

INDIANA BAR FOUNDATION

Indiana Mock Trial Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics

I, _____, the teacher-sponsor of the _____ High School (name) Mock Trial team(s) do hereby acknowledge that I have explained the following points to the team, including students and legal advisors, and have asked them to communicate the same to other guests who will be observers to the Mock Trial competition:

- The rules of competition, as well as proper rules of courthouse and courtroom decorum and security, must be followed. Indiana Mock Trial possesses discretion to impose sanctions, up to and including forfeiture or disqualification, for any misconduct, flagrant rule violations, or breaches of decorum which affect the conduct of a trial or which impugn the reputation or integrity of any team, school, participant, court officer, judge, or the mock trial program. (Rule 1.2)
- It is expected that students, advisors, coaches, administrators, and parents will, at all times, inside and outside the courtroom, online and in real life, model civil behavior towards and respect for the court, the Indiana Bar Foundation volunteers, and members and supporters of other teams. (Rule 1.3)
- Instructors, coaches, alternates, and observers shall not talk to, signal, communicate with, or coach their teams during trial. This rule remains in force during any emergency or recess in a trial. Coaches, teachers, alternates, and observers must remain outside the bar in the spectator section of the courtroom. Instructors, coaches, alternates, and observers may only communicate or coach their teams between trials, and not during trials. (Rule 4.12)
- Please respect the Courthouse, or competition facility, so that we are invited to return for future competitions. Do not go into parts of the building in which we do not belong. Pocket knives, fingernail clippers, scissors, etc. will be confiscated if you attempt to bring them into the building.
- Food and drinks are not allowed in the courtrooms.

WE, THE MOCK TRIAL TEAM(S) OF _____ HIGH SCHOOL DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THE ABOVE CODE OF CONDUCT & CODE OF ETHICS, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

Signed: _____ Date: _____