



2026 San Diego County High School Mock Trial Competition

Instructions for Judge David H. Bartick Civility and Sportsmanship Award

This award is inspired by Judge David H. Bartick's personal practice of treating all in the legal arena with respect, as well as his commitment to the Mock Trial program and ensuring that mock trial participants understood the importance of civility and good sportsmanship. The Committee believes that success in mock trial is measured not only by the number of wins, losses or points a team accrues, but also by how a team, including coaches and teachers, conducts itself and how its members interact with all who are involved in the Mock Trial Competition.

Teams, and individual team members may be nominated for their actions and interactions beginning in the weeks leading up to the competition, as well as their conduct during and between the three rounds of competition through the conclusion of the third round of competition on February 3, 2026. **Nomination Forms may be submitted by emailing the form to sdmocktrial@gmail.com with the subject line: URGENT-BARTICK AWARD NOMINATION before 9:00 a.m. February 4, 2024, or by handing it to a Courtroom Monitor or Mock Trial Committee member during the competition.** Any coach, teacher, participating student (in consultation with their teacher or coach), team, courtroom monitor, attorney scorer, judicial officer, or Mock Trial Committee member may submit a nomination. It is very important to provide the reason(s) why the nominated team or individual(s) is/are deserving of the award, using the criteria provided. A person or team may submit more than one nomination and **may nominate any team other than their own** or one with which they are affiliated.

The Criteria for the Team Civility and Sportsmanship Award are:

- The team as a whole, including students, teachers and coaches, participated in the competition in an ethical and fair manner.
- Members of the team, or the team as a whole, including students, teachers and coaches, demonstrated respect, fair play and a positive attitude towards its opponents – win or lose – in the weeks leading to, during, and in between the first four rounds of competition.
- The team as a whole, including students, teachers, and coaches, displayed grace and dignity.
- The team as a whole, including students, teachers, and coaches, conducted itself courteously towards everyone, including court staff, volunteer monitors, judges, scorers, and opposing teams and coaches.
- If presented with the opportunity, members of the team, or the team as a whole, including students, teachers, and coaches, assisted other teams with support, advice, and encouragement during mock trials, scrimmages, or practices.
- The team as a whole, including students, teachers, and coaches, respected the judgment of the officials and observed the rules.

If you have any questions about this award or the criteria, they may be directed to sdmocktrial@gmail.com. The nomination form is below.



Nomination Form

The Judge David H. Bartick Team Civility and Sportsmanship Award

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 9 A.M. ON 2/4/26
THE AWARD RECIPIENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE AWARDS CEREMONEY ON 2/7/26

The Criteria for the Team Civility and Sportsmanship Award are:

- The team as a whole, including students, teachers, and coaches, participated in the competition in an ethical and fair manner.
- Members of the team, or the team as a whole, including students, teachers, and coaches, demonstrated respect, fair play, and a positive attitude towards their opponents – win or lose – in the weeks leading to, during, and in between the first four rounds of competition.
- The team as a whole, including students, teachers, and coaches, displayed grace and dignity.
- The team as a whole, including students, teachers, and coaches, conducted itself courteously towards everyone, including court staff, volunteer monitors, judges, scorers, and opposing teams and coaches.
- If presented with the opportunity, members of the team, or the team as a whole, including students, teachers, and coaches, assisted other teams with support, advice, and encouragement, during or between mock trials, scrimmages, or practices.
- The team as a whole, including students, teachers, and coaches, respected the judgment of the officials and observed the rules.

I/we would like to nominate: _____ (please include team code or school name)

Provide a brief description why you believe this team, group of team members, or individual should be considered for the Judge David H. Bartick Award (please reference the specific criteria and provide examples of how their actions met those criteria):

Name of Nominating Person(s) and Mock Trial Role*: _____

*Scorer, judge, monitor, committee member or participating student, teacher, or coach. If affiliated with a team, please include team code.