



MSBA Mock Trial Newsletter October 2018

Team Registration is due by Friday,
October 12, 2018. [[click here](#)].
**Don't forget to add your conflict dates for trials when registering.*

Need an Attorney Coach? If your team is in need of an attorney coach for the 2019 season, please contact me now. I can assist you in making a connection with an attorney coach in your community.

Team Workshop will be held on **Monday, November 5, 2018** at the MNCLE Center in Minneapolis. RSVP by November 1st. [[click here to RSVP](#)] Order the DVD if you are unavailable to attend in person. [[click here](#)]

New Coach/Team Q & A Webinar is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m. This will be a webinar session and instructions will be sent to the new schools. If you are a newer team or coach and would like to attend, please let Kim Basting know.

Invitationals will be posted on our website. Please make sure to visit regularly! Invitationals and camps are a voluntary pre-season event and not sponsored by the MSBA. [[click here](#)]

Scrimmages are encouraged. Please use the coaches contact list to schedule with local high schools before we start our first round the week of January 7th!

DVDs of the Championship round at the 2018 State Tournament featuring Lakeville South HS vs. Nova Classical Academy is available for purchase. [[click here](#)]

Trial Schedules will be posted online by November 9, 2018.

Trial Cancellation Recording:
612-278-6354 - **If you need to cancel due to a school closing**, please make sure you contact Kim Basting by email and/or cell phone at **651-428-7071**. It doesn't matter what time of the day/night, please call or text.

Competition & Rule Changes: We've revised some of the Rules for the upcoming year and will discuss the changes at the Team Training. [[click here](#)]

New Process: [Refer to Rule 4.23.1] "Best Attorney/Witness Certificates":
At the conclusion of final arguments, the presiding judge will allow two minutes for the team to confer. The purpose is to give the team members the opportunity to select the students from the opposing team they believed performed as the best attorney and the best witness and a chance to discuss among themselves whether they believe any significant rules violations occurred during the trial of which the judges could not be aware. A copy of the [Certificates](#) is posted online and in the case materials. Please make sure you have colored copies for your competitions.

Case Release Date & Clarifications
October 17, 2018 - All questions should be sent to kbasting@mnbar.org by **December 14, 2018**. We will review the questions and post it to the website by December 21, 2018.



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MSBA Mock Trial Website is the main resource for the teams. I will update the information regularly, including trial dates, bad weather information, and other pertinent information your team may need through the 2019 season. If you see an error, have a suggestion, or want to add something to the website, please feel free to send me an email. [\[click here\]](#)

New Mock Trial Website is still in the works. Each TEAM has their own page, so you are able to create calendars for practices, add your school logo, get contact information of other coaches, find schedules and locations, and more! **We will run both sites again this year.** I encourage you to use your new page(s) by logging in with the email you provided and selecting “forgot password” to reset it. Attorney coaches are also set up to use the site! More to come as we all learn! [\[click here\]](#)

State Tournament will be held on February 28- March 1, 2019 in Duluth. More information will follow.

Volunteer of the Year Nominations should be sent to kbasting@mnbar.org by February 8, 2019. This award will be given at the Awards Banquet in Duluth, March 1, 2019. [\[click here\]](#)

The MSBA is committed to diversity and inclusion; this will continue to be a priority when recruiting teams and volunteers.

Questions? Kim Basting MSBA Mock Trial Director 612-278-6306 800-882-6722 kbasting@mnbar.org

RESOURCES:

IADC Short “How To” Videos [\[click here\]](#)

Please visit the IADC website for informative short videos on how to prepare for a Direct/Cross Examination and/or Opening/Closing Statement.

MSBA Mock Trial Website [\[click here\]](#)

The MSBA website has numerous documents and links to help your team prepare for the upcoming competitions.

MN Supreme Court Historical Society

Please visit their webpage for information on the upcoming Essay Contest regarding constitutional protections for hate speech. [\[click here\]](#)

Important Dates:

Date	What
October 12, 2018	Deadline to Register Team(s)
October 17, 2018	Case Released
November 5, 2018	Coach & Team Workshop
November 9, 2018	Schedule Posted - tentative
December 10, 2018	New Coach Q & A Webinar
December 14, 2018	Deadline to submit Clarifications
Week of Jan. 7, 2019	Round 1
Week of Jan. 14, 2019	Round 2
Week of Jan. 21, 2019	Round 3
Week of Jan. 28, 2019	Make-up Rounds, if necessary
Week of Feb. 4, 2019	Round 4: NEW - ALL TEAMS
Week of Feb. 11, 2019	Round 5, if applicable
Feb. 29- Mar 1, 2019	State Tournament, Duluth
May 8-12, 2019	NHSMTTC, Athens, GA