Dear Administrators and Interested Coaches:

The Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association is pleased to announce the 2018-2019 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 civil employment matter. The case materials, along with the Competition rules and other related documents, will be posted on the Young Lawyer's Division page of the HSBA’s website (www.hsba.org) by November 15, 2018.

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 21, 2018. 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.

There is no orientation meeting scheduled for this year. 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.

Sincerely,

Addison Bonner
Mock Trial Committee