

MOCK TRIAL

A mock trial is an act or imitation trial.

Essentially, Mock Trial is more or less what it sounds like: students act out a civil trial by arguing for either the prosecution or defense side against another team, which acts as the opposing side.

This is a simulation that permits students to learn and improve a variety of essential presentation skills. This simulation offers the student the opportunity to learn and practice skills by assuming the role of a lawyer in a hypothetical situation and to receive feedback and critiques on their performances from peers and lecturers.

The process begins with the distribution of case study, which is provided here below. This case booklet contains all pertinent details about the fictional case students will be arguing for or against.

Some aspects of your case will likely be prepared in advance. For example, opening statements, which begin the trial, are usually scripted and rehearsed well before the actual competition. However, other parts of your case must be developed on the fly, and change based on what the other team does throughout the course of the trial.

Students are divided into 3 groups:

Plaintiff: a person who brings a case against another in a court of law.

Defendant: a person accused of committing a wrongful act.

Judge: a public official appointed to decide cases in a court of law.