2012 / 2013 Mock Trial

CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT AGREEMENT DIRECTIONS

Any changes to this sheet after the due date cannot be guaranteed to be changed in any publications.

Should someone be added to the team after the signed school information sheet has been submitted, please e-mail Marian Kirk for further directions at mkirk@scbar.org.

Please submit this form by specified due date:

Middle Schools - Friday, October 5, 2012

High Schools - Friday, January 4, 2013

Instructions:

1) Complete the upper and lower portion of this form electronically, save the document, and e-mail it as an attachment to Marian Kirk at mkirk@scbar.org by the deadline noted above. (Sending this file electronically allows LRE to cut and paste names into a merge document for certificates ensuring that all names are spelled exactly as they are submitted.) **
2) Read the Code of Ethical Conduct Agreement.
3) Print the completed form with the typed names.
4) Have all the team members, teacher coaches, and attorney coaches read the agreement and sign by their typed name. Their signature will comply with the Code of Ethical Conduct agreement and that the spelling of their name is correct and it is spelled how they want their name to appear in press releases and their certificates. Fax the signed form to 803-771-0419 by the deadline noted above. Or, the signed form can be scanned and e-mailed to mkirk@scbar.org.
   - ***Please make sure that all signatures are in pen and NOT in pencil.***

*** Teams with more than 18 students will need to complete a second form.***

2012/13 Code of Ethical Conduct Agreement and School Information Form

Everyone on the Mock Trial team is required to read this agreement and sign next to their typed name on this sheet.

The South Carolina Bar possesses discretion to impose sanctions, up to and including forfeiture or disqualification, for any misconduct or violation of the Code of Ethical Conduct occurring while a team is present to participate at any of the Mock Trial competitions.

1. The Rules of the Competition and this Code of Ethical Conduct will be followed by all participants in the South Carolina Bar's Mock Trial Competitions. Coaches will discourage willful violations of the letter and/or the spirit of the Rules of this Code.
2. The use of alcohol, drugs and weapons is forbidden at all competition sites and at all mock trial sponsored events.
3. Team members, coaches and other observers promise to participate in all events associated with the South Carolina Bar's Mock Trial competitions with the highest standards of professionalism behavior showing respect for their fellow team members, opponents, coaches, judging panel volunteers, competition staff, volunteers and all other persons before, during, and after the competitions.
4. The South Carolina Bar's Mock Trial competitions are designed for teams who behave themselves as professionals in and out of the courtroom. Official Team Members, Coaches and other observers must follow appropriate courtroom and courthouse decorum at all times, both inside and outside the courtroom.
5. Displays of bad sportsmanship at any time during the competition, including any additional Mock Trial events are prohibited. Whether winning or losing, team members, coaches and all other participants are expected to be gracious and supportive of other teams.
6. No official team member, coach or other observer associated with the team may only view their team competing.
7. It is expected that teams and their individual members will respect their surroundings; will follow all published courthouse regulations; will use appropriate receptacles for all trash; will leave restrooms and all other court and common areas of all venues in good order; and, will otherwise behave as young professionals.
8. All students listed on this form and the school roster *(turned in on competition day)* are registered at the same school registered.
9. All Mock Trial participants (students, teacher coaches, and attorney coaches) agree to the following Mock Trial Oath: I will maintain the respect and courtesy due to courts of justice, judicial officers, and those who assist them; To opposing parties, counsel, and witnesses, I pledge fairness, integrity, and civility, not only in court, but also in all written and oral communications; I will employ for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to me only such means as are consistent with trust and honor and the principles of professionalism, and will never seek to mislead an opposing party, the judge, or jury; and I will maintain the dignity of the legal system and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which I am charged.

By signing my name next to my typed name below, I am indicating that I have read and understand the statements above and I will abide by the Rules of the Competition and this Code of Ethical Conduct throughout the duration of the Mock Trial competitions. I understand that a violation of this Code by any one of the members of this team may result in sanctions including, but not limited to, the team's immediate elimination from the Mock Trial competitions and forfeiture of all fees and awards (if applicable).

School Name:	
School Address:	
Lead Teacher:	
Lead Teacher's Numbers: ***Required***	School: ( ) ext. _____ Cell: ( )
Lead Teacher's E-Mail Address:	
Additional Teachers:	
Attorney Coach(es):	
Name of Local Newspaper (s):	

Type names of all students participating. List students names with first names first and then their last name. All names should be alphabetized in order by their last name. *Example: Jane Doe – not ALL CAPS.* **Have students confirm the spelling of their name as they want it to appear on certificates and that they have read the Code of Ethical Conduct Form and agree to the terms of the agreement by signing their name below.**

********** DO NOT SIGN IN PENCIL **********

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*** Keep in mind only 16 middle school students and 14 high school students can wear team badges. All other team members wear visitor badges and there are only 24 visitor badges per team. ***

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