



OCTOBER 2019 MOCK TRIAL NEWS

SLACK AS TEACHER RESOURCE | BENEFIT OF REGISTRATION

By Liz Avery-Jones, NCMTP Program Coordinator

As students prepare for our upcoming February 1, 2020 regional competition, scrimmaging with other area teams during the winter is a valuable opportunity to practice the skills they have learned. The NCMTP is making it easier for teams to scrimmage. As a new benefit of team registration, one teacher or main team contact per team is invited to the NC Mock Trial Program [Slack workspace](#). Here teachers can join region-specific ‘channels’ to coordinate scrimmages with other teams as desired. [NCMTP Slack Workspace Guidelines](#). If you have any questions or didn’t receive your Slack login invitation, email liz@ncmocktrial.org.

NCMTP TEACHER RESOURCE PAGE | NEW ADDITION

Want even more help with mock trial related lesson plans? Check out our website, ncmocktrial.org/resources/training-materials, for access to a new resource: MockTrialStrategies.com — created by Oregon-based retired attorney / mock trial coach Dennis Gerl and shared with his permission. Caution: although helpful, this resource is not specific to North Carolina and all NC teams should refer to the NAJ High School Mock Trial Competition Rules for a final answer on competition procedure.

WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THE ATTORNEY ADVISOR ROLE

We want to make the case! Below are the **main reasons WHY** we encourage you to reach out to the NC Mock Trial Program (liz@ncmocktrial.org) to be added to our list of attorneys willing to help mentor a team should a team in their local neighborhood need an attorney advisor. Why:

- Teaching high school students will sharpen your trial skills and is a rewarding way to keep the Rules of Evidence fresh in your mind.
- You will be inspired to see high school students develop a strong understanding of our justice system and hone important life skills such as critical thinking, public speaking, teamwork, and leadership abilities.
- You will join a network of hundreds of other attorneys who support mock trial as presiding judges, scoring jurors, and regional coordinators – a stellar networking opportunity.
- The NC Mock Trial Program (NCMTP) gives you all the teaching resources you would need at <https://ncmocktrial.org/resources/training-materials/>.

We are looking to ensure schools in all areas of the state, especially in more rural communities, can participate in mock trial. **Will you let us know if you are willing to be added to our list of potential attorney advisors?**

Attorney advisors typically meet with students approximately 6 to 8 times between late September and early February (flexible, depending on availability) at the high school, law office or other location of their choosing. If available to help, this year or next, please email Program Coordinator Liz Avery-Jones at liz@ncmocktrial.org.

CALENDAR FOR THE 2019 – 2020 MOCK TRIAL SEASON

Final Registration Deadline and \$275 Team Fee Due	Friday, Dec. 13, 2019
Team Member List, Code of Ethics, Release Forms Due	Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020
Last Day to Withdraw Without Penalty	Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020
Regional Competition	Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020
Widenhouse Award Nomination Materials Due	Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020
State Finals Competition	Fri. – Sat., March 13-14, 2020
National Championship, Evansville, IN	May 6-9, 2020

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