



AMERICAN MOCK TRIAL ASSOCIATION REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

February 16-17, 2019

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The College of William & Mary Mock Trial

We cordially request your assistance in judging at our American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) Regional Tournament. On February 16 and 17, 2019, hundreds of undergraduate students will gather at the College of William & Mary. Using public speaking, critical thinking, and legal advocacy skills, teams will vie for the top 8 qualifying spots to move on to the opening round of the National Championship. This exciting weekend features four rounds of high-caliber competition, all focused around this year's case, a civil suit of negligence regarding a chimpanzee attack on a late-night talk show.

Mock trial tournaments would not be possible without our esteemed volunteers, who donate their time to help undergraduate students prepare for careers in law. We would be most honored if you would judge at this event.

No experience in mock trial judging is necessary—we simply need enthusiastic members of the Bar. Judges may participate in as many trials as they like. For Round 1, judges should report at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 16; for Round 2, judges should report at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. For Rounds 3 and 4, judges should report at 8:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, respectively. No advance preparation is necessary. A brief orientation and meal will precede each trial.

You will be paired with two other attorneys or judges and will then watch a trial lasting approximately three hours. One judge will serve as a presider and rule on the students' objections and motions, while the other two serve as scoring judges. All three judges fill out scoring sheets. The total time commitment (including the orientation session and meal) for each round is four hours.

To volunteer as a judge, simply email wmmocktrialevent@gmail.com with your name, phone number, place of employment, and round(s) that you would like to judge. We hope you are able to participate for at least one trial, if not more.

Please feel free to pass this information along to your colleagues. We appreciate your support of legal and civic education, and we hope to see you at the tournament!

Sincerely,

Leah Roemer & Grayce Angle
Tournament Directors

