Georgia High School Mock Trial State Finals Competition
Judging Panel Volunteer Information

This year’s State Finals Competition will be on Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22 at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. We will have 16 teams from eight Districts competing over two days. All teams will compete in Rounds 1-3 on Saturday, with the top two teams coming back for the Final Round on Sunday afternoon.

**Round Details**

Starting times are to check-in; ending Times are approximate. Exact Round assignments will be confirmed by March 16.

- **ROUND 1, Saturday, 8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.,** *(Breakfast provided. 8 Presiding Judges and 24 Scoring Evaluators needed for this Round.)*
- **ROUND 2, Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.,** *(Lunch provided. 8 Presiding Judges and 24 Scoring Evaluators needed for this Round.)*
- **ROUND 3, Saturday, 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.,** *(8 Presiding Judges and 24 Scoring Evaluators needed for this Round.)*
- **FINAL/CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND, Sunday, 12 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.,** *(11 Scoring Evaluators needed for this Round.)*

**Hotel Accommodations**

For those traveling more than 85 miles from home, the Mock Trial program will be glad to provide accommodations in Lawrenceville on Friday and/or Saturday evening, depending on specific Round assignments. Before making reservations on your behalf, the Mock Trial office will confirm your accommodation needs. Hotel reservation confirmation information will be sent by email by March 16.

**Time Commitment**

Ample preparation time should be allowed before the competition date to thoroughly review materials competition materials. Well-prepared volunteers spend a minimum of two hours reviewing the case, rules and preparation materials before arriving at the competition site. On the day of competition, at least four (4) hours should be set aside per scheduled round.

**Pre-Requisite**

Volunteers at the state level of the HSMTC should have at least 2 rounds of prior HSMTC judging panel experience OR at least 1 year of HSMTC coaching experience.

**Orientation**

There will be a brief orientation session presented before each round of competition. All participating Presiding Judges and Scoring Evaluators are required to attend the orientation before each of their scheduled round(s). This is necessary for check-in, courtroom assignments and to address issues that may arise from prior rounds.

**Conflicts**

Potential conflicts 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; the J/E has a spouse that is a **faculty member at a competing school**; and/or the J/E served as a **judging panel or coordinating team volunteer in a Regional or District competition**. Having a conflict with a team in the competition does not necessarily exclude a volunteer from serving on a Judging Panel for the competition; however, we must be able to identify all potential conflicts in order to address them appropriately.

**Register!**

A confirmation report will be sent to you by email between February 24 and March 13, providing round assignments and more details. 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.*

**Questions?** Contact Michael Nixon: michaeln@gabar.org | 404/527-8779 | www.georgiamocktrial.org