



San Diego County High School Mock Trial Competition

Coach Orientation

**Presented by:
Judge Jill L. Burkhardt
September 20 and 29, 2022**

2022 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Abraham Lincoln High School
Academy of Our Lady of Peace
Bonita Vista High School
Bonsall High School
Canyon Crest High School
Carlsbad High School
Cathedral Catholic High School
Coronado High School
Del Norte High School
Eastlake High School
Escondido Charter High School
Francis Parker School
King Chavez High School
La Jolla Country Day School
La Jolla High School

Mission Bay High School
Mission Hills High School
Oceanside High School
Orange Glen High School
Otay Ranch High School
Pacific Ridge School
Patrick Henry High School
Rancho Bernardo High School
Saint Augustine High School
Scripps Ranch High School
Southwest High School
The Bishop's School
Torrey Pines High School
Waldorf High School
Westview High School



WHAT IS MOCK TRIAL



- Mock Trials are rehearsed trials for the purpose of teaching about the legal system in an academic and competitive manner.
- Mock Trial materials provided by CRF: 1) a hypothetical criminal case, 2) competition rules (modified for San Diego) and scoring guidelines, and 3) date for statewide competition.
- Students have the opportunity to work with experienced attorney coaches.
- We emphasize the **Educational Experience** and **Professional Civility/Good Sportsmanship**.

TRIALS

There will be four rounds of competition and all teams will compete. Four top scoring teams will compete in the semi-final round and the two teams with the highest score will compete in the championship round. The winner of the championship round will represent San Diego County at the state finals.

Teams present both sides of the pretrial argument and trial (Prosecution/Defense) two times over the course of four rounds.

State and federal judicial officers will preside over each trial and practicing attorneys will score the competition.



WHO PARTICIPATES?



Attorney Coaches



Teacher Sponsors



High School Students



State and Federal
Judicial Officers



Attorney Scorers

STUDENT ROLES

- 1 pretrial motion attorney (pretrial attorneys cannot serve as a trial attorney during the same round, but may serve as a witness)
- 3 trial attorneys maximum
- 4 witnesses (all 4 must be called during trial)
- 1 clerk – participates with prosecution team
- 1 bailiff – participates with defense team

***We strongly recommend you recruit at least 12 – 14 students for each team.**

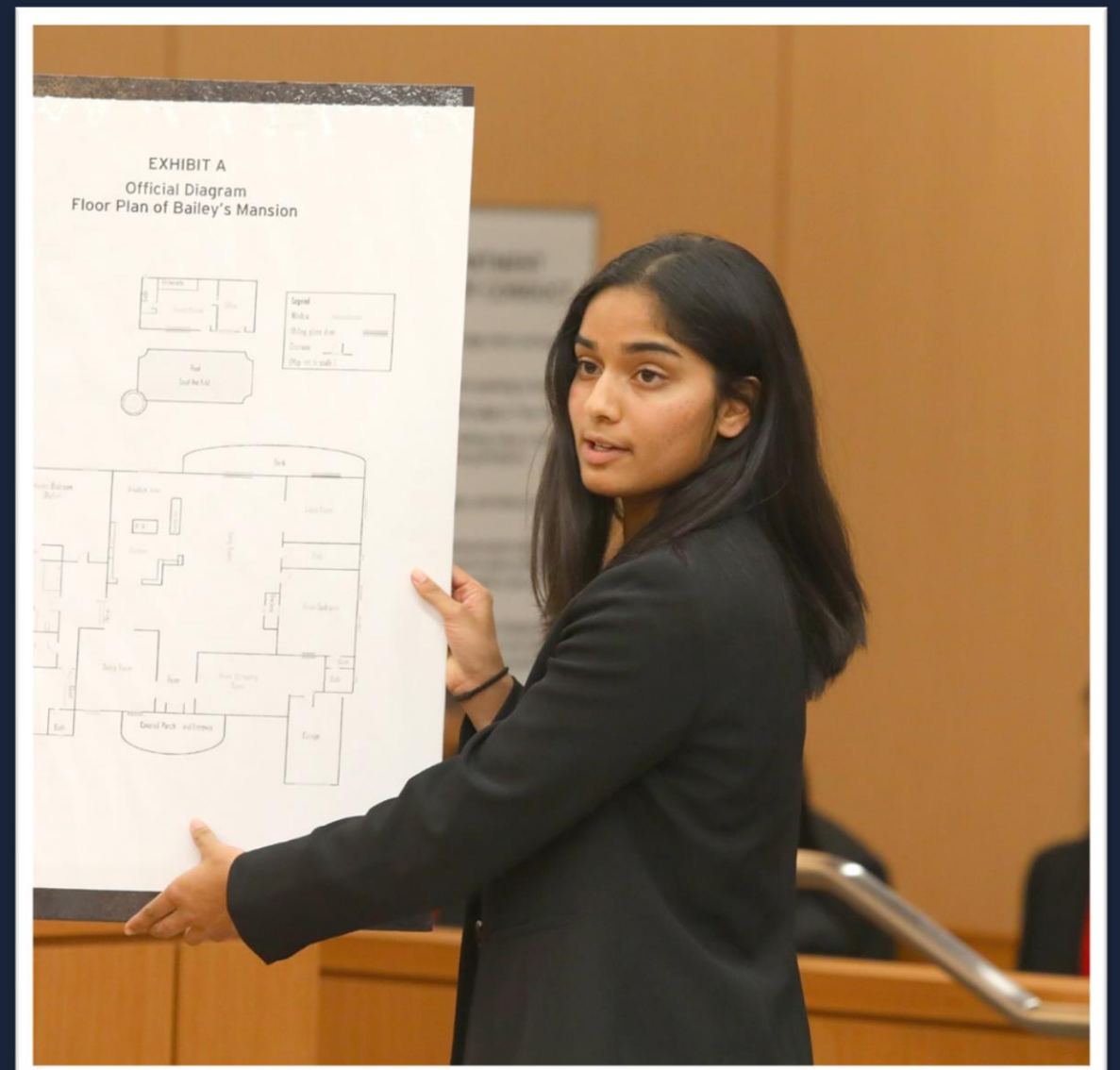
Minimum number of students per round: **8**

Maximum Number of Students per Round : **9**

Students can perform both as prosecution and defense.



***8 - 25 Students per team**



ATTORNEY COACH

- At least one coach is assigned to work with each team.
- The coach's role is to advise the students on general trial techniques and procedures, as well as specific strategies for presenting the case.



ATTORNEY COACH



- Usually requires meeting with a team at least once per week during the season.
- Note: Please avoid creating conflicts with potential attorney scorers.
- Please don't approach court staff about using the courthouse for practices or scrimmages.

ATTORNEY COACH

- “Attorney Coaches agree to uphold the highest standards of the legal profession and will zealously encourage fair play.
- “Attorney Coaches are reminded that they must serve as positive role models for the students.
- “They will promote conduct and decorum among their team members and fellow coaches in accordance with the spirit of the competition’s rules and this Code of Ethical Conduct and will demonstrate the same through their own behavior.
- “They will emphasize the educational value of the experience by requiring that all courtroom presentations . . . be substantially the work product of the student team members.”



TEACHER SPONSOR

- Promote Mock Trial and recruit team members.
- Distribute materials and provide instruction.
- Coordinate meetings and responsibilities with attorney coaches.
- Handle logistics such as registering team, paying fee, submitting required paperwork including team rosters and award nomination forms.



WHAT'S AVAILABLE TO YOU TODAY TO GET STARTED?

- **Code to access the case materials published by CRF today:** Classroom Discussion Materials, Mock Trial Fact Situation and Legal Authorities, Witness Statements, Trial Exhibits, Case Rules & Procedures and Simplified Rules of Evidence
- Hard copies of case materials available for pick-up at the court. Email us at sdmocktrial@gmail.com to make arrangements.
- San Diego List of Important Dates



COMPETITION DATES

- Round 1: Thursday, February 9
- Round 2: Wednesday, February 15
- Rounds 3: Wednesday, February 22
- Round 4, Awards Ceremony, & Semi-finals: Saturday, February 25
- Championship Round: Tuesday, February 28

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Archery Trial Competition

CASE MATERIALS

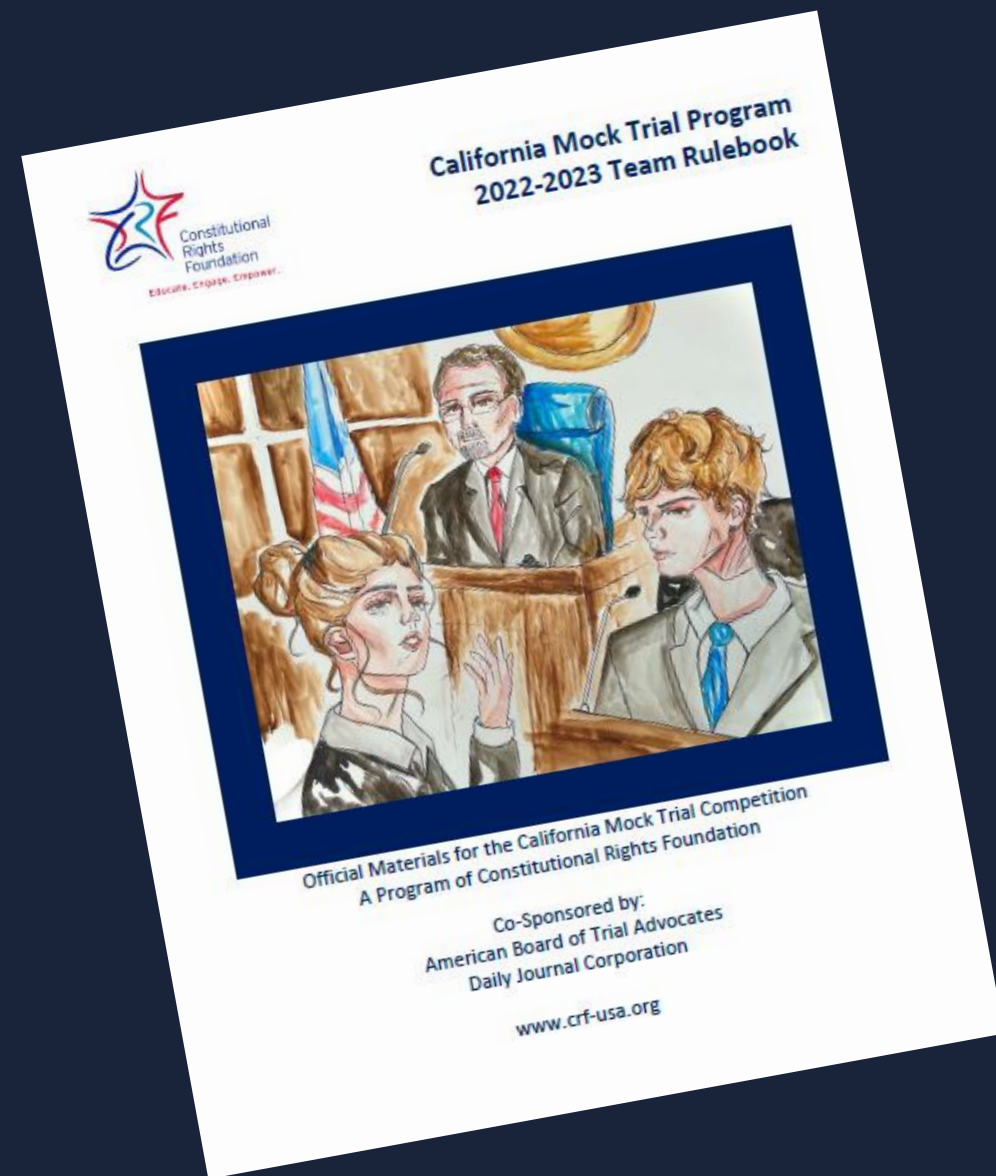
To access the case packet:

- 1) Go to sdmocktrial.org
- 2) Find the Materials & Calendar tab on the top menu bar
- 3) Click on Case Materials/Forms
- 4) Click on Case Packet and enter code

Note: CRF prohibits sharing the code with anyone outside of your team or using their materials in invitationals, tournaments and academic camps without their written permission.



WHAT ABOUT THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY TEAM RULEBOOK?



- It's in the works!
- CRF released their Rulebook on September 1?
- The San Diego County HSMT Committee is modifying to address local practices/issues including:
 - Problems that arose with time-keeping.
 - Penalties – mandatory vs. discretionary.
 - Discouraging hyper-technical assertions of rule violations.

Expect the San Diego County Rulebook in October.
Will be posted on website.

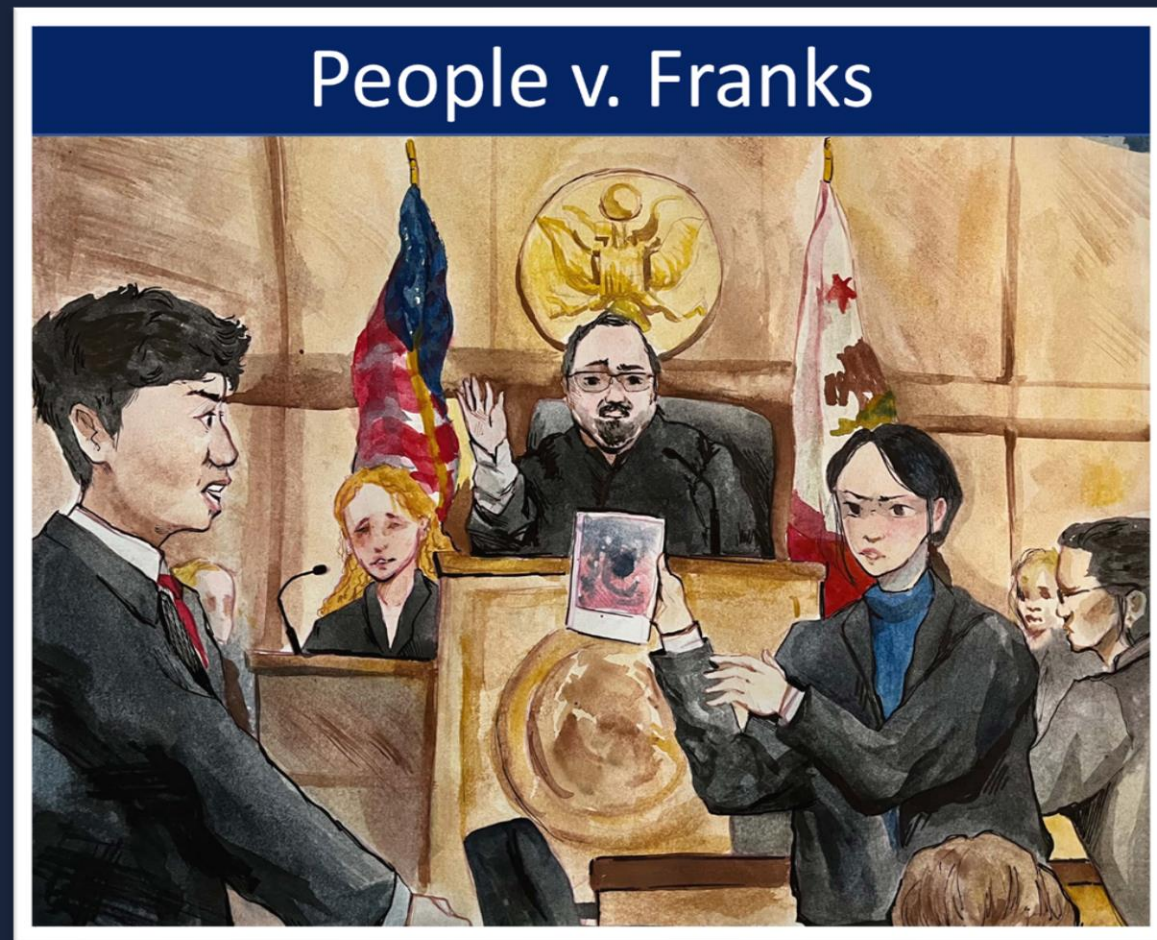
WHAT'S NEW FOR 2022/2023...

CRF Rules for 2022-2023:

- Emphasizes prohibitions on scouting, filibustering/running of time
- Defines the penalties for forfeiting a round
- Permits two “small” schools who have not previously had a team to form a single mock trial team to compete for a two-year period.



2022 – 2023 CASE



Each year with the help of justices, judges and attorneys throughout the state, CRF creates a fictional criminal case involving serious contemporary legal or factual issues.

People v. Franks

Franks is charged with robbery and battery of a fellow actor.

Pretrial argument centers on the Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable search and seizure. The question is whether a detective needs a warrant to search a safe in Franks' closet.

DON'T FORGET! YOU MUST EACH INDIVIDUALLY REGISTER AS A COACH FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON

If you fail to individually register, you will not be on our official coach registry and you risk:

- Not being in compliance with your school's protocols for communicating with students.
- Not receiving important communications and updates.
- Generally making life more complicated for the good volunteers trying to make this competition work.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register at: sdmocktrial.org

Deadline to register is:

[October 7, 2022](#)

WE WANT TO SUPPORT YOU

- Mandatory meeting in November/early December to review rules, scoring criteria, and competition requirements.
- Tutorials and tips available online.
- We encourage communication from schools that may be struggling; we can provide mentor teacher sponsor, attorney coaches, and direct you to materials.



NEW EXCITING SUPPORT FOR YOU

- Timer clinic for interested timers, coaches and teachers being offered (date TBD).



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EVEN MORE NEW SUPPORT

Thanks to funding from the ABOTA Foundation, CRS is excited to invite Mock Trial Title I schools to a California Mock Trial Institute. The Institute provides an overview of the Mock Trial program, including opening statements, direct and cross examination, and trial procedure using this year's case.

The Institute will take place on Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00am to 2:00pm via Zoom.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE.

"Being able to argue as a lawyer in the Mock Trial Program has given me a much more real perspective into the workings of the legal system in America."

- Mock Trial Student



California Mock Trial Institute
October 22, 9:00am – 2:00pm via Zoom

The California Mock Trial Institute prepares students from Title I high schools for the 2022-23 California Mock Trial Competition. The Institute provides an overview of the Mock Trial program, including opening statements, direct and cross examination, and trial procedure using this year's case.



Mock Trial is a program of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, a national 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 1963. Students study a hypothetical criminal case, conduct legal research (including research on an important constitutional issue), and receive guidance from volunteer attorneys in courtroom procedures and trial preparation. The trial itself is a simulation of a criminal case, in which students portray lawyers, witnesses, court clerks, and bailiffs.

Register for the CA Mock Trial Institute at <https://forms.gle/qT1tSAWYYEDL6B6N8>. For more information contact Lourdes Morales at lourdes@crf-usa.org.

MORE EXCITING NEWS!!!

Due to a generous grant and donations to the San Diego Justice Foundation for use by the San Diego County High School Mock Trial Committee, specific funds will be available to support schools new to mock trial, as well as those who have participated in the past to:

- Provide additional scholarships to cover the \$400 team registration fee.
- Provide a limited number of stipends for schools who do not otherwise compensate their teacher sponsor for the mock trial role.
- Transport teams via bus to and from the court on competition days.

Applications for these funds will be available on our website beginning September 26, 2022, and will be due November 10, 2022.

AWARDS



- 1st & 2nd Place Teams
- Outstanding Pretrial Attorney (4)
- Outstanding Attorney (6)
- Outstanding Witness (8)
- Outstanding Clerk and Bailiff (2)
- MVP Award (given at the end of each round of competition)
- Judge David Bartick Award for Civility
- All students receive a Certificate of Participation

NEW BRANDING FOR 2022

PRESENTING THE
NEW MOCK TRIAL
LOGO



HOW WE COMMUNICATE IS KEY!

Website: sdmocktrial.org

- Information about the program
- Announcements
- Place to register, pay fee, apply for scholarship, submit all required forms, and team roster (one-stop shopping!)
- Shared answer to teacher and coach questions

Email: sdmocktrial@gmail.com for all questions. We will respond promptly. Some questions take more time to answer.

Other: Follow us on  **SDMocktrial**

Note: We will not directly email students. They are encouraged to check the website and send questions via teachers or coaches.

A FEW FINAL THOUGHTS

This is a competition, but the primary goal is individual growth for each student. The learning process and the experience is our number one priority.



Good citizenship and sportsmanship is paramount . . .