



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.

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.