

Volunteer Opportunity: Attorney Advisor for High School Mock Trial

Approximately 900 high school students across North Carolina participate in the **NCAJ High School Mock Trial Competition** each year, taking on the roles of witnesses and attorneys at February (regional) and March (State Final) competitions. Teams of 7 to 9 students are cocoached by both a teacher coach and a volunteer attorney advisor. Competitions are judged by other practicing attorneys, sitting judges and other legal professionals.

Would you help us bring this impactful program into your community by volunteering as an attorney coach (either in person or remote)?

WHY you should help as an attorney advisor:

- ✓ 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 NCMTP gives you all the teaching resources and guides you would need at <u>https://ncmocktrial.org/resources/training-materials/.</u>
- ✓ Students will forever remember your mentoring them!

WHAT the role involves: Attorney advisors typically meet with students approximately 6 to 8 times (virtually or in-person – up to you and the group)(supported by a local teacher coach) before February competition (flexible, depending on your availability). Teaching materials, handouts and guides are provided.

HOW: We hope to hear from you; please email North Carolina Mock Trial Program Executive Director Liz Avery-Jones at <u>liz@ncmocktrial.org</u> if you can help!