



**To: Mock Trial Attorney Volunteers**  
**From: Jennifer Gerstner, CRF-OC Program Manager**  
**Re: 2015-2016 Orange County High School Mock Trial Competition**

It is my great pleasure to announce that CRF-OC will be holding its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County High School Mock Trial Competition beginning on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. Over 40 teams from high schools throughout Orange County will gather at the Central Justice Center prepared to enact every role (from pre-trial attorneys to defense and prosecution attorneys, to witnesses, bailiffs and clerks) and make legal arguments relevant to this year's Mock Trial case. I am inviting you to participate in the competition as a **volunteer Mock Trial Attorney Scorer**. Your participation will be critical to the success of the program and we will appreciate your generous donation of time and expertise in support of the efforts of our Mock Trial students.

To volunteer, please complete the attached Registration Form and return it to our office (via email, fax or mail) at your earliest convenience. Alternatively, you may complete the online Registration Form [here](#).

**No experience with CRF-OC's Mock Trial Program is necessary to participate.**

There are many great reasons to volunteer:

- **IT'S QUICK** – The commitment for one evening is from 4:45pm to 7:30pm at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana. Feel free to volunteer for as few or as many evenings as you like. Any time you give greatly supports the Mock Trial program. On average, 100 volunteer attorneys are needed for each of the first four rounds of the eight-round competition (November 10, 12, 17 and 19). At the end of the first four rounds, the top 16 teams move on to the single elimination portion of the competition in Rounds 5 thru 7 (December 1, 3, and 8). Volunteer Attorneys are needed for this part of the program as well. Once you return your completed Registration Form, you will receive an e-mail confirming the dates for which you have been scheduled, as well as information about the Mock Trial case and tips for scoring the competition that you will want to review in advance. It takes less than an hour to read through these materials.
- **IT'S EASY** – You'll be evaluating high school students' performances on a scale of 0 – 5, considering basic criteria such as preparation, confidence, persuasiveness, dependence on notes, etc.
- **IT'S FUN** – The students put an incredible amount of time into preparing their presentations and the "mock" fact situations are always a bit wild and entertaining.
- **IT'S FOR A GOOD CAUSE** – Your participation will make a lasting impression on the students, who are always impressed that "real" attorneys are willing to give their time to this program as volunteers. The encouragement the students receive from you will help them realize the value of developing public speaking and critical thinking skills. Mock Trial participants regularly report to CRF-OC that Mock Trial was one of the most challenging and rewarding things they did in high school.

If you have additional questions, or would like to discuss Mock Trial volunteer opportunities in more detail, please feel free to contact me at [jgerstner@crfoc.org](mailto:jgerstner@crfoc.org) or 949.679.0730 x101.

On behalf of the Constitutional Rights Foundation-Orange County, thank you for your support of the Mock Trial program. Your efforts make a real and immediate difference in the lives of student participants.

# ORANGE COUNTY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION ATTORNEY VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

## CONTACT INFORMATION (or attach business card):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I am interested in volunteering as a Coach for a high school. If you have a preference for a particular high school or geographic area, please indicate your preferences in the space below.

- ☐ I am interested in volunteering to score the competition on the dates marked below:

### PLEASE CHECK ALL ROUNDS IN WHICH YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE

<input type="checkbox"/>	Round 1 – Tuesday, November 10, 2015
<input type="checkbox"/>	Round 2 – Thursday, November 12, 2015
<input type="checkbox"/>	Round 3 – Tuesday, November 17, 2015
<input type="checkbox"/>	Round 4 – Thursday, November 19, 2015
<input type="checkbox"/>	*Round 5 – Tuesday, December 1, 2015 (Sweet Sixteen)
<input type="checkbox"/>	*Round 6 – Thursday, December 3, 2015 (Elite Eight)
<input type="checkbox"/>	*Round 7 – Tuesday, December 8, 2015 (Final Four)

- All rounds will be held at the Central Justice Center, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana.
- Check-In is between 4:30-4:45p.m. Trials begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**\*Participants should volunteer in at least two of the first four rounds to be eligible to score at a playoff round. CRF-OC will strive to accommodate all date preferences, but availability for the playoff rounds is limited. Priority will be given to the earliest requests.**

**Conflict of Interest:** If you (or any colleagues, friends or family members) have any past or present affiliation with a particular high school participating in this Mock Trial competition, or if there is any other reason you may have a potential conflict of interest (or appearance of a potential conflict of interest), please identify the school, your affiliation to the school and any other pertinent information in the space below.

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**Please consider inviting colleagues to join you by forwarding this form and telling them the date when you plan to score.**

### RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM to:

Constitutional Rights Foundation-Orange County; 4101 Westerly Place, Suite 101, Newport Beach, CA 92660

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**For more information or to register online, visit our website at [www.crfoc.org](http://www.crfoc.org)**

**THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING**