



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Indiana Mock Trial welcomes your participation in the Indiana Mock Trial competition.

Students – Through participation you will experience what it is like to prepare for and present a case before a judge. Working with your team and coaches, you will learn to evaluate information and respond quickly. As you prepare, you will sharpen public speaking and presentation skills. The greatest benefit is the opportunity to learn how the legal system works. By studying and understanding courtroom procedure, you should become more comfortable with federal and state laws as part of the legal system. Your interaction with some of Indiana’s finest attorneys and judges will give you a glimpse of the different interpretations of trial procedure and different approaches of members in the legal arena.

Teacher Coach, Attorney Coach, or Judge – We strongly encourage you to focus on the goal of participation by students rather than stressing competition while preparing for the competition. Your contributions of time and talent are making many experiential educational opportunities available annually to many Indiana students. Your participation is a key element to the success of this program. You can be proud of the impact you have made on the lives of these students.

Registration Instructions:

1. ***Key Dates.*** Review the “Key Dates” link on the website to know the specific deadlines for registration and submitting additional forms necessary to participate in the Competition. Also the “Key Dates” link will identify the dates of the Preliminary Competitions. Each team is required to participate in a preliminary competition. Each preliminary competition involves three rounds of competition. Teams should plan the preliminary competition consuming an entire Saturday. The best teams from each preliminary competition will receive automatic bids to compete at the State competition. It is the policy of Indiana Mock Trial that teams should register for a preliminary competition nearest them. However, teams whose participants have other extra-curricular activities that conflict with scheduling of the preliminary competition that is nearest their school are permitted to register for a preliminary competition scheduled on another date in a different location.
2. ***Team Codes.*** Each team competing in the competition will use code names. Prior to registration, your team(s) should determine the Team Code it wishes to utilize throughout the competition. As provided in Rule 1.5 of the Rules of Competition, the Team Code name must be limited to no more than two words, and a total of 10 letters, including spaces and other characters. The Team Code name may not identify in any way the school name, mascot, or other identifying information relating to the school. The Board reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any team code name.
3. ***Volunteer Judges.*** As provided in Rule 1.4 of the Rules of Competition, each team is required to provide a judge for each round of competition that team is participating. The volunteer judge form(s) for the Preliminary and State Competitions must be fully completed and submitted by the deadline as posted on the Indiana Mock Trial website. A volunteer judge form should be submitted for each round for each team that you have submitted a Team Registration form, unless a volunteer has agreed to judge more than one round for your team. For example, if you have three teams registered, you should submit 9

Volunteer Judge Forms, unless a volunteer is judging more than one round. Only attorneys, judges, and law students can be designated to judge the competitions. Attorney-coaches or teachers for any school participating in the Indiana Mock Trial competition may **not** be designated as a team's judge. If a team's designated volunteer judge is unable to judge for any round designated, the team is responsible for finding a replacement judge for that round. If a team does not have a volunteer to judge the competition per these rules, it is subject to forfeiture for any round it does not have a volunteer to judge.

4. Registration Forms. The following items will need to be completed and submitted to Indiana Mock Trial for your registration to be complete in order to participate in the Competition. All forms are available on the Indiana Mock Trial website on the Competition Page for the High School Division and are due by the deadline posted on the Indiana Mock Trial website.

Registration Forms Due Date, requires submission of the following:

- School Registration Form
- Team Registration Form
- Code of Conduct Form
- Permission Slip forms
- Team registration fee(s)
- Journalism Contest Registration Form (*optional*)
- Art Contest Registration Form (*optional*)

Judge Volunteers Form Due Date, requires submission of the following:

- Judge Volunteers form(s) for *each round for each team registered*

Date of Competition:

- Team Roster Forms for both sides of the Case

Optional Form to submit on March 1st :

- Woods Dedication Award Form

5. Open up the "**School Registration**" and "**Team Registration**" forms. These are WORD forms, but are fill-in forms. Fill in the information on each form by typing in the information on the form. After completing the form, save the form to your computer as a new file. *We will not accept hand written forms.*

6. After completing the "**School Registration**" form and "**Team Registration**" form (a "**Team Registration**" form will need to be filled out for **each** team you have competing), attach your forms to an email and send to inmocktrial@stuartlaw.com with the subject matter being **REGISTRATION - YOUR SCHOOL NAME**. Please send the form no later than **midnight on the due date**.

7. Send in your check for registration fees to:

Indiana Mock Trial
P.O. Box 1010
Lafayette, IN 47902-1010

Please direct any questions regarding registration to inmocktrial@stuartlaw.com.