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TO: **Mock Trial Attorney Advisor**

FROM: Ramona Sain, Executive Director

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Genesee County Bar Association, thank you for volunteering your time to assist as an attorney advisor for the 2006 Mock Trial. The case information, instructions and a list of participating schools listing teacher advisors can be found on-line.

Court room assignments, team pairings, sides (plaintiff and defense), will be posted upon completion. It is advisable to begin preparing your team for both sides of the case.

- *It is your responsibility* to contact the teacher and arrange dates and times to meet with the students to advise them on the trial. We ask that you meet at least three times. Teachers spend the bulk of their time in the classroom and if you cannot reach the teacher by telephone, please use the e-mail address, if provided.
- Make your contact ASAP. Spring/Easter break is coming up and the sooner arrangements can be made for you to visit the school, the better prepared the students will be for the Mock Trial.
- Final Preparation. Our experience has been that the students are preoccupied with the upcoming trial. Consequently, instead of scheduling the Mock Trial Debate/Roundtable Discussion before the Mock Trial, time has been set aside for Final Trial Preparation. This will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Court Street United Methodist Church. It would be helpful if you could be in attendance to assist your students. If not, other attorneys will be on hand to provide tips, strategies or help with problems.
- Mock Trial Schedule
Tuesday, April 25th and Wednesday, April 26th
11:30 a.m. Final Trial Preparation
1:30 p.m. Mock Trial begins (teachers must check in at Circuit Court).

Most attorneys and teachers have participated in Mock Trial before and are familiar with the process. For a handful of others this is their first experience and we want it to be positive. We trust you and the students will enjoy this experience. Please remember to contact me at my office at (810) 232-6012 if you have any questions.