



Bringing the Best and Brightest to

INDIANA

National High School Mock Trial — May 6-9, 2020, Evansville, IN



NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
MOCK TRIAL
CHAMPIONSHIP

EVANSVILLE, IN

2020

“Mock Trial is the most critically demanding activity a high school student may undertake. It demands intelligence, creativity, acting skills, hard work, commitment to a team, and dedication. Students are given an opportunity to think, be authentically challenged. As Indiana’s program grows and flourishes, we will all see the inherent value and necessity of sustaining this program for our youth. I have already understood its significance in the lives and learning of my own students.”

—Teacher and three-year Coach



These students are some of the brightest students you will ever meet.

Indiana has secured the bid to host the National High School Mock Trial Championship in **May 2020**. This is Indiana’s opportunity to showcase the state and its **outstanding high school mock trial program**. Hosting this **national championship** will secure Indiana’s leadership in civic education nationwide. Mock trial educates youth on the legal system, particularly trial procedures, and highlights for them a **fundamental tenet of the American justice system**.

High School Mock Trial: the Best and the Brightest

Through the interactive High School Mock Trial competition (Mock Trial), students learn the important role of the American judicial system and the rule of law in democratic society. They engage in simulated civil or criminal trials and compete against teams from across the U.S., South Korea, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands. Guided by teachers, student teams practice for the academic competition by studying a fictitious case and take specific roles such as attorney, witness or defendant. Each team represents both defense and prosecution in alternating trials. Volunteer attorneys and judges evaluate their skills.

Mock Trial builds critical thinking, team work, public speaking and poise under pressure — exactly the soft skills needed in today’s workplace. Mock trial students are mastering them in high school.



Building Confidence, Professionalism

"As a lawyer, the job is to know what one is talking about. Lawyers must also be able to maintain their composure throughout frustrating objections and crosses from the opposing counsel. As a witness the job is to make the testimony more believable than the other team's. It would be impossible to do so if, as a witness, someone sounded like they had no idea what they were talking about or if they seemed juvenile. No matter what, no matter how frustrating it can be, no matter how well or how poorly it is going, professionalism must be maintained."

— *Student Competitor*

Indiana's National Prominence in Civics

Hosting the national competition in Southern Indiana's largest city brings a national audience to Evansville with more than 900 students, coaches, teachers, parents and attorneys attending the event. It introduces southern Indiana schools to Indiana's high school mock trial program.

As many as 100 trials will occur during the competition, primarily on just two days of the event. The final trial between the top two teams will occur in the Randall T. Shepard Courtroom at the Old Courthouse in downtown Evansville.



Sponsor Gains

You might find your law firm facing any one of these judges or attorneys as you litigate across the country. Members of the national board and other mock trial volunteers include state and federal judges, U.S. attorneys and attorneys from various states.

Recognition at this event is available at a variety of donation levels. By committing early, your leadership will inspire other firms and foundations to commit. Indiana's legal community can take pride in ensuring Indiana maintains a stellar reputation nationally in civic education for youth.

Pledge Now, Fulfill in 2019

You can plan how your donation is paid. Your pledge form allows you to make graduated payments on your pledge. However, fulfilling your entire donation amount by May 2019 is imperative to Indiana's success. Sign today so the Foundation can announce your commitment, but make your donations over a two-year period.

See attached for specific recognition levels.

Steering Committee:

Co-chairs:

Hon. Richard Young, Hon. Steven David

Committee Chairs:

Hon. Melissa May (Volunteer Recruitment), Beverly Corn (Logistics), Donald Lundberg (Fundraising)



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPONSOR LEVELS

\$50,000 – 1 Available

BENEFITS

Full-page Ad in Program (Back Cover)

Awards Celebration Premium Sponsor (signage, verbal recognition, table tents)

Competition Rules Book (back cover)

Press release announcing your sponsorship (if desired)

Website Sponsor Page (Top Listing)

Student and Volunteer Lanyard and ID Badges (approx. 900)

\$25,000 – 3 Available

Full-page Ad in one of the following locations in the program:

- Interior opening (Available to first 3 signed pledges only)
- Interior closing (Available to first 3 signed pledges only)
- Interior opening (Available to first 3 signed pledges only)
- Interior key location (Available to first 3 signed pledges only)

Competition Rules Book

Press release announcing your sponsorship (if desired)

Presented by Billing – Choose one from Pin Exchange or Final trial or Friday Night Casual Event

Awards Celebration

Website Sponsor Page

\$10,000 – 23 Available

One of the six following options are available to the first six sponsors who sign on in 2017-2018:

1. Judge/Volunteer Reception (signage) for 200+ adult attendees
2. Judge/Volunteer Breakfast Friday (signage) 100 adults
3. Judge/Volunteer Breakfast Saturday (signage) 100 adults
4. Judge/Volunteer Lunch Friday (signage) 100 adults
5. Judge/Volunteer Lunch Saturday (signage) 100 adults
6. Judges Binders (400)

1 Courtroom (interior/exterior signage) 30-50 people per courtroom (23 available)

Awards Celebration Book: half-page ad

Awards Celebration

Website Sponsor Page

\$5,000 – Unlimited

Quarter-page Ad in Awards Celebration Book

All donors receive:

Acknowledgement as a Mock Trial 2020 sponsor in the Foundation's annual report in the year dedicated to the National High School Mock Trial Championship.

Options:

Final Trial, Courtrooms (23), Judge/Volunteer Reception, Judge/Volunteer lunch Friday, Judge/Volunteer lunch Saturday, Awards Celebration (Saturday Night), Awards Book, Pin Exchange (Thursday Night), Judges binders, Judge/Volunteer Training Room, Student Casual Event (Friday Night), Competition Rules Book, Awards Book ads, Website, Student/Judge ID tags (lanyards or badges)



Pledge National High School Mock Trial Championships May 2020

Today's Date: _____

Firm: _____

Firm Contact: _____

Billing Address: _____

Pledge Amount: \$ _____

Indicate Preferred Payment Schedule

Date: _____, 20____ Amount: \$ _____

Date: _____, 20____ Amount: \$ _____

Date: _____, 20____ Amount: \$ _____

Date: _____, 20____ Amount: \$ _____

➡ Final pledge amount – Due May 1, 2019:

Would you like to be invoiced?

Address invoice to (name): _____

If address differs than that above, indicate that address here:

Make checks payable to Indiana Bar Foundation, 615 N. Alabama St., #122, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Please indicated Mock Trial Nationals on your check. Questions may be directed to Theresa Browning, CFRE, 317-269-7864.

