

# 2010 Illinois State Bar Association High School Mock Trials



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## **MANDATORY FORMS<sup>1</sup>**

This packet includes registration forms and documents that **MUST** be completed and submitted by the established deadlines. These **MANDATORY** forms include:

- The official team registration form – due by registration deadline
- Registration fee – due by registration deadline
- The official team roster – due by registration deadline
- Certificates of release for all students attending (signed by parent/guardian) (may be faxed one week prior to regional trial)
- Certificate of assurance that all work is that of the students (signed by teacher) – due by registration deadline
- Code of Conduct (signed by teachers, students, and parents) (may be faxed one week prior to regional trial)
- Team Roster Forms (may be completed on site at the mock trials for distribution during trial)

## **Registration Deadline – December 21, 2009**

Send all completed forms to:  
Donna Schechter  
Illinois State Bar Association  
424 South Second Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
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<sup>1</sup> The Illinois State Bar Association and its Standing Committee on Law-Related Education reserve the right to decline participation to those who do not submit all appropriate forms for the Mock Trial Invitational by the established deadlines.

**The 2010 Illinois State Bar Association High School  
Mock Trial FINALS will be held on  
Friday and Saturday, March 13, 2010  
at the University of Illinois Springfield.  
Mark your calendars!**

If you wish to receive high school mock trial information, join our mock trial e-mail list by e-mailing Donna Schechter at [dschecht@isba.org](mailto:dschecht@isba.org). Mock trial registration information, as well as the rules of the program and case materials will be available on-line in early November. Check our website for updates. <http://www.isba.org/Sections/lawrelateded.asp>

**Mock Trial Registration**

**If you know you're coming, feel free to register early!**

A Non-Refundable Team Registration fee of **\$100** will be DUE NO LATER THAN **December 21, 2009**. Payment must be by check or money orders only. Please make checks and money orders payable to Illinois LEARN Program/Mock Trials. No Purchase Orders Will Be Accepted. Send checks, with the form below, to:

Donna Schechter, Mock Trial Coordinator  
Illinois State Bar Association  
424 South Second Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

In order to qualify to attend the state finals in Springfield, teams must place first or second at a sanctioned regional trial. Regional trial schedule is attached.

State Finals, Springfield – University of Illinois Springfield Campus, Public Affairs Center, Lower Level. Saturday, March 13, 2010

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will host the 27th Annual National High School Mock Trial Championship, May 6 through May 8, 2009.

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# Early Registration Form

My school wants to participate in the 2010 Illinois State Bar Association High School Mock Trial Invitational. Enclosed is my check for **\$100.00**.

Teacher/Coach \_\_\_\_\_

School name \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

School phone number \_\_\_\_\_

School fax \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send this completed form to:  
Donna Schechter, Mock Trial Coordinator  
Illinois State Bar Association  
424 South Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62701

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE DECEMBER 21, 2009**

If you have questions about the mock trial event, please contact Donna at 800.252.8908 or by e-mail to [dschecht@isba.org](mailto:dschecht@isba.org).



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**TEAM ROSTER REGISTRATION FORM**

**This form must be submitted no later than December 21, 2009.**

NOTE: FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS FORM BY THE DATE ABOVE, VIA MAIL OR FAX, MAY DISQUALIFY YOUR TEAM FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM.

Teacher/Coach \_\_\_\_\_

School name \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

School phone number \_\_\_\_\_

School fax \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM ROSTER**

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

***The above team members and teacher have certified that they have read, understand and agree to comply with all of the mock trial rules.***

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL FORMS**

Official team may not exceed ten (10) members, any seven (7) of whom will participate at any trial during the mock trial regional and/or final trials. Thank you.

**ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM  
And/or  
National High School Mock Trial Championship**

**SCHOOL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE**

*Please duplicate adequate copies for all team members*

**Dear Parent/Guardian:** While the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) assumes no responsibility for the participants in the High School Mock Trial Program/National High School Mock Trial Championship, we do request indication of permission from the parent/guardian of each student participating in the ISBA sponsored Mock Trial Program at the regional trial, final trials to be held at the University of Illinois at Springfield, Springfield, Illinois, and, should the student's team win, the National High School Mock Trial Championships.

Please complete and return the form below at your earliest convenience.

**The undersigned, as parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (student name, please print or type), a minor, do, for themselves, heirs, executors or assigns, on behalf of and for the said minor, hereby release and discharge the ISBA, its officers, members of its Board of Governors, committees, employees and agents, from a demands, liabilities, losses and expenses (including attorney fees) relating to any and all damages (including, without limitation, injury to or death of persons and damages or loss of property), caused by, arising out of, or in any way related to, the minor's participation in the Illinois State Bar Association Mock Trial Program or, if declared the state champion, the National High School Mock Trial Championship.**

**In addition, we authorize the Illinois State Bar Association to utilize any photographs or videotapes taken of the above noted student during the High School Mock Trials or National High School Mock Trial Championship in a promotional or educational manner.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed or typed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ (please check one)

Return this completed form to your student's teacher. They must return the form to ISBA, attention Donna Schechter, 424 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE OF ASSURANCE

I, teacher at \_\_\_\_\_ high school,  
located in \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois, state that I am the  
teacher/coach of the mock trial team entered in the Illinois State Bar Association  
mock trial program, and I certify that the opening and closing statements,  
witness examinations, witness responses, objections and responses to objections,  
and any other presentations made by the participating team members during the  
program were prepared exclusively by the student members of the team.

**In addition, I certify that I have read all of the mock trial rules and have  
made them available to the students and have indicated that knowledge of  
the rules is an integral part of the mock trial endeavor.**

Teacher signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

**DUE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 21, 2009**

**Illinois State Bar Association  
Code of Conduct for High School Mock Trials**

The Committee on Law-Related Education for the Public works diligently each year to provide a challenging educational opportunity to showcase student achievement at the annual High School Mock Trial Invitational. The goals of the Illinois State Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Invitational are to stimulate and encourage a deeper understanding and appreciation of the legal system through an experiential learning opportunity. Specific goals include:

- To increase student understanding of the American judicial system.
- To familiarize students with the law, courtroom procedures, and the legal system.
- To build bridges of cooperation and respect between the community and the legal profession.
- To improve skills like listening, speaking, writing, reading, analyzing, and working as a team.
- To learn the meaning of good citizenship through involvement in our system of law and justice.
- To develop team spirit, establish goals, and work toward a common goal.

In the past, volunteers, teams, staff and guests have experienced or witnessed occasional negative behavior that must be curtailed. To that end, attached please find a new document for your signature. Please also circulate this document to all student participants, lawyer coaches, parents and guests who will be attending the mock trials at the regional levels and/or in Springfield.

Examples of unacceptable behavior: (This is not an exhaustive list, but gives examples):

Any act or statement meant to intimidate an opposing team or team member before, during or after the trials.

Any act or statement meant to disrupt the orderly flow of courtroom procedures or the mock trial event, i.e., creation of material fact, overzealous objecting, parental interference, teachers communicating with students during the trials, etc.

Any act or statement meant to intimidate a volunteer lawyer, judge or staff member overseeing the mock trial event.

Again, participants should address any concerns, issues, questions, regarding the mock trial event by mail directed to Donna Schechter at the Illinois State Bar Association, 424 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62701, [dschecht@isba.org](mailto:dschecht@isba.org).

Participants, coaches, parents and observers should not approach volunteer judges or lawyers by mail.

We ask that all teachers, lawyer coaches and student participants sign the attached Code of Conduct and return it with their registration materials. The Code of Conduct

should also be provided to each and every parent or other observer attending the mock trial events; regionals and finals. Thank you.

**Illinois State Bar Association  
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Participants must conform to specific rules of practice and procedure that govern the Illinois State Bar Association High School Mock Trial Invitational.

The Illinois State Bar Association's Standing Committee on Law-Related Education encourages all participants to follow the Mock Trial Code of Conduct.

- Team Members - shall conduct themselves with the highest standards of decorum, showing respect for their fellow mock trial members, opponents, judges, evaluators, attorney coaches, teacher coaches and mock trial personnel. All students shall work to accept both successes and defeats with dignity and restraint. All trials shall be conducted with honesty, fairness and with civility. Students shall avoid trial tactics they know are wrong or violate the Mock Trial Rules, including the creation of facts and use of materials outside the mock trial program. Parents and Observers shall be prepared to accept both successes and defeats with dignity and restraint.
- Teacher Coaches - shall agree to focus attention on the educational value of the mock trial experience and discourage violations of the Rules. Teachers shall instruct all mock trial team participants as to proper trial procedure and courtroom decorum and shall assist students in understanding and abiding by all Mock Trial Rules and this Code of Conduct. Parents and Observers shall be prepared to accept both successes and defeats with dignity and restraint.
- Attorney Coaches - shall uphold the highest standards of the legal profession and will encourage fair play, always bearing in mind that they represent an honorable profession and are acting not only as mock trial advisors but as role models. Parents and Observers shall be prepared to accept both successes and defeats with dignity and restraint.
- Parents and Observers - Shall be bound by all Rules and this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by these provisions. Team members, teacher coaches and attorney coaches are responsible for ensuring that all observers are aware of this Code of Conduct. Parents and Observers shall be prepared to accept both successes and defeats with dignity and restraint.

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Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disqualification from attending future mock trial events.



**TEAM ROSTER - PROSECUTION/PLAINTIFF TEAM**

**(Teams must complete this form and distribute at trial)**

- 1 copy for presiding judge
- 1 copy for opposing team
- 1 copy for evaluators
- 1 copy to retain for team record

**PRESS HARD WHEN WRITING-YOU ARE MAKING FOUR COPIES**

NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

The following students will be participating in this trial:

Opening Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

First Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

(Playing the role of \_\_\_\_\_)

Direct Examination by: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

(Playing the role of \_\_\_\_\_)

Direct Examination by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cross Examinations by \_\_\_\_\_

(Cross examining \_\_\_\_\_)

Cross Examinations by \_\_\_\_\_

(Cross-examining \_\_\_\_\_)

Closing Argument: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM ROSTER - DEFENSE/DEFENDANT TEAM

**(Teams must complete this form and distribute at trial)**

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Opening Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

First Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

(Playing the role of \_\_\_\_\_)

Direct Examination by: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

(Playing the role of \_\_\_\_\_)

Direct Examination by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cross Examinations by \_\_\_\_\_

(Cross-examining \_\_\_\_\_)

Cross Examinations by \_\_\_\_\_

(Cross-examining \_\_\_\_\_)

Closing Argument: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Mock Trial 2010 - Hotel Information**

**For teams qualifying to attend the state finals in Springfield, no room reservations or blocks have been made.**

**SCHOOLS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS!**

Suggested Hotels:

- Hampton Inn – 217.529.1100  
3185 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield
- Microtel Inn & Suites – 217.753.2636  
2636 Sunrise Drive, Springfield
- Drury Inn & Suites – 217.529.3900  
3180 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield
- Signature Inn – 217.529.6611  
3090 Stevenson Drive, Springfield
- Holiday Inn Express – 217.529.7771  
3050 S. Dirksen Parkway
- Crowne Plaza – 217.529.7777  
3000 S. Dirksen Parkway
- Hilton Springfield (downtown) – 7<sup>th</sup> & Adams Streets – 217.789.1530

Or visit <http://hotel-guides.us/illinois/springfield-il-hotels.html>

