

# IDAHO HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL



## MOCK TRIAL QUICK FACTS

- \* Open to grades 9 to 12
- \* Teams of 6 to 9 students
- \* Schools can have multiple teams
- \* Team resources housed on the mock trial website
- \* Training and mentoring available for coaches

For more information and resources visit our website.



IDAHOMOCKTRIAL.ORG

## ABOUT MOCK TRIAL

Idaho mock trial is a hands-on activity for high school students. Working with attorney and teacher coaches, participants prepare a hypothetical legal case and learn about our legal system while they develop important critical thinking, research, and presentation skills.

During competitions, mock trial teams present their cases in front of a panel of judges and jury members. From opening statements through closing arguments, each team has its own attorneys and witnesses and must be prepared to try both sides of the case.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- \* 9/12/22: Registration Opens
- \* 11/14/22: Case Available
- \* 12/20/22: Registration Closes
- \* 2/11/23: East Idaho Regional
- \* 2/25/23: North Idaho Regional
- \* 3/4/23: Treasure Valley Regional
- \* 3/15 to 3/17/23: State Competition



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## MOCK TRIAL ROLES

- \* **Attorneys:** Attorneys work in teams of 2 or 3 to present the case for their side. Duties include opening statements, direct and cross examination, and closing arguments.
- \* **Witnesses:** Mock Trial cases have 3 witnesses for each side. Each witness takes the stand and answers direct and cross examination questions from team attorneys.
- \* **Timekeepers:** Timekeepers for both teams work together to ensure accurate and fair time has been kept for both sides.
- \* **Courtroom Artists:** This optional role encourages artistically talented students to participate in mock trial. Artists observe trials and submit sketches that depict actual courtroom scenes.

