California Mock Trial Program
Observer Form

Each team (both prosecution and defense) is required to designate an adult to serve as official Courtroom Observer/Chaperone. No one should enter the courtroom until the observers have entered and completed a survey of the room. The general rule is that nothing in the courtroom should be touched or moved by Mock Trial participants.

The observer’s responsibilities include:

- Before teams enter the courtroom, make note of where chairs, easels, or other items are arranged. You can take photos of the courtroom or you can use the diagram on the back of this form so you know how things were originally placed;
- After each trial, to ensure that all furniture and courtroom items are replaced to their original positions and conditions; and
- Watching for proper treatment of courtroom by participants and spectators during the trial.

The observer’s responsibilities DO NOT include watching for rule or procedural violations.

I, ______________________________, the Official Courtroom Observer for team #______ hereby certify that the above information is accurate and true.

SIGNATURE ______________________________________________         DATE ______________________________

Turn in completed form to presider.
Courtroom Diagram

Notes:

1. Judge’s Bench
2. Counsel Table
3. Spectators
4. Counsel Table
5. Spectators