

TIPS FOR MOCK TRIAL TEACHERS

- A. If the attorney advisor does not contact you, do not hesitate to contact them first.
- B. If possible try to schedule regular visitations with the attorney.
- C. Meet with the team on a regular basis as a follow-up to the attorney visits.
- D. If possible, schedule practice sessions in front of an audience such as a classroom.
- E. Advise the students to dress and act professionally in the courtroom giving all due respect to ALL court officials and personnel. The dress code **WILL BE ENFORCED**, and any student, whether they are serving as an attorney, witness, or juror, will not be allowed in the courtroom if they do not adhere to the dress code. To avoid any embarrassment for you, the student, the court, and the bar association, please emphasize this rule prior to the trial.
- F. To assist in efficiency of security clearance, advise students to leave cellphones, book/duffel bags, purses and/or briefcases at home. Heavy metal jewelry, metal belts, and steel-toed shoes (among other things) should also be avoided. Pocket change will also activate the detector. Students who are wearing belts may be required to remove them before going through the metal detector.
- G. Students are not allowed to bring any electronic devices into the courthouse. These devices include but are not limited to the following: cellular phones, games, pagers, and other communication devices which are a distraction to the learning process. They are not needed for the Mock Trial experience and are not permitted by the Courthouse Security.
- H. Please advise students that **LOUD, OBNOXIOUS, UNRULY BEHAVIOR IS NOT ACCEPTABLE**. Remember we are guests of the court. Disciplined behavior is a necessary component to that visit.
- I. Please advise the students that there should not be any planned outbursts or other theatrics during the Mock Trials. The purpose of the Mock Trial is to provide exposure to the courts and the legal system in a respectful manner. Our Attorney Advisors are teaching their respective teams how to present their cases in a respectable and appropriate manner. Planned outbursts or other theatrics are not appropriate behavior in a courtroom.