

# The Michigan Center for Education and The State Bar of Michigan Present:

## 2019-2020 Michigan Mock Trial Community Clinic

Dear Mock Trial Community Member,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Mock Trial Season! Congratulations on choosing to advance your knowledge of the law through Mock Trial. You are joining an amazing community of civically minded, justice oriented individuals who also see to provide the skills and opportunities for meaningful civic and law related education.

MCCE and the State Bar of Michigan warmly welcome you to join us in community as we learn about Mock Trial together. This December, together with our friends at the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center and the Michigan Supreme Court, join us to learn and advance your knowledge of Mock Trial. This daylong event will feature an outline of the Mock Trial season, evaluation of a practice case, key features of opening and closing statements, plus an introduction to witness development.

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:

- developing a theme for case
- direct and cross examination
- developing a witness
- crafting opening and closing statements
- objections
- rules of evidence
- 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

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courtroom drawing experts as well as journalists. Sign up below and indicate your preference to join us in these new roles!

Please see the enclosed information for registration and other information related to the clinic. As always, MCCE continues to update its web based information, coaching support, and resources. Please feel free to contact us so we can figure out ways to ensure all communities have equitable access to the program.

With gratitude,

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#### Enclosed:

- Sample Schedule for the Day
- FAQ
- Registration Form
- Save the Date! NHSMTC Championship



## Sample Michigan High School Mock Trial Clinic @ the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center 9:00am. - 3 pm.

Sample Agenda -			
Agenda	Agenda to be tailored to the individual needs of participants and schools		
8:30 a.m.	School Arrival, Check-In, Light Refreshments, Meet and Greet		
9:00 a.m.	Welcome to Mock Trial and Introductions Meet Your Sponsors: Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center Director The State Bar of Michigan The Michigan Center for Civic Education Additional Partners, Sponsors, and Volunteers Meet Each Other		
9:30 a.m.	Overview of Mock Trial - Purpose, Overview, and MCCE Season at a Glance		
10:00 a.m.	Seeing the Big Picture - Developing a Theory and Theme		
10:40 a.m.	Small Group Processing - Seeing the Big Picture - Developing a Theory and Theme		
11:10 a.m.	Break and Move into Breakout Sessions Breakout Groups (depending on number of entries):  • Legal Teams • Courtroom Artistry & Illustration • Courtroom Journalism & Reporting • Coaches • Middle School Specialty		
11:30 p.m.	Opening Statement and Closing Arguments		
12:00 p.m.	00 p.m. Lunch		
12:40 p.m.	2:40 p.m. Direct Examinations and Cross-Examinations Attorney and Witness Approaches		
1:15 p.m.	Rules of Evidence		
1:45 p.m.	Objections Game		
2:20 p.m.	Tour of Michigan Supreme Court		
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal		



#### 2019-2020 Mock Trial Season at a Glance

\*This is the tentative schedule. Please know events may be modified, added, and or removed based on community needs.

Date	Event	
October 23, 2019	Mock Trial (December 9, 2019) Clinic Registration Opens	
November 1, 2019	Materials released on MCCE Website Volunteer Registration Begins Middle School Mock Trial Materials Available	
November 25, 2019	Mock Trial Clinic Registration Deadline	
December 9, 2019	Mock Trial Clinic, Hall of Justice and the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center, Lansing, Michigan. (Optional - new and returning teams) Address	
January 10, 2020	<ul> <li>Tournament Registration Deadline at 3:00 p.m.</li> <li>Teams who drop prior to this deadline will receive a 50% return on their registration.</li> <li>Teams who drop after this deadline will not receive their registration money returned.</li> </ul>	
January 14, 2020	Mock Trial Webinar	
February 3, 2020	Additional Deadlines for:  1. Middle School Mock Trial Showcase Registration Due 2. Courtroom Artist and Courtroom Journalist Due 3. Team Rosters Due	
February 22, 2020	Washtenaw County Regional, Ann Arbor Address	
February 29, 2020	Oakland County Regional, Pontiac Address	
March 7, 2020	Macomb County Regional, Mt. Clemens Address Thank you to the Macomb County Bar Association and Foundation	

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March 7, 2020	Ingham County Regional (new), Lansing Address
March 14, 2020	Kent County Regional, Grand Rapids Address
March 20, 2020	Civic and Law-Related Education Community Reception National Championship Kick Off Kalamazoo Radisson Address
March 21, 2020	Top advancing teams will compete in the State Finals Middle School Showcase *for 2020, the State Championship will be held in Kalamazoo.
May 6-8, 2020	National Mock Trial Championship in Evansville, IN Large Michigan Contingent of Volunteers 2020 National Championship The state champion will be eligible to compete in the National Mock Trial Championship in Evansville, IN May 6-9, 2020. Please see more information at: indianamocktrial.com. More information on the national competition and the national board can be found at <a href="http://www.nationalmocktrial.org">http://www.nationalmocktrial.org</a> .
May 6-8. 2020	Save the Date! The National Mock Trial Championship is coming to Michigan for the first time ever! Please reserve May 6-8, 2021 to attend the 2021 National Championship. 2021 National Championship Kalamazoo, MI

<sup>\*</sup>With the exception of the National Competition, all dates are subject to change or cancellation.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Additional regionals and/or clinics may be added upon appropriate numbers.



## **Mock Trial Clinic 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.
What does the Day Look Like?	The Clinic should offer new skills for those just starting in Mock Trial while also offering a refresher and deep dive for the more experienced students. Please see the SAMPLE schedule for an idea of how the day will flow.
What Kind of Speakers Will Be Presenting?	Participants will have the opportunity to learn from and interact with experienced attorneys, law professors, education specialists, and tournament judges. Their guidance will permit a wide range of viewpoints and small group interaction.
What Grades Can Attend?	As Mock Trial expands to offer Middle School showcase opportunities, so does the clinic. As more students sign up, we can separate separate breakout sessions specializing for the uniqueness of middle school mock trial.
Can a Student Attend More than One Year?	Absolutely! Students may attend as many years as they would like!
Will We Practice This Year's Case?	The Mock Trial Clinic philosophy is to provide the universal skills and resources needed to cross all case topics. The case students will work through is unique to the clinic - a smaller case which will permit more time to process and practice on site in groups. We do not present the case for the high school competition and



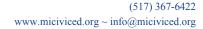


	showcase season. This is meant not to advantage students who can attend regarding the specific case.
Can Interested Community Coaches Attend?	Absolutely! There are some unique qualities regarding the Mock Trial case and season that we encourage all coaches to attend as well. Coaches will have the option to attend the whole group session and a small group break-out session as well.
How Much Does it Cost?	Registration is \$10 per person - this includes all adults and students. \$10 partially covers light refreshments, materials, and lunch. Scholarships may be available with advance contact.
What Should I Do About my Food Allergy or Learning Accommodation?	MCCE works to ensure each and every person can learn and thrive in the environment. Please send an email to <a href="mailto:ezwarensteyn@miciviced.org">ezwarensteyn@miciviced.org</a> to communicate any food allergies, sensitives, and learning accommodations. Please provide that information at least one week in advance.
What is for Lunch?	The typical lunch is a combination of salad and pizza. Please let us know there are any food accommodations we can make. Please provide that information at least one week in advance.  There is a small cafe (the Pursuit of Happiness) in the building for coffee. Credit or debit cards are required for purchase.
Where Do I Park?	The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center uses the paid parking lot in front. This is between the Hall of Justice and the Hannah Administration Building. The parking entrance is off of Allegan Street which is a one way street closer to the Michigan Library and Museum. A credit card is required for entry and exit. For larger vehicles including school busses, the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center will provide specific information on parking. Anyone requiring handicap parking, please contact us as you will receive permission to park closer in the Hall of Justice parking lot.
What is Security Like for the Hall of Justice?	Please know all participants will need to enter through the Hall of Justice security system. Name tags will be given to participants. Adults will likely need to provide ID at the entrance. Students will receive name tags from the event itself.



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	Please know all bags and coats will go through a security belt and scanner like at the airport. All individuals will go through a metal detector. Beverages with a lid are permitted.
Where Do I Go at the Hall of Justice.	After you enter the Hall of Justice, please follow the guidance of the security persons. They will direct you through the Rotunda and into the conference rooms.
Who should I Contact with a Question?	MCCE works to ensure each and every person can learn and thrive in the environment. Your participation matters. Please send an email to <a href="mailto:ezwarensteyn@miciviced.org">ezwarensteyn@miciviced.org</a> or call Ellen's cell at (248) 321-4842 with any questions or suggestions. We are glad you will be joining us.





## Mock Trial Clinic Registration Form Monday, December 9, 2019

Hall of Justice and Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center -Lansing, MI

Registration Deadline: November 25, 2019

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!

Student teams must be accompanied by a school authorized adult. If a school teacher or administrator is not able to attend, please complete <u>this</u> <u>authorization form</u>.

School Name	
School District:	
Primary accompanying adult name:	
Accompanying adult role:	
Accompanying adult email:	
Accompanying adult phone:	





### **Participant Information**

Clinic Participants (please indicate person's position by each name. Please list additional participants on a separate sheet. We will accept participants until capacity is reached. Thank you!

	Name Please print name as it should appear on a name tag. Also, please include any dietary or other accommodation.	Position - Please Check:  Student & Indicate Grade Teacher Community/Attorney Coach Parent Other	Section:  Legal Art Journalism
1		☐ Student Grade: ☐ Teacher ☐ Community/Attorney Coach ☐ Parent ☐ Other	☐ Legal ☐ Art ☐ Journalism
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3		☐ Student Grade: ☐ Teacher ☐ Community/Attorney Coach ☐ Parent ☐ Other	☐ Legal ☐ Art ☐ Journalism
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5		☐ Student Grade: ☐ Teacher ☐ Community/Attorney Coach ☐ Parent ☐ Other	☐ Legal ☐ Art ☐ Journalism
6		☐ Student Grade: ☐ Teacher ☐ Community/Attorney Coach ☐ Parent ☐ Other	☐ Legal ☐ Art ☐ Journalism
7		☐ Student Grade: ☐ Teacher ☐ Community/Attorney Coach ☐ Parent	☐ Legal ☐ Art ☐ Journalism



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		☐ Other	
8		☐ Student Grade: ☐ Teacher ☐ Community/Attorney Coach ☐ Parent ☐ Other	☐ Legal ☐ Art ☐ Journalism
9		☐ Student Grade: ☐ Teacher ☐ Community/Attorney Coach ☐ Parent ☐ Other	☐ Legal ☐ Art ☐ Journalism
10		☐ Student Grade: ☐ Teacher ☐ Community/Attorney Coach ☐ Parent ☐ Other	☐ Legal ☐ Art ☐ Journalism
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approximately \$1 per clinic registration, if you have the means, please consider offsetting the cost of electronic entry.

You can also call us to pay via square pay. Please call Ellen at (248) 321-4842.

#### 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 <a href="http://bit.ly/MCCEVolunteerCodeofConduct">here (or <a href="http://bit.ly/MCCEVolunteerCodeofConduct">http://bit.ly/MCCEVolunteerCodeofConduct</a>). 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. I also agree to communicate any changes to MCCE as soon as they are known. Thank you for joining us!

We look forward to learning together! Thank you.

Signature of Approving and Attending Teacher/Coach:			
Signature	Role		
Printed Name			
Signature of Approving Building or District Administrator:			
Signature	Position		
Printed Name	Date		

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