

2019 ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational



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PLEASE NOTE!

There have been **CHANGES** to the Registration Materials this year. Please carefully read this packet and mark the dates on your calendar!

Below are several key changes:

NEW LOCATION: The 2019 ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational will be held at the **University of Illinois Springfield Public Affairs Center:**

UIS Public Affairs Center
2200 Earnest Hemingway Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

All forms, other than the initial Team Registration Form and Registration Fee, must be submitted **electronically** by email to the Mock Trial Coordinator at il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com or uploaded to a Google Drive Folder.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Any team that has not submitted all required forms, the registration fee and late fee (if applicable) by **March 1, 2019** will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the 2019 ISBA Mock Trial Invitational.

We regret this, but it is necessary for us to have time to properly prepare for the Invitational.

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MANDATORY FORMS

This packet includes registration forms and documents that **MUST** be completed and submitted by the established deadlines. All forms for each deadline **MUST** be submitted at the **SAME** time.

Deadline - January 25, 2019

- The official team Registration Form
- Registration fee of \$160 (check made out to: LEARN)

Teams will be subject to a **\$20 late fee** if the Registration Form and fee are not **postmarked by January 25, 2019**.

Deadline - February 22, 2019 (submitted electronically)

- The Official Team Roster
- Code of Conduct form (signed by teachers & students)
- Certificates of Release for all students attending (must be signed by parent/guardian or student, if 18 years old or older)
- Certificate of Assurance (signed by teacher)
- Law Test Questions (from teacher) (*optional*)
- Special Requests (*optional*)

The Registration Fee is not refundable after February 22, 2019. Teams that withdraw after that date without good cause may disqualify their team from participating in next year's Invitational.

Deadline - March 1, 2019 (submitted electronically)

- Certification of participation in regional/practice trial

Teams that have not submitted all required forms and fees by March 1, 2019 will NOT be allowed to participate in the 2019 Invitational.

Deadline - At event, before trials

- Participating Team Roster Forms (may be completed on site for distribution during trial)

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS

All forms other than the Registration Form and registration fee, **MUST** be submitted **electronically**.

Below please find a description of how the electronic submission process will work.

OPTION #1: Email

- A teacher or lawyer coach may scan and email all signed forms in a PDF version to il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com on or before the deadline for submission.
- Please title all attached forms with the Team's Name to avoid forms being lost or mixed up.
- The Coordinator will then be uploaded to a Google Drive Folder. That folder will be shared with the teacher/coach.

OPTION #2: Upload to Google Drive

- A teacher or lawyer coach may upload all signed forms to a Google Drive folder, which will be accessible only to the school's teacher/coach, the Coordinator and the ISBA Mock Trial Subcommittee members.
- Following the receipt of a team's registration fee and Registration Form the Coordinator will create a Google Drive folder for that team.
- The folder will then be shared with the teacher/coach only.
- The teacher/coach can then upload the remainder of the required documents to the Google Drive Folder.
- The Coordinator will regularly check the Google Drive Folders for completion of required forms and confirm receipt/completion of requirements with the coach/teacher.

If there are any issues or technical difficulties accessing the Google Drive folders or if there are any concerns with the electronic submission process, please contact the Coordinator, Katy Karayannis, at il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 2019 High School Mock Trial Invitational will be held on

Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, 2019

at the University of Illinois Springfield Public Affairs Center in
Springfield, Illinois.

If you wish to receive high school mock trial information, join our mock trial e-mail list by e-mailing Katy Karayannis at il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com. This list is only available for teachers and lawyer coaches.

Mock trial registration information, as well as the rules of the program and case materials will be available on-line beginning **November 1, 2019**.

Check the ISBA website for updates:

<http://www.isba.org/teachers/mocktrial>

MOCK TRIAL REGISTRATION

To register, teams must complete the attached **Registration Form** and submit it to the Mock Trial Coordinator together with the **Registration Fee** of \$160 by **January 25, 2019**. Payment must be by check or money order only. No purchase orders will be accepted.

Please make checks and money orders payable to **LEARN**.

(Illinois LEARN is a not-for-profit corporation affiliated with the ISBA)

Send checks, with the completed Registration Form, to:

ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational

Attn: Kim Furr

424 S. Second Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Email: il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

My school wants to participate in the 2019 ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational. Enclosed is our check for **\$160.00**. We understand that if we do not submit this form and our \$160 registration fee by **January 25, 2019** our team will be assessed a late fee of **\$20.00**.

Teacher/Coach _____

School/Team name _____

School address _____

County _____

School phone number _____

School fax number _____

Teacher/Coach e-mail _____

Teacher/Coach cell number _____

Send this completed form and the Registration Fee (payable to: LEARN) to:

ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational
Attn: Kim Furr
424 S. Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 25, 2019

If you have questions about the Mock Trial Invitational, please contact Coordinator Katy Karayannis at **630-485-1824** or by e-mail to il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com.



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OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTER FORM

This form must be submitted by February 22, 2019.

This Official Team Roster may not exceed **ten (10)** students. No less than **five (5)** and no more than **seven (7)** students listed on this Roster may participate in any trial at the Mock Trial Invitational. The trial participants must be listed on the Participating Team Rosters on pages 17 and 18 of this Registration Packet.

Any updates to this Roster MUST be submitted before or on the first day of the Invitational, before the first trial rounds begin. Up to **three (3)** members listed on this Roster may serve as alternates who may participate if any listed trial participant is unable to participate. All team members listed on this Official Team Roster, including alternates, MUST participate in the Law Test. If a student is not listed on this Roster, that student may not participate in a trial or take the Law Test.

Teacher/Coach _____

School/Team name _____

School Address _____

County _____

School Phone Number _____

Teacher/Coach E-mail _____

OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTER (List names of students)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

The above student participants and teacher/coach have certified that they have read, understand and agree to comply with all of the Mock Trial Invitational rules.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL FORMS

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

The ISBA Standing 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 is a document for your review and signature. You are strongly encouraged to circulate this document to all student participants, lawyer coaches, and guests who will be attending the mock trials at the regional levels and/or at the High School Mock Trial Invitational. All student participants, teachers and coaches will be required to sign the attached document affirming that they have reviewed the attached code of conduct with any guests.

Examples of unacceptable behavior include but are not limited to the following:

- 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/coaches 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.

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 observer attending mock trial events - Regionals and Invitational.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Illinois State Bar Association Code of Conduct for High School Mock Trials (continued)

Participants must adhere to specific rules of practice and procedure that govern the ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational. The ISBA's Standing Committee on Law-Related Education requires that all participants follow the Mock Trial Code of Conduct.

- Student Participants - shall conduct themselves with the highest standards of decorum, showing respect for their fellow team 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.
- 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.
- Lawyer 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/Guardians - shall promote academic, emotional, physical and moral wellbeing above desires and pressure to win, and shall teach, advocate, model, and promote the development of good character to include: (a) trustworthiness; (b) respect; (c) responsibility; (d) fairness; (e) caring; and (f) citizenship, and shall respect participants, officials, opposing teams, and all others involved, to promote fair play and uphold the spirit of the rules in the activity, and to model appropriate behavior at all times.
- Other Observers - shall be bound by all Rules and this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by these provisions. Team members and coaches are responsible for ensuring that all observers are aware of this Code of Conduct. Other observers shall be prepared to accept both successes and defeats with dignity and restraint.

Participants agree to address any concerns or questions during the Invitational to the Coordinator, a member of the LRE Committee, or the presiding judge (if during a trial). Concerns or questions after the Invitational should be directed to Coordinator Katy Karayannis at il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com. Participants, coaches and observers shall not contact volunteer judges or lawyers about the event.

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

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

Teachers, lawyer coaches, student team members and other observers should read and be familiar with the Code of Conduct. By signing this form the teacher, lawyer coach and each individual student acknowledge that they have read all of the rules and further acknowledge that they have reviewed the rules with all parents, guardians, and other guests attending the Invitational.

We have read and understand the Illinois State Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Invitational Code of Conduct. We have further reviewed the Code of Conduct with parents, guardians and any other guests who plan to attend the event. We have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Rules of the ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational.

We also understand that it is the policy of the Illinois State Bar Association and the University of Illinois Springfield NOT to release rankings or scores for this event (other than announcing the top eight teams that will progress to the final round of trials and, thereafter, the top three ranked schools at the conclusion of the program).

School Name _____

Teacher _____

Lawyer Coach _____

Student's Printed name:

Student's Signature:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Must be submitted by February 22, 2019.

ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL

SCHOOL/TEAM NAME: _____

THIS FORM **MUST** BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 22, 2019.

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

Please duplicate adequate copies for all team members

Please only fill out if student is under the age of 18.

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

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, et al., and the UIS, their officers, members of their Board of Governors and/or Executive Board, committees, employees and agents, from any 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 ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational or, if declared the state champion, the National High School Mock Trial Championship.

In addition, we authorize the UIS and the ISBA to utilize any photographs or videotapes taken of the above noted student during the High School Mock Trial Invitational 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.

Teachers must return form to Coordinator, Katy Karayannis, by electronic submission via Google Drive or email at il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com, by February 22, 2019.

ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL

SCHOOL/TEAM NAME: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 22, 2019.

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE BY STUDENT

Please duplicate adequate copies for all team members

Please only fill out if student is over the age of 18.

Student (if over 18): I, _____ (student name, please print or type), hereby release and discharge the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), et al., and the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS), their officers, members of their Board of Governors and/or Executive Board, committees, employees and agents, from any 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, my participation in the ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational or, if declared the state champion, the National High School Mock Trial Championship.

In addition, I authorize the UIS and the ISBA to utilize any photographs or videotapes taken of me during the High School Mock Trial Invitational or National High School Mock Trial Championship in a promotional or educational manner.

Signature: _____

Name (printed or typed): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Return this completed form to your teacher.

Teachers must return form to Coordinator, Katy Karayannis, by electronic submission via Google Drive or email at il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com, by February 22, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSURANCE

I, a teacher or coach for _____ (school or team name), located in _____, Illinois, state that I am the teacher/coach of the mock trial team entered in the Illinois State Bar Association Mock Trial Invitational, and I certify that, although I reviewed and offered suggestions regarding 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, all of those presentations were created exclusively by the student members of the team.

In addition, I certify that I have read all of the Mock Trial rules, have discussed them with the students on my school's team, and that I have made them available to the students and all guests planning to attend the invitational. I have indicated to the students and all guests that knowledge of the rules is an integral part of the mock trial experience and that all students and guests are expected to follow all rules.

Teacher name (printed or typed): _____

Teacher signature: _____

Date: _____

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 22, 2019.

SUGGESTED LAW TEST QUESTIONS
(OPTIONAL)

Due on or before February 22, 2019

Note: Questions must be true/false and/or multiple choice.
Answers must be included.

Please submit questions electronically to Katy Karayannis, Mock Trial Coordinator.

E-mail to il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com or upload electronically on Google Drive.

QUESTION NO. 1

Answer _____

QUESTION NO. 2

Answer _____

QUESTION NO. 3

Answer _____

NAME OF TEACHER SUBMITTING QUESTIONS: _____

SCHOOL/TEAM NAME: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL MOCK TRIAL FORMS. THANK YOU.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

If your team has a special request for a trial time on Saturday or Sunday, please complete and return the form below. Every effort will be made to accommodate requests; however, **requests cannot be guaranteed**. Requests must be accompanied by an explanation of reason for the request. Participants are expected to be available for any assigned trial time.

Please note: times are approximate, as we won't know exact trial times until we know how many teams are registered. However, trials on Saturday typically begin at 10:00 a.m. with 5:00 p.m. being the start of the last trial that day. On Sunday, trials start at approximately 8:30 a.m. and the last round starts by 2:00 p.m. The finals round starts Sunday afternoon, after the final regular rounds and scoring is complete.

TEACHER NAME: _____

SCHOOL/TEAM NAME: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL FAX: _____

Approximate Special Request time requested on Saturday: _____

Reason for request _____

Approximate Special Request time requested on Sunday: _____

Reason for request _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

This form should also be used to indicate to the hosts any special needs students, teachers or observers may have with regard to accessibility during the trial event.

**Special Requests form must be submitted by
February 22, 2019**

CERTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL/PRACTICE TRIAL

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE INFORMATION OTHER THAN SIGNATURES

I hereby affirm that _____ (name of school/ team) has participated in a practice/regional trial against _____ (name of school/ team) on _____(date).

Presiding over this trial was _____ (Name of Judge/Lawyer)

Name of Teacher/Coach _____ PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Signature of Teacher/Coach _____

Name of Presiding Judge/Lawyer _____ PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Signature of Presiding Judge/Lawyer/Tournament Coordinator:

If your team participated in a formal regional trial, forms may be signed by the regional coordinator rather than the presiding judge or lawyer.

Submit form to Coordinator, Katy Karayannis, by electronic submission via Google Drive or email at il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com.

Certificate of Participation Form Must be Submitted By:

March 1, 2019

Failure to submit this form on time may disqualify your team from participation in the 2019 Invitational.

PARTICIPATING TEAM ROSTER - PROSECUTION/PLAINTIFF TEAM

(Teams must complete this form and distribute at trial)

1 copy for presiding judge
1 copy for opposing team
3 copies for evaluators
1 copy to retain for team record

NAME OF SCHOOL/TEAM: _____

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: _____

PARTICIPATING TEAM ROSTER - DEFENSE/DEFENDANT TEAM

(Teams must complete this form and distribute at trial)

1 copy for presiding judge
1 copy for opposing team
3 copies for evaluators
1 copy to retain for team record

NAME OF SCHOOL/TEAM: _____

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: _____

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Hotel Information

There are many hotels in the Springfield, Illinois area. When planning, please note that the UIS Public Affairs Center is located to the south of the city off of I-55.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: Teams that attend the ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational are responsible for reserving their own hotel rooms for the event.

No room reservations or blocks have been made by the ISBA for schools.

Information about local hotels can be found at the **Springfield Convention & Visitor's Bureau** website at:

<http://www.visitspringfieldillinois.com/WhereToStay.aspx>

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE 2019 ISBA HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL!!