

Mock Trial Outline

(For Orange County Mock Trial Judges)

Prior to court being in session: *Please ensure that you and each of the scorekeepers have received copies of the Prosecution and Defense Team Roster / Award Nomination Form.*

- I. Call to Order- Remind Teams' that the use of the Courtroom is a privilege and as such everything that is moved is to be put back to its original position and that **NOTHING** is to be removed or disturbed. It is the Teams responsibility to assure that the courtroom is in the same condition as it was found when they leave at the end of the trial.
- II. Introduce Teams -- Witnesses will remain in the courtroom throughout the trial.
- III. Physical Evidence Marked / Stipulations-- In the interest of time, you may ask both sides if they agree to waive the reading of the stipulations.

Presentation of Pretrial Motion – Scoring note:

- No objections are allowed during pretrial. Points may be deducted for objections made.
- Except for the pretrial motion and motions introducing the exhibits provided all motions are prohibited and a two point deduction from the team's total points is automatic.
 - Defense - 4 minutes
 - Prosecution - 4 minutes
 - Rebuttals - 2 minutes each side

At the conclusion of the pretrial motion there will be 30 seconds provided for one student attorney from each side to confer with the Team attorney coach and teacher sponsor. They will then each have 30 seconds to orally note to the court any Rule violations of which the Team would like the judge and scorers to be aware. The Judge's ruling regarding questions or violations will be final.

- IV. Announcement of Ruling on Pretrial Motion
- VI. Statement of Charges on Complaint
- VII. Opening Statements -- Defense may choose to reserve their opening statement until after the prosecution has rested.
- VIII. Examine Witnesses
 - Direct
 - Cross
 - Re-Direct (No Re-Cross)
- IX. Closing Arguments -- Both teams have one minute for rebuttal.

At the conclusion of the trial there will be 30 seconds provided for one student attorney from each side to confer with the Team attorney coach and teacher sponsor. They will then each have 30 seconds to orally note to the court any Rule violations of which the Team would like the judge and scorers to be aware. The Judge's ruling regarding questions or violations will be final.

- X. Announce Verdict -- Please, do not take a recess.
- XI. Brief Comments by Judge and Attorney Scorekeepers -- Remind scorekeepers to keep comments brief, no more than 10 minutes total, to accommodate the students' bus schedule back to school. If you'd like to discuss the trial further with individual students encourage them to stay in the courtroom after you adjourn.
- XII. Collect all Score Sheets and Nomination Forms to Return to the assigned monitor or CRF-OC Staff on the Second Floor -- Please make sure all boxes on the score sheets are filled in.
- XIII. Adjourn- Remind Teams to return the Courtroom to the same condition as it was when they arrived.