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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **How do I start a mock trial team at my school?**

Reading through the entire High School Mock Trial Handbook at the LSBA Young Lawyers Division website, [www.lsba.org/YLD/default.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/YLD/default.aspx), should answer most of your questions. Contact your regional coordinator, as listed in the Handbook, to get the date(s) of the regional competition in your area and to let them know that your school will be competing. The regional coordinators sometimes change from year to year, so please wait for the Handbook to come out for the current year before you contact your regional coordinator.

#### **When will the problem for the current year be released?**

Our goal is to release the problem in November. Sometimes it takes a little longer. In any case, the problem for the current year will always be posted at [www.lsba.org/YLD/default.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/YLD/default.aspx). Feel free to use the problem from the previous year to practice until the current problem is released; however, the type of problem, civil versus criminal, alternates in each year.

#### **When is the state competition?**

The state competition will usually be in the second half of March. We do our best to coordinate around testing dates for the SAT and ACT as well as St. Patrick's Day and Spring Break. We will post the date of the state competition at [www.lsba.org/YLD/default.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/YLD/default.aspx). Your regional coordinator will be able to give you the date(s) of your regional competition.

#### **What is the format of the state competition?**

Eight teams compete in the state competition—the top two from each region. In the first round, we do our best to ensure that teams compete against teams not from their own region. In the second round, the teams will be matched as described in the Handbook. In the final round, the top two teams face off to determine the winner. Lunch will be provided for the teams and their coaches and teacher-sponsors between the second and third rounds, and we will announce awards for Most Outstanding Witness and Most Outstanding Attorney at that time. All teams, parents, coaches, and teacher-sponsors are welcome to attend the final round.

#### **When and where is the national competition?**

The national competition is in May, usually on the weekend of Mother's Day. The location changes annually. More information can be found on the website for the National High School Mock Trial Championship at [www.nationalmocktrial.org/about/future-hosts/](http://www.nationalmocktrial.org/about/future-hosts/).