Represent Georgia in Evansville, IN in May, 2020!

The History of the Contest

In 1996, the Georgia High School Mock Trial Committee entered into a special relationship with the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), which sponsored a court artist to accompany the State Champion mock trial team to the National High School Mock Trial Championship. The product of that work has illustrated publications since 1997. In 1998, SCAD sponsored the first statewide Court Artist Contest and the first winner of the contest was Joey Allen from Duluth High School in Duluth. In a continued association with SCAD, we are pleased to announce our 22nd annual statewide Court Artist Contest. This contest is named for its founder, Craig Harding of SCAD, who died in June 1998.

What is a Court Artist Contest?

The Craig Harding Memorial Court Artist Contest is a contest that allows artistically talented students from schools actively participating in the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition an opportunity to participate in the mock trial program, but from an artistic side. Court artist contestants will sit in the courtroom with their school’s mock trial team and produce a courtroom sketch/drawing from the competition. It gives contestants an opportunity to create original artwork in a live setting and produce a sketch/drawing of the activity of the trial. It also provides the program with illustrations for statewide publications.

Registering for the Contest

Interested students should complete the Contest registration on-line. The registration printout and fee must be received by the state Mock Trial office no later than January 22, 2020.

Registration Fee

A $7.00 registration fee is required, and the check should be made payable to the State Bar of Georgia. There is a maximum limit of three contestants per school, so interested contestants should coordinate with their school’s mock trial coach and/or art department before completing registration. A school may pay for all three registrations in the same check as long as all three printouts are mailed together with the fee.

The State Champion Court Artist will have the opportunity to travel with the 2020 Mock Trial State Champion team to Evansville, IN (basic expenses paid) to compete in the National Courtroom Artist Contest at the National High School Mock Trial Championship May 6-10, 2020. Qualification and competition for the National Courtroom Artist Contest is the prize for winning the Craig Harding Memorial Court Artist Contest.
Contest Rules and Regulations

ALL Contestants MUST Strictly Follow the Rules Below:

1. All Court Artists MUST sign the Code of Ethical Conduct form submitted by the Mock Trial team from his/her school before the on-site registration at the competition site.

2. Court Artists are not allowed to communicate with any team member during the competition Round. Any communication will be a violation of Rule 24(a) and risk disqualification of the Artist and/or the team.

3. Court Artists may only sketch in courtrooms in which their schools’ team is on trial.

4. Sketches must be created during Rounds 1 through 3 of the Regional Competition, but need not be completed during the Rounds themselves. Artists may work on sketches during breaks in the competition.

5. Artists shall check-in with the Regional Coordinator before each Round of the competition begins for updated instructions and seating directions for specific courtrooms.

6. Only the best TWO sketches per artist may be submitted for judging to the Regional Coordinator by the end of the Awards Ceremony.

7. Sketches must be created and completed on paper that is either 11” X 17” or 11” X 14”. All sketches must be completed in landscape/horizontal orientation. Any entries that do not follow these specifications will not be submitted for judging.

8. Sketches may be in color or black-and-white, and any dry medium (pencil, colored pencil, marker, pastel, pen and ink, chalk) may be used. Fixative must be applied to any medium that requires it so it is not rubbed off in the shipping and judging process.

9. Artists must supply all their materials.

10. Sketches must depict actual courtroom scenes observed by the artist, and they must be created and completed solely by the artist submitting the sketches for judging without help from any outside sources.

11. Since these drawings may be reproduced, they need to have strong enough line value and shading to be seen clearly once scanned.

All entries become the property of the YLD, High School Mock Trial Committee at the State Bar of Georgia and may be used by the High School Mock Trial Committee for whatever purpose is deemed appropriate.

Entries will be sent to the Savannah College of Art and Design where a team of professors and graduate students, based on accuracy of proportion, realism, figure/ground relationship and use of contrast, etc., will judge the sketches. Regional winners will be announced at the conclusion of the judging, who will then be invited to the State Finals Awards Ceremony, where they will receive a certificate. The State Champion and State Finalist will be announced as well. The State Champion and State Finalist will each receive a plaque.

Maximum THREE contestants per school

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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the registration form online

After hitting “Submit”, open and print the PDF of your completed registration. Send the registration printout and fee together by mail to:

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

A check or money order for $7 should be made payable to:

State Bar of Georgia

The entry fee for the Court Artist contest is NON-REFUNDABLE.

REGISTRATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 22, 2020

Contestants are required to sign their school’s HSMTC Code of Ethical Conduct form in order to compete. Please coordinate with the Mock Trial Teacher Coach at your school to ensure that all participation criteria are met and to coordinate time and other requirements for the competition day.

Upon submission, all entries become the property of the YLD, High School Mock Trial Committee at the State Bar of Georgia and may be used by the High School Mock Trial Committee for whatever purpose is deemed appropriate. Original artwork will not be returned to the artist.

Thank you!