Mock Trial
Artist Contest Official Rules

• All contestants must be affiliated with a Mock Trial team and enrolled at the team’s school.

• All participants must sign a permission slip authorizing the publication or reprinting of their Courtroom Art Contest submissions for educational purposes. No financial compensation will be awarded.

• Sit in the jury box in a row below the scorers. If a scorer or the presider asks you not to sit in the jury box, you may sit in the front row of spectator seating, away from witnesses.

• Introduce yourself to the scorers (they will be sitting in the jury box) and the presider (she/he will be sitting on the bench).

• Once you are seated, you MAY NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH ANYONE FROM YOUR SCHOOL (parents, teachers, or fellow students). You must create your drawing completely independently.

• Your sketch must depict an actual courtroom scene that you observe during this trial.

• It’s mandatory that all entries must be done in color. If you will be using charcoal or pastel pencils, please use some type of spray sealer to reduce smudging.

• The drawing must be on paper of the dimensions 11" X 14", with a horizontal format. Any dry medium may be used.

• You may make as many drawings as you wish at this trial, but you may only submit one to the presider to be considered for judging.

• Be sure to stick your name label onto the back of the drawing you submit.

• You must submit your work to the presider at the conclusion of the debriefing remarks (5-10 minutes after the verdict). The judge will deliver the drawing to Mock Trial staff, so be aware of the possibility of smudging, should you choose to use charcoal or pastel.

• Only drawings submitted to presiders will be entered in the contest. DO NOT BRING YOUR DRAWING TO MOCK TRIAL STAFF, YOURSELF.