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Dear Administrators and Interested Coaches:

The Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association is pleased to announce the **2019-2020 Hawaii High School Mock Trial Competition**.

The Competition offers high school students across the State the opportunity to learn about Hawaii's judicial process through the preparation, presentation, and argument of a mock case to sitting judges. Students will gain valuable insight into the judicial system, learn about courtroom procedure and decorum, and develop analytical thinking and oral advocacy skills.

This year's mock trial involves a criminal case. The case materials, along with the Competition rules and other related documents, will be posted on the Young Lawyer's Division Mock Trial page of the HSBA's website (<https://hsba.org/mocktrial2020>) by October 18, 2019.

All Hawaii high schools are invited to participate. Subsidies are available to defray travel expenses for teams needing to travel to Oahu to compete in the semi-final and final rounds.

If your school is interested in establishing a mock trial team, you will need to submit a completed application form (attached), along with the non-refundable \$250 entry fee, by November 22, 2019. Teams must have at least seven (7) student participants and a coach. If your school would like assistance securing an attorney coach, please contact us.

If you need assistance or clarification regarding the rules, procedures, or any other matters, please contact us at yldmocktrial@gmail.com. On the day of the first round of the Competition, all coaches will be required to attend a brief civility and sportsmanship meeting with Judge Browning. We look forward to hosting an exciting and educational Competition.

In closing, the 2020 Hawaii High School Mock Trial State Champion will advance to the National Mock Trial Championship. Please be advised that the 2020 National Championship is scheduled for May 6-9, 2020 in Evansville, IN.

Sincerely,

Christopher St. Sure
Mock Trial Committee Chairperson

Enclosure

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2020 HAWAII STATE HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT APPLICATION FORM

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Teacher Contact (Name): _____

Teacher Email: _____

Number of Teams: _____

COACH INFORMATION

Name of Coach(es): (FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)

1. _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email: _____

2. _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email: _____

Please read and initial the following:

_____ We agree that we will be the responsible agents for organizing the mock trial team for the high school noted above.

_____ We have reviewed the Competition rules for the mock trial competition and agree to abide by the rules and will ensure that our students and faculty are also made aware of the rules and proper courtroom etiquette. We understand that any violation of the rules may result in immediate disqualification of the team from the Competition.

_____ We confirm that we have the required minimum seven (7) students necessary to comprise a team and agree to commit to participating in the Competition.

Please check as appropriate:

Our team(s)

- Elects to allow videotaping and/or photography of the competition through the State Finals.
 Does not elect to allow videotaping and/or photography of the competition through the State Finals.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Teacher/School Representative: _____ Date: _____

Legal Coach: _____ Date: _____

An entry fee of **\$250.00** per team is required. Checks should be made payable to Hawaii State Bar Association. Please send or deliver this form and payment by **November 22, 2019** to:

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