

# 2012

High  
School



# MOCK TRIAL

SOUTH CAROLINA BAR

Competition  
Application



*The (SC) Bar's LRE mock trial program provides students with an opportunity to learn about lawyers and the court system in a very positive way. They learn about respect for the legal system and to respect the judges and one another in the courtroom. They learn to think on their feet. They learn that it is difficult to master the facts and the law, and that the practice of law is hard work."*

—High School Mock Trial Attorney Coach

The South Carolina Bar Law Related Education (LRE) Division is inviting public, private and home schools throughout the state to participate in the 2012 High School Mock Trial Competition. Each participating school will enter a team comprised of at least 6-14 students and sponsored by a teacher volunteer. The LRE Division will help locate attorney coaches to assist the team in preparing the case, if needed. The LRE Division will provide each team with the same fictitious case, and each team will try both a Prosecution/Plaintiff and Defense argument.

The goals of this program are to educate students about the American judicial system and the fundamentals of litigation. Another objective is to increase cooperation, respect and support between the community and the legal profession. Through participation in the Mock Trial program students will sharpen their basic skills such as listening, speaking, writing, reading and analyzing. The goal of the Mock Trial program is not to win for the sake of winning, but to learn and practice the meaning of good citizenship in a democracy through participation in our legal system. All students who participate in the Mock Trial competition are winners. High School Mock Trial is correlated to South Carolina's English language arts and social studies standards for grades 9-12, which are accessible at [www.scbare.org/lre](http://www.scbare.org/lre).

**To remove any barriers or hesitations, a free one-day training for new teachers and attorney coaches will be offered on September 14, 2011.** Training is limited to new Mock Trial teachers and attorney coaches. Experienced Mock Trial teachers and attorney coaches will be permitted to attend based on space availability.



South Carolina  
**BAR FOUNDATION**  
Lawyers Sustaining Justice

The High School Mock Trial competition is sponsored by the South Carolina Bar Law Related Education (LRE) Division and is supported by the South Carolina Bar and an IOLTA grant from and the South Carolina Bar Foundation. For more information about this program, please contact Cynthia H. Cothran at (803) 252-5139 or [ccothran@scbar.org](mailto:ccothran@scbar.org).

# How to Enter



**REGISTRATION INFORMATION.** Complete and return the attached registration form for each team registering (maximum two teams). If registering more than one team, complete a separate registration form for each team. Names of actual students competing on the team are not needed until the school information sheet/Code of Ethical Conduct form is due, which is not until January 6, 2012.

*ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 7, 2011, TO AVOID A LATE FEE.*

Late registrations received between October 10 and November 4, 2011, require a \$50 late registration fee for each team registered.

**REGISTRATION FEE—REGIONALS.** With each registration, enclose payment for the non-refundable \$100 registration fee per team. Payment can be in the form of check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to the SC Bar LRE Division. If paying by credit card, write in or call with credit card information. All fees go toward competition expenses. If payment is requested through a purchase order, indicate on the registration form that a purchase order has been requested and payment is forthcoming. A registration form may be turned in without payment in order to make the registration deadline without a penalty fee. All registration fees are due no later than December 2, 2011 for the team(s) to compete in the 2012 regional competitions.

**REGISTRATION FEE—STATE.** Once a school has been confirmed that their team will be advancing to the 2012 State High School Mock Trial competition, a separate registration fee of \$150 will be due two days **prior** to the competition date. Payment can be in the form of check or credit card.

**RULE ON REGISTERING TWO TEAMS.** A school may submit two teams with the stipulation that one team must be designated as the “drop” team in the event that capacity is exceeded in a given region. A separate registration form is completed for each team. Notification of exceeding capacity will be made by **November 14, 2011**. In the event there is more than one school submitting two teams in a region exceeding capacity, the school that registered their second team last will be the first to drop the second team and/or consolidate its two teams. If a team is dropped by the S.C. Bar, that team’s registration fee will be refunded for its second team. (This is the only exception on returning a team’s registration fee.)

**COMPETITION FORMAT.** Each team at the regional competition will compete in a minimum of two rounds and a maximum of three rounds consisting of trying the Prosecution/Plaintiff and Defense side. The competition has been divided into four regional competitions, with a limited number of teams from each regional competition advancing to the state competition. Only one team per school may advance from regionals to the state competition. Each team at the state competition will compete in four rounds of competition prior to the championship round. Regional competitions are scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2012. The state competition will take place the afternoon and evening of Friday, March 9, 2012, and Saturday, March 10, 2012, in Columbia. A catered lunch will not be provided at the regional competition. A boxed lunch will be provided at the state competition.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CASE MATERIALS.** Case materials

will be posted on the Bar’s website ([www.scbar.org/lre](http://www.scbar.org/lre)) by Friday, October 28, 2011, at 5 p.m. The electronic case materials will be available as one entire document and broken down by each individual section. **This year the case will be available in Nook, Kindle, iPad and other e-reader device formats.** Hard copies of the case materials will not be available for purchase. A forum discussion board will be set up for all Mock Trial teachers, attorney coaches and students who have Internet access at <http://forum.scbar.org/hsmt>. Questions concerning the 2012 Mock Trial competition should be submitted in writing via U.S. mail, forum, fax or e-mail. All answers will be posted to the forum. **NO** questions will be answered by telephone. The forum closes 48 hours prior to the competition day.

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.** LRE offers many forms of recognition for implementation of S.C. Bar LRE programs. Schools that implement LRE programs are eligible for \$2,500 in non-designated funds; teachers are eligible for \$500 in non-designated funds; SROs are eligible for LRE Citizen of the Year Awards in the amount of \$500 in non-designated funds; attorneys can be nominated for Lawyer of the Year and recognized in front of their peers; and high school seniors may apply for \$500 scholarships as non-designated funds to apply toward higher education. Application and nomination forms for all of these awards are available online. The deadline to submit nominations and applications is March 16, 2012. Don’t wait until the last week to start preparing your scholarship packet. Start preparing early to ensure the deadline is met. Questions about scholarships and awards can be directed to Donald Lanier at [dlanier@scbar.org](mailto:dlanier@scbar.org) or (803) 252-5139.

**ATTORNEY COACH.** It is strongly encouraged that each team have an attorney coach to assist with the mechanics of a trial and to provide a better understanding of the law and its application. Schools may look for an attorney coach from a previous year; among PTA members, alumni or other volunteers; or within the community. Attorney coaches should be notified that they receive pro bono credit for the hours that they volunteer with a school. If an attorney coach cannot be obtained through the suggested outlets, the S.C. Bar can help with the search. However, there is no guarantee that an attorney coach can be secured.

**WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COMPETITION.** In the event that it becomes necessary for a team to withdraw from the competition, the team must inform the state coordinator **no later than Friday, January 6, 2012**, with submission of a withdrawal form signed by the lead teacher and school principal. The form is included in the case materials. Failure to inform the state coordinator will cause extreme hardship to the other schools assigned to the team’s district and to the other individuals who have volunteered their time to assist with the competition. **Absent extenuating circumstances, if a team fails to appear at a competition without prior notification, the team will be subject to a one-year suspension from the competition** (A determination of extenuating circumstances will be made by the LRE Division and is in the sole discretion of the LRE Division). If there is an emergency that necessitates a team’s absence from a competition and the team is unable to provide prior notice, the team must inform the state coordinator within **seven** days of the competition with submission of a signed withdrawal form. **Please note that registration fees are nonrefundable.**

## 2012 Competition Dates

### Regional Competitions

February 25, 2012

Charleston, Columbia, Conway and Greenville

### State Competition

March 9-10, 2012

Columbia, SC

### National Competition

May 3-6, 2012

Albuquerque, NM

**COMPETITION DATES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**



2012 South Carolina Bar  
Mock Trial

# Courtroom Sketch Artist and Journalist Competition

The S.C. Bar Law Related Education (LRE) Division has incorporated two competition elements into the Mock Trial program to include a Courtroom Sketch Artist and Courtroom Journalist competition at the regional and state level. Courtroom sketch artists and journalists are subject to all Mock Trial rules, restrictions and eligibility requirements. They will compete solely on their own efforts and will **NOT** be considered as part of their school's team in terms of advancing or not advancing to the State High School Mock Trial Competition.

**Courtroom Sketch Artists** will create sketches that depict actual courtroom scenes observed at the assigned regional competition. The courtroom sketch artists observe trials in which his/her school is competing at the regional level. Up to one sketch may be submitted at the conclusion of the competition day by each artist on white paper no smaller than 8.5 x 11 inches and no larger than 11 x 17 inches in black and white or pastel with any dry medium used. Sketches will be judged on accuracy of proportion, realism, authenticity with regard to traditional courtroom sketching, figure/ground relationship, and use of contrast. All submissions become the property of the S.C. Bar and may be used by the LRE Division for any purpose it deems appropriate, including but not limited to reproduction and dissemination.

**Courtroom Journalists** will type articles that describe the actual courtroom presentations observed at the assigned regional competition. Typed articles will be approved by the sponsoring teacher(s) and submitted electronically to the S.C. Bar no later than 5 p.m. the first Monday following the competition. The courtroom journalists observe trials in which his/her school is competing at the regional level. Article entries are submitted electronically with one inch margins throughout, double spaced and typed in 12 point Arial font. Laptops are not permitted in the courthouse. Articles will be judged on accuracy, clarity, objectivity, fairness, style, grammar and spelling. All submissions become the property of the S.C. Bar and may be used by the LRE Division for any purpose it deems appropriate, including but not limited to reproduction and dissemination.

**REGISTERING SEPARATE FROM A MOCK TRIAL TEAM:** Up to two students per category may compete from any high school (private or public) and/or home school even if a school does not have a Mock Trial team registered in the Mock Trial competition. If students register without a Mock Trial team, a teacher sponsor is required. Students and their sponsors will be randomly assigned to courtrooms throughout the day. Students and their sponsors must stay for a minimum of the first round. To register on a separate application, contact Cynthia H. Cothran at (803) 252-5139 or [ccothran@sctbar.org](mailto:ccothran@sctbar.org).

**REGISTERING WITH A MOCK TRIAL TEAM:** Up to two students per category from the same high school may register along with the registered Mock Trial team or home schooled. (See rule on team eligibility.) Teams do not have to register student participants in either category at the time of initially registering a team, but at the time the school submits their school information sheet with student names after recruitment/auditions are determined by the school. School information sheets are due to the S.C. Bar LRE Division by January 6, 2012. (Artists and journalists may not double as bailiffs, timekeepers or any other team role.) Students and their sponsors must stay for a minimum of the first round.

**ADVANCEMENT TO STATE COMPETITION:** Finalists will be notified no later than one week before the state competition (March 9-10, 2012). Courtroom Sketch Artists and Journalists advancing to the state competition will compete on Saturday, March 10, 2012. All state finalists will be paired with teams at random to follow during the competition day. Students and their sponsors must stay for a minimum of the first round. The winner of the Courtroom Sketch Artist and Journalist competitions will be announced no later than five business days after the state competition.



31st Annual South Carolina Bar **HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Mock Trial Competition Registration Form

Please supply the following information to register your team for the 2012 Mock Trial Competition.  
**The registration deadline is October 7, 2011** (final registration date is Nov. 4, 2011). Please type or print.

**Designated Team (Team A)**     **Drop Team (Team B)**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Levels at School: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School Address (no P.O. boxes): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Sponsor (Main Contact): \_\_\_\_\_ Planning Period Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Teachers/Sponsors : \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Department Chair Information:**

English Department Chair Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Studies Department Chair Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Art Department Chair Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Feeder Middle School(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney/Coach (If more than one, please list names on reverse side.): \_\_\_\_\_ Bar# \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm/Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Check here if school will be promoting the courtroom sketch artist and courtroom journalist components.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Check here if school does not have an attorney/coach at this time and would like assistance in locating one.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Check here if school is seeking an attorney/coach and will provide contact information shortly.**

By signing this registration form I am agreeing to sponsor a student team for the Annual 2012 South Carolina High School Mock Trial competition and agreeing to abide by the rules of the Mock Trial competition as contained in the Mock Trial case. Should it become necessary to withdraw from the competition for any reason, I agree that I will inform the state coordinator **no later than Friday, January 6, 2012**. I understand that my failure to inform the appropriate people promptly of the withdrawal of my school from the competition will result in an extreme hardship to the other schools in my district, as well as to the other individuals who have volunteered their time to assist me with this project. I also understand that, absent extenuating circumstances, should my team fail to appear at the regional and/or state competition without prior notice, this will result in a one-year suspension from the competition. I further agree that my team will participate in **each** round of the competition to which it advances, including nationals, **regardless** of the case topic. I further understand that refusal to advance may result in sanctions against my school, up to and including a permanent ban from competition.

Signature of Teacher/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Registration for one team (postmarked by October 7, 2011) \$100**

*If registering two teams, complete separate application.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Late registraton fee (\$50 per team) (October 10-November 4, 2011) Subtotal: \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sample Mock Trial Video at \$10 per copy (filmed 2006) \*\*Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Payment Options:**

Checks .....Make checks payable to S.C. Bar LRE Division

Credit Card .....Visa or Mastercard ONLY

Credit Card Visa or Mastercard #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ V-Code (three digit # on back of card): \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*A copy of the school's check requisition may be submitted with the registration application, with check to follow. The registration fee must be paid in full no later than December 2, 2011.*

**Send completed form and payment to:**

**South Carolina Bar LRE Division • P.O. Box 608 • Columbia, SC 29202-0608 • (803) 252-5139 • Fax: (803) 771-0419**



# 2012 South Carolina Bar Mock Trial Training Application

*Training date:*

September 14, 2011 • 9–5 p.m.

*Training location:*

S.C. Bar • Columbia, SC



Training is limited to new Mock Trial teachers and attorney coaches. Experienced Mock Trial teachers and attorney coaches will be permitted to attend based on space availability.

**Please type or print.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary E-mail Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary E-mail Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number (required): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRANTS' INFORMATION:**

| NAME  | TITLE | YEARS OF<br>MOCK TRIAL<br>EXPERIENCE | E-MAIL | CELL # |
|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
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**Fax registration form by Sept. 2, 2011, to Marian Kirk at (803) 771-0419.**

**If you missed this training or would like a refresher, the training will be featured as video clips under the Mock Trial section on the LRE website at [www.sctbar.org/lre](http://www.sctbar.org/lre).**

- The training segments include:** (Live and online web resources)
- The Basics
  - Objections, Hearsay and Impeachment
  - Judging and Scoring
  - New Teacher Coach Basics
  - Trial Presentation
  - Time Limits and Timekeeping
  - Random Pairing and Powermatching
  - Team Composition and Roles
  - Dispute Settlement
  - Preparing for Competition Day

**Training Cancellation Policy:** If you are confirmed in a class and you do not show up or cancel within 48 hours of a training, it is our policy that you will not be allowed to attend another LRE training for a period of one year.



# South Carolina Bar Mock Trial Mentor Program

LRE has established a Mentor Program through which new (less than one year of experience) and experienced coaches will be paired during the mock trial year. The Mentor Program is for attorney coaches and teacher coaches. Upon receipt of applications, a list will be made so that available mentors and/or new coaches may contact one another.

*Experienced*     Teacher Coach     Attorney Coach

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Mock Trial Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Law Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address (no P.O. Boxes): \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail #1: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Method of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Region(s) Your Team has Competed:**

Lowcountry (Charleston)     Midlands (Columbia)     Coastal (Conway)     Piedmont (Greenville)

**Preferred Location of New Mentee:**     Anywhere in the state     Any region but my own     My region only

**Preferred School Level:**     Middle School     High School     Either

**Comments/Notes:**

*New*     Teacher Coach     Attorney Coach

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Mock Trial Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Law Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address (no P.O. Boxes): \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail #1: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Method of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mock Trial Experience:**

None, brand new to Mock Trial

Watched a Mock Trial Round (in person or video)

Helped some with a previous mock trial team at \_\_\_\_\_ School

Participated in Mock Trial as a student at \_\_\_\_\_ in the state of \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of a Mock Trial student at \_\_\_\_\_ School

**Comments/Notes:**

**To participate in the Mentor Program, send completed form by September 30, 2011.**  
 This form can be faxed to (803) 771-0419 or mailed with the competition registration form to:  
 South Carolina Bar LRE Division, P.O. Box 608, Columbia, SC 29202-0608  
 Questions? Contact Cynthia H. Cothran at (803) 252-5139 or ccothran@scbar.org.