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

The 2019-2020 Michigan Mock Trial Showcase and Tournament

Dear Mock Trial Community Member,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Mock Trial Season! Congratulations on choosing to embark on a season or even career in Mock Trial. You are joining an amazing community of civically minded, justice oriented individuals who also seek to provide the skills and opportunities for meaningful civic and law related education.

MCCE and the State Bar of Michigan warmly welcome you - and this is an especially exciting time for Mock Trial in Michigan. MCCE continues to expand the scope of the program by adding clinics, new regionals while working to ensure more students have access through the Courtroom Artist, Courtroom Journalism, and Middle School Mock Trial events. Also for the first time in our history, Michigan will be host to the 2021 National Mock Trial Championship. This statewide initiative will celebrate and elevate the Mock Trial work done throughout Michigan. Please reserve May 6-8, 2021 and join us in Kalamazoo!

Please see the enclosed information for season dates, guidelines, and the registration form. 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 this invaluable program.

With gratitude,

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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. MCCE is happy to partner with communities to bring more opportunities.

Date	Event
October 25, 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	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.• Schools may choose to enter their Courtroom Artists and Courtroom Journalists at this time or by Feb. 3.
January 14, 2020	Mock Trial Webinar
February 3, 2020	Additional Deadlines for: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Middle School Mock Trial Showcase Registration Due2. Courtroom Artist and Courtroom Journalist Due3. Team Rosters Due
February 22, 2020	Washtenaw County Regional, Ann Arbor Address: Washtenaw County Trial Court 101 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor 48107
February 29, 2020	Oakland County Regional, Pontiac Address: Oakland County Circuit Courthouse 1200 N. Telegraph Rd, Pontiac, MI 48340

March 7, 2020	Macomb County Regional, Mt. Clemens Address: Macomb County Circuit Court 40 North Main Street, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 Thank you to the Macomb County Bar Association and Foundation for supporting this Regional.
March 7, 2020	Ingham County Regional (new), Lansing Address: Veterans Memorial Courthouse 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933
March 14, 2020	Kent County Regional, Grand Rapids Address: Kent County Courthouse 180 Ottawa Ave N.W., Grand Rapids 49503
March 20, 2020	Civic and Law-Related Education Community Reception National Championship Kick Off Kalamazoo Radisson: 100 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
March 21, 2020	Top advancing teams will compete in the State Finals *for 2020, the State Championship will be held in Kalamazoo. Kalamazoo Radisson: 100 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 Courthouse Address: Kalamazoo County Court 227 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
May 6-8, 2020	National Mock Trial Championship in Evansville, IN Large Michigan Contingent of Volunteers The state champion will be eligible to compete in the National Mock Trial Championship in Evansville 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 http://www.nationalmocktrial.org .
May 6-8, 2021	Save the Date! The National Mock Trial Championship is coming to Michigan for the first time ever. Please reserve May 6-8, 2021 and join us in Kalamazoo, Michigan!
*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.	

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; participants must adjust to the strategies employed by the opposing side.

Full FAQ Available [here](#) [or]

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 \$265 per team. There is a **cap of 3 teams** per school for 2019-2020.
- 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.
- The top qualifying teams out of each regional will advance to the state finals.

- Courtroom Artists and Journalists may also compete alongside the legal teams and have a chance to represent Team Michigan at the national championship.
- For 2020 only, the state championship will take place in Kalamazoo, MI. This is to help the state prepare for the 2021 National Championship which will be hosted in Kalamazoo. Save the dates now and join us!
- The state champion will be eligible to compete in the National Mock Trial Championship in Evansville, IN May 6-8, 2020.

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, 9, 2019, 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 and What are the Fees?

Registration. Registration can be completed in one of two ways.

- 1) Paper. Schools may complete the paper registration. This would involve printing the registration form and either mailing or emailing to MCCE. Payments can be sent as checks, payed online via PayPal, or credit cards may be called in for Square Pay.
- 2) Online Registration. Information can be completed with the online forms and payment completed via PayPal.

For both, payment must be made received to be fully registered.

Fees

Teams. Each team registration is \$265. \$10 per-team surcharge applies to payment made online (PayPal or Square) registrations. That means -

- If paying by check - the cost is \$265. Checks for \$265 per team payable to Michigan Center for Civic Education. Address:
Michigan Center for Civic Education
Attn: Mock Trial
306 Townsend St.
Lansing, MI 48933
- If paying online via Paypal - the cost is \$275 (this includes coverage for the paypal surcharge fees of \$10.00) If paying via PayPay, please include your school name somewhere prominently on the payment. (The slight increase partially covers additional fees for courtroom use and program costs.)

Courtroom Artist and Journalist. Each Courtroom Artist and Courtroom Journalist entry is \$10. Please include this payment *either* with your team registration or with your team roster with a due date of February 3.

Team Registrations will be accepted until January 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. A 50% refund of Registration fees will be available for teams withdrawing BEFORE 3:00 p.m. on January 10, 2020. No amount of registration is returned for drops that occur after January 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Team Rosters will be due no later than February 3, 2020.

2019-2020 Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament Registration Form

Team Registration Deadline: January 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
Courtroom Artist and Journalist Entries may be made either 1) with the team registration or 2) with the team roster.
Registration is Available Online at www.micivied.org/programs/mock-trial
Looking Ahead: Team Rosters, Artist, and Journalist Team Rosters will be due February 3, 2020

School Building Name:	
School District:	
Teacher Name:	
School Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
Email:	
School Phone:	
Contact Cell:	

Number of Teams and Individual Entries entered by this School:

_____ Number of Teams (6-10 students per team)
2020- Limit of 3 per school

_____ Expected Number of Courtroom Artists
Please complete if you anticipate bringing a Courtroom Artist(s). Payment and names are due no later than February 3. This will help us plan capacity for the events.

_____ Expected Number of Courtroom Journalists
Please complete if you anticipate bringing a Courtroom Journalists). Payment and names are due no later than February 3. This will help us plan capacity for the events.

Do you plan on attending the December Mock Trial Clinic in December? Please circle: Yes or No

The Clinic is an optional service provided by MCCE. A separate Clinic [registration form](#) is available for the clinic. This question will help us judge and plan for capacity.

Preferred Regional Tournament (choose one)*:

- _____ February 22, 2020 - Washtenaw County Regional, Ann Arbor
- _____ February 29, 2020 - Oakland County Regional. Pontiac
- _____ March 7, 2020 - Macomb County Regional, Mt. Clemens***
- _____ March 7, 2020 - Ingham County Regional. Pontiac
- _____ March 14, 2020 - Kent County Regional, Grand Rapids

*For 2020, State Finals will be held at the Kalamazoo Radisson and the Kalamazoo County Courthouse. It is being held a test run for the Mock Trial National Championship in 2021. State Finals will return to Lansing in 2021.

**Schools will be notified of Regional Assignments the week of January 13.

***Macomb County Regional will give priority to Macomb County schools in scheduling this tournament; however, out of county schools are welcome to apply. Please register early if Macomb is your preferred regional.

Attorney and/or Community Coach Information

(full information to be collected at time of roster)

Name: _____

Firm/Organization: _____

Firm/Org. Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: () _____ circle: cell home work

Additional Coaches? Please copy the information above and provide their information.

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Payment:

Payment: \$265 per team, payable to the Michigan Center for Civic Education.

Payment of \$10 per artist and journalist.

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

Two options: Pay by check (\$265) or Pay via PayPal (\$275)

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 \$275 to help offset that cost.

NEW! MCCE has established a limited amount of scholarships for schools whose cost prohibits attendance. Please contact us asap if we can be of assistance.

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 Code can be reviewed [here](#) (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. Any person registering who is not an employee of a school should also complete [the non-employee authorization form](#). 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.

Attorney and/or Community Coach Information	
Name:	_____
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