



2020 Code of Ethical Conduct Form

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Complete and return this form to the Bar Foundation Office by November 13th, 2020**

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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.

The Rules of the Competition, as well as proper rules of courtroom decorum, must be followed. In the event of a Rules violation, the Mock Trial Commission will handle any issue. The Commission was created by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation Board of Directors (see Rule 22).

Please follow a proper sense of fairness in the competition and understand that the Mock Trial Commission possesses the discretion to impose any appropriate sanctions. The sanctions may include but are not limited to disqualification, immediate exclusion from the competition, and the forfeiture of all awards for any misconduct occurring while a team is participating at any level of competition.

All teams are responsible for the conduct of persons associated with their teams throughout any Mock Trial event. At all times, team members, coaches and team supporters shall be bound by the CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT (CODE) and shall exhibit and act with civility, professionalism, integrity, honesty, and good sportsmanship in both victory and in defeat. Showing respect for fellow team members, coaches, supporters, opponents, volunteer judges, and competition staff, is expected.

Teacher coaches, attorney coaches, and students are responsible for reading and understanding the Rules of the Competition and the CODE. All coaches have a special responsibility to know, follow and enforce the CODE and they shall discourage willful violations of the CODE. All coaches are reminded that they are in positions of authority and shall serve as positive role models for the students. Coaches shall be responsible for educating team members and team supporters about the CODE and shall encourage compliance with it. Students shall not willfully violate the Rules of the Competition and shall avoid tactics that wrong or that violate the rules.

Due to the virtual nature of the competition each team and every team member shall consent to the Bar Foundation recording each round.

Videotaping or recording with an electronic device of any trial is prohibited by team members, the teacher and attorney coaches or anyone else associated with a team.

School Name: _____

Team #1 or #2: _____

Teacher Name/Attorney Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email(s): _____

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



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School Name: _____ Team #1 or #2: _____

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Signatures of ALL TEAM MEMBERS - including all student participants, 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

RETURN INFORMATION

This form is due by Friday, November 13th, 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