

2019 Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament

Welcome to the 2018-2019 Mock Trial Season!

This years' case raises a civil question asking if redress is appropriate after a defendant exercising freedom of speech contributed to personal harm.

Dates

- The 2019 regional competitions will take place on the following dates (locations rotate based on availability):
 - February 23; Washtenaw County Regional, Ann Arbor
 - March 2; Macomb County Regional, Mt. Clemens
 - March 9; Oakland County Regional, Pontiac
 - March 16; Kent County Regional, Grand Rapids
- The top 10 teams will compete in the State Finals on March 23 in Lansing.
- The state champion will be eligible to compete in the National Mock Trial Championship in Athens, Ga, May 16-18, 2019. More information on the national competition can be found at <http://www.nationalmocktrial.org>.

Deadline for Registration: January 11, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

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Mock Trial FAQ

What is Mock Trial?

The Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament is organized and conducted by the Michigan Center for Civic Education. The MCCE designed the program to reenact much of what might take place in trial courts. High school students take on the roles of attorneys and witnesses and compete against other schools in real courtrooms in front of real judges and lawyers. But while the students take on roles, there is no set script. As in a debate, participants must adjust to the strategies employed by the opposing side.

How Does the Competition Work?

- Teams of 6-10 students present arguments before panels of judges. One judge presides over the trial, while the rest sit as the jury.
- Schools may register multiple teams at \$255 per team. There is a **cap of 3 teams** per school for 2019.
- The tournament begins with regional competitions. Teams may select the regional in which they prefer to compete; however, space is limited at regional sites, and the MCCE may assign sites based on location or space.
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How Do We Prepare?

- Registered teams will receive tournament rules and case materials via email after November 1. Please know that online registration tends to facilitate a faster turnaround of materials as the mail is not checked daily in Lansing.
- In addition to the teacher, teams are encouraged to work with an attorney coach(es). Teachers themselves need not be legal experts. Teams should make their own contacts with attorney coaches by calling on parents and other community members or by contacting a local bar association.
- If you need help finding an attorney coach, please contact us. We will be happy to help.
- A mock trial clinic for students and coaches will be held at the Hall of Justice and the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center in Lansing, Michigan on December, 17, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. The clinic will be a day of sessions with experienced attorneys and tournament judges covering basic trial techniques. Clinic registration is not included in the basic tournament registration fee, and clinic participation is not required. The clinic is optional.
- We are also excited to announce an opportunity to develop Courtroom Artistry and Courtroom Journalism to the Clinic and the State Championship.

How Do We Enter?

- Complete and return the Mock Trial Registration Form (or register online).
- Enclose a check for \$255 per team payable to Michigan Center for Civic Education. A \$10 per-team surcharge applies to online registrations. That means -
 - If paying by check or other form - the cost is \$255
 - If paying online via Paypal - the cost is \$265(The slight increase partially covers additional fees for courtroom use and program costs)
- Registrations will be accepted until January 11, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
- A 50% refund of Registration fees will be available for teams withdrawing BEFORE 3:00 p.m. on January 11, 2019. No amount of registration is returned for drops that occur after January 11, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.



Important Michigan High School Mock Trial Dates*

Date	Event
November 1, 2018	Materials released
December 10, 2018	Mock Trial Clinic Registration Deadline
December 17, 2018	Mock Trial Clinic, Hall of Justice and the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center, Lansing, Michigan. Participation is optional.
January 11, 2019	Tournament Registration Deadline at 3:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams who drop prior to this deadline will receive a 50% return on their registration.• Teams who drop after this deadline will not receive their registration money returned.
February 23, 2019	Washtenaw County Regional, Ann Arbor
March 2, 2019	Macomb County Regional, Mt. Clemens
March 9, 2019	Oakland County Regional, Pontiac
March 16, 2019	Kent County Regional, Grand Rapids
March 23, 2019	The top 10 teams will compete in the State Finals, Lansing
May 16-18, 2019	National Mock Trial Championship in Athens, GA
*With the exception of the National Competition, all dates are subject to change or cancellation. **Additional regionals and/or clinics may be added upon appropriate numbers.	



2019 Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament Registration Form

Deadline: January 11, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Registration is Available Online: url address to added

School Building Name:	_____
School District:	_____
Teacher Name:	_____
School Address:	_____
	City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email:	_____
School Phone:	() _____
Cell (for emergency):	() _____

Attorney and/or Community Coach Information (full information to be collected at time of roster)	
Name:	_____
Firm/Organization:	_____
Email:	_____
Phone:	() _____ circle: cell home work
Additional Coaches? Please list on additional form	

Payment:

Payment: \$260 per team, payable to the Michigan Center for Civic Education.

Return to: Michigan Center for Civic Education; 306 Townsend Street; Lansing, MI 48933

Two options: Pay by check (\$260) or Pay via PayPal (\$270)

To pay/register online via PayPal (can pay via PayPal account, debit, or credit card:

There are two screens to pay online. First go to <http://www.miciviced.org/donate>.

This is the Donate Page. Fill out the form and place your school, your name, and the number of team entries in the comment form. Click submit. This will take you to the PayPal page. Please provide relevant information. Note: PayPal charges approximately \$10 per clinic registration. That is why PayPal entries are \$270 to offset the cost.

NEW! MCCE has established a limited amount for scholarships for schools whose cost prohibits attendance. Please contact us asap if this is you.



Number of Teams entered by this School:

_____ Number of Teams (6-10 students per team)
2019 - Limit of 3 per school

Preferred Regional Tournament (choose one)*:

- _____ February 23, 2019 - Washtenaw County Regional, Ann Arbor
_____ March 2, 2019 - Macomb County Regional, Mt. Clemens**
_____ March 9, 2019 - Oakland County Regional, Pontiac
_____ March 16, 2019 - Kent County Regional, Grand Rapids

*Schools will be notified of Regional Assignments no later than January 18, 2019.

**Macomb County Regional will give priority to Macomb County schools in scheduling this tournament; however, out of county schools are welcome to apply.

Release

By registering I acknowledge the Michigan Center for Civic Education (MCCE) may use the likeness, images, video, and names of students and adults affiliated with my school's participation. I understand the above may be used for press releases, MCCE social media, school communications, video promotions, and other related communications. Should a student, school, or member choose to withdraw from this agreement, the school or participant has an affirmative obligation to submit written notification to MCCE staff who will sign the document prior to the beginning of an event.

Volunteer/Adult Code of Conduct

By registering, I acknowledge full compliance with the Adult Code of Conduct for myself, coaches, and adults I bring into the event space. A full copy of the a Code can be reviewed [here](http://bit.ly/MCCEVolunteerCodeofConduct) (or <http://bit.ly/MCCEVolunteerCodeofConduct>).

By registering I also agree to uphold the Code of Conduct for students and adults per the Mock Trial Handbook.

The above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. By registering I also agree to uphold the Code of Conduct for students and adults. I also agree to communicate any changes to MCCE as soon as they are known.

Signature: _____ Role _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Use by MCCE:

Date Received: _____

Region Assigned _____



Additional Attorney or Community Coach Information Addendum

*Please duplicate and attach additional sheets if needed.

	<p>Attorney and/or Community Coach Information</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Firm/Organization: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Phone: () _____ circle: cell home work</p>
	<p>Attorney and/or Community Coach Information</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Firm/Organization: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Phone: () _____ circle: cell home work</p>
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Mock Trial Clinic Registration Form

Monday, December 17, 2018

Hall of Justice and Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center - Lansing, MI
Registration Deadline: December 10, 2018

Students and coaches are invited to come and work on their courtroom skills under the guidance of experienced trial attorneys, law professors, and tournament judges. Sessions will be offered for mock trial participants both new and experienced participants. Sessions are devoted to improving mock skills such as:

- direct and cross examination
- being a witness
- crafting opening and closing statements
- objections
- courtroom etiquette

New for the 2018 clinic, we will feature separate sessions for **Courtroom Artistry** and **Courtroom Journalism**. Students will work on skills needed to become courtroom drawing experts as well as journalists. Sign up below and indicate your preference to join us in these new roles!

This year's clinic will include a tour of the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center and, if scheduling permits, a visit to the Michigan Supreme Court Chambers!

Registration and Payment

- All attendees must register and pay the \$10 registration fee. Lunch and learning materials will be provided. Please communicate any food or accessibility accommodations required.
- Please make checks payable to the Michigan Center for Civic Education and return to: Michigan Center for Civic Education, 306 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48933
- Online Registration Also Available: <http://www.miciviced.org/mock-trial>



Student teams must be accompanied by a school authorized adult.

Primary accompanying adult name:	_____
Accompanying adult role:	_____
Accompanying adult email:	_____
Accompanying adult phone:	_____

Participation Information

School Name: _____

Clinic Participants (please indicate person's position by each name. For instance, write "student", "attorney coach", "teacher", etc. for each). Please list additional participants on a separate sheet.			
	Name Please print name as it should appear on a program	Position Student Teacher Community/Attorney Coach	Section: Legal - Mock Trial Courtroom Art Courtroom Journalism
1		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Grade ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Attorney Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism
2		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Grade ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Attorney Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism
3		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Grade ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Attorney Coach	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism



		<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
4		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Grade ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Attorney Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism
5		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Grade ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Attorney Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism
6		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Grade ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Attorney Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism
7		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Grade ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Attorney Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism
8		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Grade ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Attorney Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism
9		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Grade ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Attorney Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism
10		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Grade ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal



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Total Payment Amount: \$10.00 x _____ participants = \$ _____

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Thank you. We look forward to learning together!

Signature: _____

Role _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Use by MCCE: