

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL

The Santa Clara County High School Mock Trial need your expertise to help hundreds of Santa Clara County students! Volunteering is a great way to educate high school students about our courts and legal system. We hope you can find time in your busy schedules to volunteer and help make this event grand!

WHAT IS THE MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM

The Santa Clara County Office of Education and the Santa Clara County Bar Association is proud to host Mock Trial as an academic program in which schools compete at the county, state and national levels. Students to experience what it is like to prepare and present a legal case before the court. The program allows students to acquire a working knowledge of our judicial system and encourages them to develop their analytical abilities and communication skills while gaining increased self-confidence.



HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Judges, lawyers, and paralegals can

1. Team attorney coach

- An attorney coach is paired with a participating Mock Trial team and advises the students on general trial techniques and procedures and on specific strategies for presenting the case.

2. Scorers

- Scorers are provided criteria to evaluate two participating teams numerically while student teams present their case to a judge or a commissioner. You can volunteer to score as many trials as you would like, the time commitment is minimal and only requires volunteers to attend a brief (20 min.) meeting prior to the beginning of the tournament.

3. Presiders

- Presiders keep the trial moving and rule on the pretrial motion, objections and render a verdict in the case.

MOCK TRIAL SEASON

Preparation and County Trials occur between September – March.

Trials Dates- February 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 • 5:00PM to 7:30PM

All trials are conducted at the Santa Clara Superior Court

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

To download a volunteer form, visit our Web Site at:

<http://www.scoec.org/depts/ci/history/Pages/Mock-Trial.aspx>

or contact Mark Shem at (408) 535-0870 or email mshem@bortonpetrini.com.



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