

# Mock Trial Artist Contest Official Rules

- All contestants affiliated with a Mock Trial team must be enrolled at the team's school and be included in the team's roster. Independent contestants must register separately with the SCCOE.
- Contestants affiliated with a team may only watch and report on their team's trials. Independent contestants will be assigned to a team.
- You may make as many drawings as you wish at each trial, but you may only submit one to the presider to be considered for judging at the conclusion of each session.
- Contestants may attend and submit drawings from any or all of the first four days of the trials. After the fourth day, contestants must select one of their four submissions as their final entry.
- 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 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 with dimensions of 11" X 14", with a horizontal orientation.** Any dry medium may be used.
- 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.**