

Mock Trial Application, 2011-2012

Instructions for this Application: Read Carefully! You must submit 2!

1. Save this document to your hard drive. Rename it so that your name is part of the filename. ("Mock Trial Application 2010-2011 John Doe.doc" would be a great filename, but only if your name is actually John Doe.)
2. Fill in the answers below, using Microsoft Word. Save the document.
3. Send an email, with the filled-in document attached, to KFelder@RaleighCharterHS.org (Mr. Felder) *by Monday, October 10 at 3:00 PM.*
4. Print out a hard copy of the file you sent to Mr. Felder and bring it to Dr. Marschall (207) *by Monday, October 10 at 3:00 PM.* The hard copy must include the form with your parent's signature giving permission for you to be photographed or videotaped at Mock Trial events. This is a new requirement of the NCAJ High School Mock Trial Program. The form is to be found on their web site. Go to www.ncaj.com and click on "public information" and "Mock Trial." Scroll down to "Video-Photo Release Form (or go directly to <http://ncaj.com/page/mocktrial/?submenuheader=0>).

Name:

Grade:

Previous team(s) / role(s) in Mock Trial:

Are you available for an audition, should one be needed, after school on Wednesday, Oct. 19?

Check your calendar and write "yes" or "no" by each of the following mandatory dates:

Friday, January 13 (dress rehearsal):

Friday, January 20 (dress rehearsal):

Friday, January 27 (dress rehearsal):

February 4 all day (Regional competition):

March 2-3 all day (State competition):

Circle the times when you are available for practice on a regular basis, with few exceptions:

Wednesdays after school, 2:45-4:00

Thursdays after school, 2:45-4:00

Fridays after school, 2:45-4:00 (or earlier if there is early release)

Circle the Saturday afternoons when you would be available from 2:00-5:00:

Nov. 4

Jan. 14

Dec. 3

Jan. 21

Jan. 7

Jan. 28

Contact information:

- **Your home phone number:** **Cell phone number:**
- **Email address *that you check regularly*:**
- **Your parents' names and numbers:**

List below all current and future extracurricular activities or jobs that outrank Mock Trial in your life. In other words, if there is a conflict, you would go to the other thing, not Mock Trial.

If you are a returning member of the program, please evaluate your reliability last year. For example, did you come to all three dress rehearsals? If not, did you talk to me in advance or just not show up? If you can't remember, feel free to ask me, Dr. M. Explain!

Information about the Wade Edwards High School Mock Trial Program is available online at www.ncaj.com. Click on "Public Info" and then "Mock Trial Program." This year's case is available now.

Go to that Web site, read the case, and prepare an argument on one side or the other. If it is a criminal case, write a one-page summary arguing *either* that the defendant is guilty, or that the defendant is not guilty. If it is a civil case, write a one-page summary arguing *either* that the defendant is liable, or that the defendant is not liable. Explain your reasoning and provide evidence to support your argument.

Your argument:

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To help us select roles, let us know your preferences and your priorities. For instance, you might discuss...

- * The role. (For example: “I would like to play Kinsley.” OR “I would like to give the closing statement for the defense and play any witness for the prosecution.” OR “I would like to give the closing for the prosecution, play Kinsley, direct Jamie, and cross Kinsley.” OR “I would like to give a statement.” OR “I don't care what part I have, but I cannot possibly defend this defendant, so put me on the prosecution, please.” In other words, be as specific as your desires are.)
- * The team – do you want to be on the best team you can be on regardless of the role?
- * Are there particular people you want to be together with?
- * Tell us now if there are any roles you would *not* accept.
- * Of all the preferences you have listed, what are your *priorities*? For instance, would you rather get the exact role you want on the “B” team, or a smaller role on the “A” team? Is being with your best friend or carpool buddy the most important priority, or a minor tiebreaker?

Your Preferences and Priorities:

Are you interested in being your team’s manager? Duties include compiling and keeping track of all contact information for your team; checking your e-mail at least once a day for communications from me, Dr. Marschall, and letting me know you have received them; creating a facebook page for communicating my messages to the rest of the team; organizing your team-mates’ work (directs and crosses); and picking up the phone and calling your team-mates in urgent situations. If you are interested, list the names of four teachers who will testify that you are organized and reliable. You should ask them for permission to use their names, but let them know that they do not need to write anything.

Teacher #1 _____

Teacher #2 _____

Teacher #3 _____

Teacher #4 _____

Additional information follows. Please read to the end!

Communication

When we have vital information to communicate, we will send it by email to the address you listed at the top of this form. If you do not check that address regularly, you may miss it. Let us know as soon as possible if you change email addresses.

RCCHS Teams

We anticipate more than enough interest to field three teams, and traditionally, we have called our top team Lapis, our second team Silver, and our third team, Green. Your preferences play a role, however, so Lapis may lose an experienced player whose top priority is having a large or particular role. In addition, other factors will weigh heavily in team placement this year, such as practice schedule availability. So don't put too much concern into the name of the team you are placed on. We have a great deal of talent and there are many variables contributing to success. We expect that all three of our teams will be capable of winning the state. After all, Silver came in 2nd in the state in 2010 as did our team of newbies in 2008! Hard work pays off in Mock Trial.

Team Placement

Team placement for Lapis and Silver will be determined by your written application, auditions if called for, and past performance if applicable. Obviously, this gives an advantage to those who have participated and excelled before, but that's appropriate, don't you think? It is also true, however, that the written application will be very heavily weighted, so do not count yourself in or out based on history alone. If deemed necessary to make final decisions on team placement, auditions will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 19 to make final decisions.

Everyone who is not placed on the Lapis or Silver Team and who has applied by Oct. 10 is invited to attend practices for the Green Team. Roles will be assigned early in December based on performance during practice, and if there are enough for two teams, we will do our best to create two.

Listen to announcements to find out when and where team rosters will be posted.

Dues: \$15

Dues are due as soon as possible after you are awarded a spot on the Lapis or Silver teams. Green Team members will not be asked for dues until roles are assigned in December. Dues cover entry fees, travel costs, and the expenses of our lawyers, who volunteer their time. There will be no other additional costs to participate at the regional level. (If we make it to the state or national tournaments, there will be additional costs at that time.)

Please speak to Dr. Marschall or Mr. Felder privately if paying dues is a hardship for your family. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of ability to pay.

ACADEMICS COME FIRST!

We shall send a list of applicants to all faculty members to make sure no teacher is concerned about your academic performance. If even one of your teachers believes that your participation in Mock Trial will jeopardize your passing his or her class, you will not be offered a spot on a team. If you are in trouble in a class and want to participate, the best thing to do is go talk to the teacher concerned right now and figure out how to rectify the situation before Oct. 10.

Type your name here to signify that you have read and understood everything on this application.

If you have any questions, email or speak with Dr. Marschall or Mr. Felder.