



**Hawaii State Bar Association**

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Dear Administrators and Interested Coaches:

The Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association is pleased to announce that the 2021 Hawaii High School Mock Trial Competition will be held virtually.

While we are excited to host a Competition virtually next year, we understand that this decision may be a disappointment to some. One of our primary objectives during this planning process was making sure that we are able to conduct the Competition in a safe environment for the students, coaches, parents, volunteers and our dedicated Judges. We have determined, as many other States, that the best way to do so is to proceed with a remote competition. Our targeted start date for the competition is early March. The length and duration of the competition will depend largely on the amount of schools that sign up. An informal survey that recently circulated last month indicated that 6 schools may be interested.

A virtual competition will certainly present some challenges for the Committee, the Coaches, Students and Judges. Nevertheless, we are excited to offer the competition despite all of the uncertainties presented by the global pandemic and look forward to see how everyone tackles the unique challenges by presenting a case on a virtual platform. The Committee is currently in the process of reviewing and adopting specific rules to address a remote competition with the guidance of other State coordinators. We will let you know if and when there is an update to the Rules.

The 2021 Mock Trial Competition will involve a **criminal** matter. The case materials, along with the Competition rules and other related documents, will be posted on the HSBA's website ([hsba.org/mocktrial2021](http://hsba.org/mocktrial2021)) by December 1, 2020.

All Hawaii high schools are invited to participate. 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 December 11, 2020. 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.

In closing, the 2021 Hawaii High School Mock Trial State Champion will advance to the National Mock Trial Championship. Please be advised that the 2021 National Championship will be conducted virtually and is scheduled for May 13-15, 2021 in Evansville, IN.

If you need assistance or clarification regarding the rules, procedures, or any other matters, please contact us at [yldmocktrial@gmail.com](mailto:yldmocktrial@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Christopher St. Sure  
Mock Trial Committee Chairperson

Enclosure

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2021 HAWAII STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
VIRTUAL MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT  
APPLICATION FORM

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**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Teams: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Contact (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Day Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please attach additional contact information to this application as needed.***

**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. We understand that any violation of the rules may result in immediate disqualification of the team from the Competition. We also understand that the Committee may adopt new rules designed to apply to a virtual Competition, which we will have the opportunity to review.

\_\_\_\_\_ We understand that due to the unprecedented global pandemic, the upcoming 2021 Competition will be conducted virtually.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 **December 11, 2020** to:

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