

## High School Mock Trial Journalist Contest

### Rules/Requirements:

- All participants must register to participate. This is a separate registration than team sign up.
- All participants must complete a permission slip authorizing the publication or reprinting of their Journalists Contest submission for educational purposes. No financial compensation will be awarded.
- Student participants are not required to have a team associated with their school competing.
- All contestants must write their articles based on their assigned team's Round 2 trial.
- Round 2:
  - o Introduce yourself to the scorers, say your name and identify yourself as the courtroom journalist.
  - o You may sit in the jury box away from scorers if available. You must wear your nametag.
  - o Once you are seated, you may not have any contact with anyone in the courtroom. (parents, teachers, or fellow students). You must draft your article completely independently.
- After Round 2, all contestants must type their articles. Typed submissions must be a 12 point Times New Roman font, with one-inch margins, double-spaced, and a page limit of two pages. Any articles over two pages will not be read.
- Submitted articles should be in the voice of a reporter covering a trial. Use of dictionaries and thesauruses will be permitted.
- Label your article with your name and team code only.
- Articles must be emailed to the State Coordinator by the deadline set in advance of the tournament.
- Contestants may refer to the Colorado Mock Trial case materials, the Journalism Reporters Handbook, and the Judging criteria during the contest.

Awards for the Journalism Contest will be presented at the Award Ceremony at the State Tournament