

Tips for Recruiting a Volunteer Attorney Advisor

- An attorney advisor is **not required** to start a team.
 - You can start a team before identifying an attorney advisor.
1. Study the membership directory at the **NC State Bar** website (<https://www.ncbar.gov/>, see 'Directories' tab at the top of the page) to find attorneys who work near your school. Send an email of request to your top selection. Repeat as needed.
 - a. Focus on contacting attorneys who are associates (not overstretched law firm partners), especially those whose biography reflects previous mock trial or moot court competition experience and/or membership with the NC Advocates for Justice (NCAJ).
 - b. Maybe, look for attorneys with specialties that match this year's mock trial case.
 - c. Your email should indicate the scope of your ask (example: six 2-hour coaching sessions from early November – early February). Your email should also include a link to this attorney advisor [guide](#) so they feel supported as they consider this opportunity to help.
 2. Ask students on your team or in your high school to share any **family attorney connections** who may be able to either help coach or help recruit a fellow attorney to support your team.
 3. Visit your **local bar association** website for contact information and then reach out to the local bar president or appropriate bar staff member to request that they post your pre-written query (attorney coach recruitment email) on their internal listserv.
 4. Contact your **local law school** to request that they post your attorney coach recruitment email or flyer. Consider editing your email/flyer to indicate being open to receiving support from a 2L or 3L student. If the law school has a moot court team, those student leaders would be a good resource for you.
 5. If you need additional guidance or support, please reach out **the NCMTTP** at admin@ncmocktrial.org.