parked at the hotel).
- Travel with and participate in their assigned pairing and/or group throughout the entirety of the Academy weekend, except with express permission from Law Academy staff

Teacher/Attorney Coaches with Students attending Law Academy agree to:

- Review the materials provided to student participants in the Law Academy
- Focus their attention on the educational value of the Law Academy by requiring that all preparation for the Academy be substantially the work product of the student participant
- Encourage student participants to review Academy materials received prior to the start of the Academy and complete any pre-Academy assignments
- Discourage willful violations by student participants of the Rules of the Competition, the Law Academy and/or this Code
- Instruct students as to proper decorum when attending off-site activities such as Law Academy
- Assist student participants in the Academy in their understanding of the letter and the spirit of the competition's and Academy's Rules and this Code of Ethical Conduct
- Assist student participants in abiding by the letter and the spirit of the competition's and Academy's Rules and this Code of Ethical Conduct
- Encourage the development of leadership qualities in Academy attendees by allowing them to share the knowledge and information gained through participation in the Academy with fellow team members throughout the mock trial season

Violations of this Code of Ethical Conduct may be grounds for disqualification from the Mock Trial competition this season and/or suspension or expulsion from the Law Academy.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Teacher or Attorney Coach Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Credit Card Payment Form

If you wish to pay the deposit and/or final payment by credit card, provide the information below and mail it in with the completed paperwork. Please complete this information on the computer and print before mailing.

Name of student applicant: _____

Mailing address for card owner:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Which payment(s) will this card
be used for (check all that apply)?

Deposit (\$125)

Final Payment (\$200) – *This card will not be run until August 14
for final payments.*

Email address contact for card owner: _____

Name on credit card: _____

Card type: Visa Mastercard Amex

Card number: _____

Expiration Date: ____ / _____ Security code on back: _____

Mail this form only. Do not send it by email.

*The Law Academy is a project of the Special Projects Task Force of the High School Mock Trial Committee
of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia*

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