

# 2016 Illinois State Bar Association High School Mock Trial Invitational



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## PLEASE NOTE!

There have been **CHANGES** to the registration materials this year, including revised **DEADLINES**. Please carefully read this packet and mark the dates on your calendar! Below are several key changes:

- The completed Registration Form & registration fee of **\$160** are due by **February 18, 2016**. Teams that do not submit the registration form & fee by that date will be assessed a **\$20 late fee**.
- All other required forms, except the Certificate of Participation, are due by **March 18, 2016**. These forms **MUST** be submitted at the same time.
- The Certificate of Participation is due by **March 25, 2016**.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Any team that has not submitted all required forms, the registration fee and late fee, if applicable, by **March 25, 2016** will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the 2016 ISBA Mock Trial Invitational.

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

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## MANDATORY FORMS

This packet includes registration forms that **MUST** be completed and submitted by the established deadlines.

### Deadline - February 18, 2016

- The official team **Registration Form**
- Registration fee of **\$160**

Teams will be assessed a **\$20 late fee** if the Registration form and fee are not submitted by **February 18, 2016**.

### Deadline - March 18, 2016

- The official Team Roster Registration Form
- Code of Conduct (signed by teachers & students)
- Certificates of Release for all students attending (signed by parent/guardian or student, if 18 years old or older)
- Parent Code of Conduct (signed by parent/guardian)
- Certificate of assurance that all work is that of students (signed by teacher)
- Law Test Questions (from teacher) (*optional*)
- Special Requests (*optional*)

**The Registration Fee is not refundable after March 18, 2016.** Teams that withdraw after that date without good cause may disqualify their school from participating in next year's Invitational.

### Deadline - March 25, 2016

- Certification of participation in regional/practice trial

**Teams that have not submitted all required forms and fees by March 25, 2016 will NOT be allowed to participate in the 2016 Invitational.**

### Deadline - At event, before trials

- Team Trial Roster Forms (may be completed on site for distribution at start of trials)

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The 2016 High School Mock Trial Invitational will be held on

**Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3, 2016**

at the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign, 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](mailto: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 **November 1, 2015**.

Check the ISBA website for updates:

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

### **MOCK TRIAL REGISTRATION**

To register, teams must complete the Registration Form below and submit it to the Mock Trial Coordinator with the Registration Fee of **\$160** by **February 18, 2016**.

Payment must be by check or money order. 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 all completed forms and checks/money orders to:**

Katy Karayannis, Coordinator  
ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational  
2109 Village Parkway  
Savoy, Illinois 61874  
Email: [il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com](mailto:il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com)

**Registration Deadline: February 18, 2016.**

# REGISTRATION FORM

My school wants to participate in the 2016 ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational. Enclosed is our check for **\$160.00**. We understand that if we do not submit this form and the registration fee by **February 18, 2016**, we will be assessed a late fee of **\$20.00**.

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Teacher cell number \_\_\_\_\_

Send this completed form and check/money order to:

Katy Karayannis, Coordinator  
ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational  
2109 Village Parkway  
Savoy, Illinois 61874

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE February 18, 2016**

If you have questions about the Mock Trial Invitational, please contact Coordinator Katy Karayannis at 630-485-1824 or by e-mail at: [il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com](mailto:il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com).



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**TEAM ROSTER REGISTRATION FORM**

**This form is due by March 18, 2016**

This official team roster may **not** exceed **ten (10) students**, any **seven (7)** of whom will participate at any trial during the mock trial regional and/or final trials. To participate in a trial or the law test, a student must be on this roster.

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**TEAM ROSTER** (Print names of team members)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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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**

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

The 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 signature. Please also circulate this document to all student participants, lawyer coaches, and guests who will be attending the mock trials at the regional levels and/or in Champaign. Parents and Guardians must sign the attached document entitled "ISBA Parents' & Guardians' Code of Conduct".**

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/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 conform 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 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.
- 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.
- Other Observers - shall be bound by all Rules and this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by these provisions. Team members, teacher coaches and lawyer 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, issues, questions, regarding the mock trial event by mail directed to Coordinator Katy Karayannis at: 2109 Village Parkway Savoy, Illinois 61874, or by email to [il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com](mailto:il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com).

Participants, coaches, and observers should not contact volunteer judges or lawyers regarding the event.

**Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disqualification from attending 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.

*We have read and understand the Illinois State Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Invitational Code of Conduct. 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 Illinois Trial Team 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Students:

Printed name:

Signature:

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**Must be submitted by March 18, 2016.**



ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL

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

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY MARCH 18, 2016.

**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 Illinois Trial Team 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 Illinois Trial Team-sponsored Mock Trial Program at the regional trials, final trials to be held at the University of Illinois School of Law in Champaign, 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 and the Illinois Trial Team, 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 Illinois State Bar Association High School Mock Trial Invitational or, if declared the state champion, the National High School Mock Trial Championship.

In addition, we authorize the Illinois Trial Team and the Illinois State Bar Association 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 scanned document by email at [il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com](mailto:il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com), or by mail at 2109 Village Parkway, Savoy, Illinois by **March 18, 2016**.

ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL

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

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY **MARCH 18, 2016**.

**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 ISBA and the Illinois Trial Team, 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 Illinois State Bar Association High School Mock Trial Invitational or, if declared the state champion, the National High School Mock Trial Championship.

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

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this completed form to your teacher.

Teachers must return form to Coordinator, Katy Karayannis, by scanned document by email at [il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com](mailto:il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com), or by mail at 2109 Village Parkway, Savoy, Illinois by **March 18, 2016**.

## ISBA Parents' & Guardians' Code of Conduct

The Illinois State Bar Association believes that sportsmanship is a core value and its promotion and practice are essential. This code of conduct applies to all parents/guardians involved in interscholastic activities, including the ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational, all regional events, and, if the team is declared the state champion, the National High School Mock Trial Championship.

1. Parents/guardians will promote academic, emotional, physical and moral well being above desires and pressure to win.
2. Parents/guardians will teach, enforce, advocate, model, and promote the development of good character to include:
  - a. Trustworthiness
  - b. Respect
  - c. Responsibility
  - d. Fairness
  - e. Caring
  - f. Citizenship
3. Parents/guardians will respect participants, officials, opponents, and all others involved.
4. Parents/guardians will promote fair play and uphold the spirit of the rules in the activity.
5. Parents/guardians will model appropriate behavior at all times.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that I may be forbidden from attending events or competitions if I violate any of its provisions. Failure to abide by these rules will result in my removal from the premises.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Child's name

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Date

Parents/guardians agree to address any concerns, issues, or questions, regarding the mock trial event by mail directed to Coordinator Katy Karayannis at 2019 Village Parkway Savoy, Illinois 61874 or by email at [il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com](mailto:il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com).

Parents/guardians agree not to approach volunteer judges or lawyers by mail.

(Thanks to the IHSA for liberal use of the IHSA Parents/Fans Code of Conduct form).

***Must be submitted by March 18, 2016.***

ISBA HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL

**CERTIFICATE OF ASSURANCE**

I, a 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 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, have made them available to the students  
and have indicated to the students that knowledge of the rules is an integral part of the  
mock trial experience.**

Teacher name (printed or typed): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 18, 2016.**

**SUGGESTED LAW TEST QUESTIONS**  
**(OPTIONAL)**

**Due on or before March 18, 2016**

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

Mail or scanned to:

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E-mail to: [il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com](mailto:il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com)

QUESTION NO. 1

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTION NO. 2

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTION NO. 3

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF TEACHER SUBMITTING QUESTIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

If a team participating in the ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational has special requests for times to go to trial on Saturday or Sunday, please complete and return the form below. Every effort will be made to accommodate all requests; however, **there are no guarantees**. Requests must be accompanied by an explanation of reason for such request. Participants are expected to be available for any assigned trial time. Please note, times are approximate, as we won't know when trials will be scheduled until we know how many teams are formally registered, but generally trial times on Saturday 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 initial round starts by approximately 2:00 p.m. Please note that final trials start in the afternoon on Sunday.

TEACHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Special Requests form must be submitted by  
March 18, 2016**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 mail: 2109 Village Parkway, Savoy, Illinois 61874, or by email: [il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com](mailto:il.hs.mocktrial@gmail.com).

**Certificate of Participation Form Must be Submitted By:**

**March 25, 2016**

**Failure to do so may disqualify your team from participation in the 2016 Invitational.**

## TEAM TRIAL 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 TRIAL 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mock Trial Invitational 2016 - Hotel Information

**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.**

### Contact Information for Hotels in Champaign:

- Hawthorn Suites - (217) 398-3400  
101 Trade Center Drive, Champaign
- Hilton Garden Inn Champaign - (217) 352-9970  
1501 South Neil Street, Champaign
- Homewood Suites by Hilton - (217) 352-9960  
1417 South Neil Street, Champaign
- I Hotel and Conference Center - (217) 819-5000  
1900 South First Street, Champaign
- Country Inn and Suites - (217) 355-6666  
602 West Marketview Drive, Champaign
- Courtyard by Marriott - (217) 355-0411  
1811 Moreland Boulevard, Champaign
- Fairfield Inn - (217)-355-0604  
1807 Moreland Boulevard, Champaign

For more options, please visit:

<http://hotelguides.com/illinois/champaign-il-hotels.html>