

2019 Code of Ethical Conduct Form

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete and return this form to the Bar Foundation Office by September 25, 2019.

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The purpose of the Judge Lyle Strom High School Mock Trial Program is to deepen students' understanding and appreciation of the legal system through an experiential learning opportunity. One of the Mock Trial Program's goals is to educate students through a respectful and civil competition. Other goals are to strengthen speaking, listening, reading and reasoning skills and to promote cooperation between educators and lawyers. Mock Trial provides students an opportunity to compete academically with other students of diverse interests and abilities.

Per the Nebraska Rules of Competition, the Code of Ethical Conduct (CODE) must be followed:

- Team members (members), including a Student News Reporter, 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 Program. They shall discourage willful violations of the Rules. Coaches will instruct students as to proper procedure and decorum and will assist their students in understanding and abiding by the Rules of the Competition and this CODE.
- 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 Rules of the Competition and this CODE. Attorney and Teacher Coaches are in a position of authority and thus serve as positive role models for students.
- Scouting by a team including a Student News Reporter, 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.
- 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.

School Name: _____

Team Name and Color/Number: _____

Teacher Name/Attorney Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

All team members must sign on the second page of this form

RETURN INFORMATION

This form is due by Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 5:00 PM CT

Please mail this completed form to:

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

OR

Please fax this completed form to:

(402) 475-7106

Please email this completed form to:

maggie@nebarfnd.org

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Signatures of ALL TEAM MEMBERS - including all student participants, Student News Reporter, teacher and attorney coaches.

<u>Team Member Name</u>	<u>Team Member Signature</u>
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Lead Teacher Coach Signature and Date

Lead Attorney Coach Signature and Date

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