



Orange County Mock Trial COURTROOM JOURNALISM CONTEST Official Rules

- Each Orange County Mock Trial team may enroll up to three courtroom journalists.
- Competition will be held during the first 4 Rounds of the Mock Trial competition.
- Before the competition, contestants must check-in on the third floor of the Central Justice Center.
- During the trials, all contestants must sit in the jury box in the row below the scorekeepers. If there is not room in the jury box, a contestant may sit in the front row of spectator seating, apart from the witnesses.
- Once contestants are in the jury box, they may not have any contact with any other individuals.
- Interviews are not allowed. Any quotations must come directly from what was said in the courtroom during the competition. Contestants are permitted to ask for copies of team rosters.
- Contestants will have 24 hours to complete their articles and deliver them to CRF-OC. For example the contest begins at 5:00 pm on the day of Round 1 All entries must be received by CRF-OC via fax (714.258.8727), email (wtownsend@crfoc.org), or hand delivery (15411 Redhill, Suite B, Tustin) by 5:00 p.m. of the day following the court observation.
- Submissions must be typed, titled, and between 500-700 words.
- Awards for the Courtroom Journalism Contest are independent of the Orange County Mock Trial Competition; an individual may win a Courtroom Journalism Contest award regardless of the Mock Trial team's final ranking.



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Student Name: _____

School Name: _____

School District: _____ City: _____

I have received a copy of the Orange County Mock Trial Courtroom Journalism Contest Official Rules. As a condition of participation, I agree to follow all rules and regulations as specified by CRF-OC. I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics as specified on page 4 of the Mock Trial Case Packet. I understand that the failure of any team member or affiliate of our team to adhere to these rules will result in the disqualification of my entire team.

I also understand that CRF-OC reserves the right to publish contest submissions, without compensation, in various formats and through various mediums for the purposes of CRF-OC promotions.

Signature of Student Journalist

Date

Signature of Teacher Sponsor

Date

Name of Parent or Guardian (please print)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Home Address / City / State / Zip

Phone Number

E-Mail of Parent or Guardian

For questions about CRF-OC's Courtroom Art Contest,
contact Wendy Townsend at 714.259.1521 x102