

## Mock Trial

# Quick Start: Nuts and Bolts

### **What is Mock Trial?**

Mock Trial is a pretend case performed by middle school or high school students playing roles of witnesses and attorneys.

### **How many students are on a team?**

A team has 6 to 17 students but could have more as alternates.

### **What do I do first?**

Promote Mock Trial, recruit students, audition students, [register a middle school team](#) or [register a high school team](#), obtain administration support, obtain additional coaches, attend the September Mock Trial training or watch [free training videos online](#). New coaches may also coordinate with the State Mock Trial Coordinator to observe a competition.

### **What do I do next?**

Set practice schedule, schedule the [middle school competition dates](#) or the [high school competition dates](#), and secure a practice room.

### **How often do teams practice?**

Practice at least once a week.

### **What are the costs associated with Mock Trial?**

The registration fee is \$225, snacks for practices, travel / bus to competitions (if needed), copies of cases if students do not independently print their own copies.

### **Any suggestions on fundraising?**

Selling candy or other products, car washes, school funds, charge each student a club fee, garage sales, or obtain local county bar support.

### **How is an audition done?**

Give students a current or prior [Middle School Mock Trial Case](#) or [High School Mock Trial Case](#) and have students prepare as attorneys and witnesses.

### **What rules are there?**

There is a [competition handbook with competition rules and rules of evidence](#) that all teams must follow.

### **What paperwork is required by the SC Bar?**

The Team Registration Form which also includes the Authorization Form, the School Information Sheet, the Code of Ethical Conduct form, and the Team Roster Form. [Click Here for Middle School Forms](#) [Click Here for High School Forms](#)

### **What paperwork is required by my school?**

A purchase order for the registration fee, permission slips for travel, any club paperwork, bus reservations, teacher substitute paperwork if the teacher needs to travel and/or compete on Friday, etc.

### **How do I find an attorney coach?**

To find an attorney, check with school PTA, team parents, school alumni, local county bar, and then SC Bar.

### **Where do I find additional resources or ask questions?**

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