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Re: 2023 Hawai'i High School Mock Trial Competition – Registration

Dear Administrators and Interested Coaches:

The Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association is pleased to announce the planning and preparation for the 2023 Hawai'i High School Mock Trial Competition.

This year's Competition will be conducted in a hybrid format to allow for increased participation by teams and volunteers statewide. While the YLD has observed positive trends in returning to in-person events, we have also observed increased participation and interest in the Competition across the State due to the virtual format of the Competition over the past couple of years. Additional information on scheduling and determining whether matches will be held in-person or virtually will be dependent on the teams that register for the Competition. We ask for your patience as our Mock Trial Committee works to deliver the best experience for our students, and thank you for your understanding as we navigate these many changes. Our targeted start date for the ACTUAL competition is in mid-February of 2023.

The 2023 Mock Trial Competition will involve a **criminal** case. The case materials, along with the Competition rules and other related documents, will be posted on the HSBA's website (hsba.org/mocktrial2023) by November 21, 2022. We know that you and your students will put on amazing performances, and gain disciplined organization skills and improve their confidence in their oratory talents.

All Hawai'i high schools are invited to participate. If your school is interested in organizing a Mock Trial team, please submit a completed application form (attached), along with the non-refundable \$250 entry fee, by Friday, December 2, 2022. 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.

The 2023 Hawai'i High School Mock Trial State Champion team will advance to the National Mock Trial Championship. Please be advised that the 2023 National Championship is scheduled for May 18 to 20, 2023 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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If you need assistance or clarification regarding the rules, procedures, or any other matters, please contact us at yldmocktrial@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Wong
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**2023 HAWAII STATE HIGH SCHOOL
MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION
APPLICATION FORM**

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: _____

Name of Teachers: (FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)

1. _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email: _____

2. _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email: _____

Please review and initial on behalf of the Mock Trial team:

_____ It is agreed that I will be responsible teacher contact for organizing the Mock Trial team for the high school noted above.

_____ The Competition rules for the Mock Trial Competition have been reviewed and the Mock Trial team agrees to abide by the rules. It is understood that any violation of the rules may result in immediate disqualification of the team from the Competition. The Young Lawyers Division Mock Trial Committee may also adopt additional rules to further the goals of the virtual competition.

_____ We understand that the upcoming 2023 Hawaii Competition will be conducted in a hybrid format. Some matches will be held in-person, and some matches will be held virtually.

_____ We confirm that we have the required minimum seven (7) students necessary to compete in the 2023 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: _____

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 2, 2022** to:

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