

2018 Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Mock Trial Season!

This year's case is a criminal action questioning whether the defendant's exercising freedom of speech and expression was actually criminal inciting to riot and whether the passionate defendant crossed the line from activist to arsonist.

Dates

- The 2018 regional competitions will take place on the following dates (locations rotate based on availability):
 - February 24; Washtenaw County Regional, Ann Arbor
 - March 3; Macomb County Regional, Mt. Clemens
 - March 10; Oakland County Regional, Pontiac
 - March 17; Kent County Regional, Grand Rapids
- The top 10 teams will compete in the State Finals on March 24, 2018 in Lansing.
- The state champion will be eligible to compete in the National Mock Trial Championship in Reno, Nevada, May 10-13, 2018. More information on the national competition can be found at <http://www.nationalmocktrial.org>.

Deadline for Registration: January 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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Mock Trial FAQ

What is Mock Trial?

The Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament is organized and conducted by the Michigan Center for Civic Education. The MCCE designed the program to reenact much of what might take place in trial courts. High school students take on the roles of attorneys and witnesses and compete against other schools in real courtrooms in front of real judges and lawyers. But while the students take on roles, there is no set script. As in a debate, participants must adjust to the strategies employed by the opposing side.

How Does the Competition Work?

- Teams of 6-10 students present arguments before panels of judges. One judge presides over the trial, while the rest sit as the jury.
- Schools may register multiple teams at \$250 per team. There is a cap of 3 teams per school for 2018.
- The tournament begins with regional competitions. Teams may select the regional in which they prefer to compete; however, space is limited at regional sites, and the MCCE may assign sites based on location or space.
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How Do We Prepare?

- Registered teams will receive tournament rules and case materials via email after November 1. Please know that online registration tends to facilitate a faster turnaround of materials as the mail is not checked daily in Lansing.
- In addition to the teacher, teams are encouraged to work with an attorney coach(es). Teachers themselves need not be legal experts. Teams should make their own contacts with attorney coaches by calling on parents and other community members or by contacting a local bar association.
- If you need help finding an attorney coach, please contact us. We will be happy to help.
- A mock trial clinic for students and coaches will be held at the Hall of Justice and the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center in Lansing, Michigan on December, 14, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. The clinic will be a day of sessions with experienced attorneys and tournament judges covering basic trial techniques. Clinic registration is not included in the basic tournament registration fee, and clinic participation is not required. The clinic is optional.

How Do We Enter?

Complete and return the Mock Trial Registration Form (or register online).

Enclose a check for \$250 per team payable to Michigan Center for Civic Education. A \$10 per-team surcharge applies to online registrations.

Registrations will be accepted until January 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

A 50% refund of Registration fees will be available for teams withdrawing BEFORE 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2018. No amount of registration is returned for drops that occur after January 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.



Important Michigan High School Mock Trial Dates*

Date	Event
November 1, 2017	Materials released to registered teams
December 7, 2017	Mock Trial Clinic Registration Deadline
December 14, 2017	Mock Trial Clinic, Hall of Justice and the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center, Lansing, Michigan. Participation is optional.
January 12, 2018	Tournament Registration Deadline at 5:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams who drop prior to this deadline will receive a 50% return on their registration.• Teams who drop after this deadline will not receive their registration money returned.
March 3, 2018	Macomb County Regional, Mt. Clemens
March 10, 2018	Oakland County Regional, Pontiac
March 17, 2018	Kent County Regional, Grand Rapids
March 24, 2018	The top 10 teams will compete in the State Finals, Lansing
May 10-12, 2018	National Mock Trial Championship in Reno, Nevada
*With the exception of the National Competition, all dates are subject to change or cancellation.	



2018 Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament Registration Form

Deadline: January 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Registration is Available Online: www.miciviced.org/mock-trial/tournament-registration

School Building Name:	_____
School District:	_____
Teacher Name:	_____
School Address:	_____
	City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email:	_____
School Phone:	() _____
Cell (for emergency):	() _____

Attorney and/or Community Coach Information	
Name:	_____
Firm/Organization:	_____
Address:	_____
	City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email:	_____
Phone:	() _____ circle: cell home work
Additional Coaches? Please list on additional form	

Payment:

Payment: \$250 per team, payable to the Michigan Center for Civic Education.

Return to: Michigan Center for Civic Education

306 Townsend Street; Lansing, MI 48933

Online payment and registration are also available at www.miciviced.org. Additional \$10 per team is assessed with online registration

Number of Teams entered by this School:

_____ Number of Teams (6-10 students per team)

2018 Limit of 3 per school



Preferred Regional Tournament (choose one)*:

- ___ February 24, 2018 - Washtenaw County Regional, Ann Arbor
- ___ March 3, 2018 - Macomb County Regional, Mt. Clemens**
- ___ March 10, 2018; - Oakland County Regional, Pontiac
- ___ March 17, 2018; - Kent County Regional, Grand Rapids

*Schools will be notified of Regional Assignments no later than January 17, 2018.

**Macomb County Regional will give priority to Macomb County schools in scheduling this tournament; however, out of county schools are welcome to apply. Schools will be notified of Regional Assignments no later than January 17, 2018.

Release

By registering I acknowledge the Michigan Center for Civic Education (MCCE) may use the likeness, images, video, and names of students and adults affiliated with my school's participation. I understand the above may be used for press releases, MCCE social media, school communications, video promotions, and other related communications. Should a student, school, or member choose to withdraw from this agreement, the school or participant has an affirmative obligation to submit written notification to MCCE staff who will sign the document prior to the beginning of an event.

Release of Materials

Materials and updates will be emailed to one coach per team. Please indicate whether messages should be addressed to:

___ Teacher listed above or ___ Attorney Coach listed above

Please verify best email here: _____

Please verify best phone here: _____ circle: cell home work

The above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. By registering I also agree to uphold the Code of Conduct for students and adults. I also agree to communicate any changes to MCCE as soon as they are known.

Signature: _____ Role _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Use by MCCE:

Date Received: _____

Region Assigned _____



Additional Attorney or Community Coach Information Addendum

*Please attach additional sheets if needed.

	<p>Attorney and/or Community Coach Information</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Firm/Organization: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ Zip Code: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Phone: () _____ circle: cell home work</p>
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Mock Trial Clinic Registration Form

Hall of Justice and Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center - Lansing, MI

Registration Deadline: December 7, 2017

Students and coaches are invited to come and work on their courtroom skills under the guidance of experienced trial attorneys, law professors, and tournament judges. Sessions will be offered for mock trial participants both new and experienced participants. Sessions are devoted to improving mock skills such as:

- direct and cross examination
- being a witness
- crafting opening and closing statements
- objections
- courtroom etiquette

This year's clinic will include a tour of the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center and, if scheduling permits, a visit to the Michigan Supreme Court Chambers!

Registration and Payment

- All attendees must register and pay the \$10 registration fee. Lunch and learning materials will be provided. Please communicate any food or accessibility accommodations required.
- Please make checks payable to the Michigan Center for Civic Education and return to: Michigan Center for Civic Education, 306 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48933
- Online Registration Also Available: <http://www.miciviced.org/mock-trial/clinic-practice>

Student teams must be accompanied by a school authorized adult.

Primary accompanying adult name:	_____
Accompanying adult role:	_____
Accompanying adult email:	_____
Accompanying adult phone:	_____

Participation Information

School Name: _____



Clinic Participants (please indicate person's role by each name. For instance, write "student", "attorney coach", "teacher", etc. for each). Please list additional participants on a separate sheet. Should capacity be reached,

	Name	Role
1		
2		
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Total Payment Amount: \$10.00 x _____ participants = \$ _____

Payment: ___ Check enclosed
 ___ Pay/register online

Signature: _____ Role _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

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