



MSBA Mock Trial Newsletter | October 2021

FINAL Team Registration is due by Friday, **October 22, 2021**. [[click here](#)].
**Don't forget to add your conflict dates for trials when registering.*

**Competitions will be held:
Rounds 1-4 will be held virtually
Round 5 and State Tournament will be held in-person**

Virtual Competitions: Due to the current situation regarding COVID and the backlog of court cases/lack of courtroom availability, we will be hosting the first 4 rounds of competitions virtually. Round 5 and the State Tournament is currently scheduled for in-person competitions.

This is the trend nationally. We recognize that this is not the preferred method for the competitions and the decision was not easy for us to make. We appreciate your continued support.

Team Workshop will be held virtually on **Monday, November 8, 2021**. RSVP by November 5th. [[click here](#)]

New Coach Q & A Webinar is scheduled for **Monday, November 22, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.** If you are a new coach and would like to attend, contact [Kim Basting](#).

Trial Schedules will be posted online the week of November 22, 2021. Zoom links, codes, and instructions will be sent in December. We will once again offer test runs via Zoom for those that would like the opportunity. More to come...

Scrimmages are encouraged, especially this Season with the virtual format. It is a perfect way to test everything before the competitions start the week of January 10th. Please use the coaches contact list (will be distributed by November 12th) to schedule with local high schools or contact [Kim Basting](#) for assistance.

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

Upcoming: **U of M Golden Gavel Invitational**

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](#)] - **Posted 10-19-21**

Case Release Date & Clarifications October 22, 2021 - All questions should be sent to kbasting@mnbars.org by **December 17, 2021**. We will review the questions and post it to the website by December 20, 2021.

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 2022 season. *The Zoom links will be confidential and not posted online.* 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](#)]

Need an Attorney Coach? Please contact [Kim Basting](#) to be put placed on the list.

Questions?

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RESOURCES:

2021 Championship Round is available for viewing at no charge: [\[click here\]](#).

New Videos: We have posted short videos for teams to view, as needed. The topics include closing arguments, exhibits, witnesses, etc. We will be posting over the next few weeks so check weekly. The videos and other resources can be found [\[click here\]](#).

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.

MN Supreme Court Historical Society Mondale-Quie Essay Contest

The Essay Contest is due January 18, 2022. Please forward this on to your students. For more information: [\[click here\]](#)

HCBA has a Speakers Bureau? If you would like a volunteer attorney or judge to speak to students, parent groups, or colleagues about a particular legal issue or the judicial system as a whole, try using our Speakers Bureau. Examples of popular requests include: (1) Have a criminal defense attorney and a prosecutor facilitate a conversation with students about their legal rights and provide recommendations for dealing with police interactions; (2) Educate your co-workers by hosting a Q&A with an attorney about a specific area of law routinely faced by students or their families. The possibilities are limitless. Contact [Dana Miner](#).

IMPORTANT DATES:

Date	What
October 15, 2021	Deadline to Register Team(s)
October 22, 2021	Case Released
October 22, 2021	Final Deadline To Register*
November 8, 2021	Coach & Team Workshop
November 22, 2021	New Coach Q & A Session
November 19, 2021	Schedule Posted - tentative
December 17, 2021	Deadline to submit Clarifications
Week of Jan. 10, 2022	Round 1
Week of Jan. 17, 2022	Round 2
Week of Jan. 24, 2022	Round 3
Week of Jan. 31, 2022	Make-up Rounds, if necessary
Week of Feb. 7, 2022	Round 4
Week of Feb. 14, 2022	Round 5, if applicable
TBD	State Tournament
May 4-8, 2022	NHSMTC, Kalamazoo MI

**If you need more time to register, please do not hesitate to contact [Kim Basting](#) for an extension.*

Good luck and we look forward to the upcoming season!

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