



# Nebraska State Bar Foundation

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## Mock Trial Ethical Code of Conduct Form

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete and return this form to the State Coordinator at the information below by September 29, 2017.**

### CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

The purpose of the Nebraska High School Mock Trial Competition is to stimulate and encourage a deeper understanding and appreciation of the legal system. This is accomplished by providing students the opportunity to participate actively in the learning process. The education of students is the primary goal of the Mock Trial program, and healthy competition helps to achieve this goal.

Other important objectives include improving proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and reasoning skills; promoting effective communication and cooperation between the educational and legal communities; providing an opportunity to compete in an academic setting; and promoting cooperation among young people of diverse interests and abilities.

**As a means of diligent application of the Nebraska High School Mock Trial Competition Rules, the Nebraska State Bar Foundation encourages all participants to follow the Code of Ethical Conduct:**

- Team members promise to compete with the highest standards of deportment, showing respect for their fellow team members, opponents, judges, evaluators, attorney coaches, teacher coaches and Mock Trial personnel. All competitors will focus on accepting defeat and success with dignity and restraint. Trials will be conducted honestly, fairly, and with the utmost civility. Members will avoid all tactics they know are wrong or in violation of the Rules, including the use of Invention of Facts. Members will not willfully violate the Rules of the competition in spirit or in practice.
- Teacher Coaches agree to focus attention on the educational value of the Mock Trial Competition. They shall discourage willful violations of the Rules. Teachers will instruct students as to proper procedure and decorum and will assist their students in understanding and abiding by the competition Rules and this Code of Ethical Conduct.
- Attorney Coaches agree to uphold the highest standards of the legal profession and will zealously encourage fair play. They will promote conduct and decorum in accordance with the competition Rules and this Code of Ethical Conduct. Attorney coaches are reminded that they are in a position of authority and thus serve as positive role models for the students.
- All participants (including observers) are bound by all sections of this Code and agree to abide by the provisions. Teams are responsible for ensuring that all observers are aware of the Code.
- Scouting by a team, its teachers, attorneys, or parents or by affiliates of any other team is not permitted. No information about any previous trials may be shared with any other team/school at either the regional or state competition.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name/Attorney Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Lead Teacher Coach signature and Date

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Lead Attorney Coach signature and Date

### RETURN INFORMATION

**This Form is due to the State Coordinator by September 29, 2017.**

Please mail this signed form to:

**Nebraska State Bar Foundation  
PO Box 95103  
Lincoln, NE 68509-5103**

**OR**

Please fax this signed form to:

**(402) 475-7106**

Please sign and email back to:

**maggie@nebarfnd.org**