



State Competition Information

Congratulations on advancing to the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education (OCLRE) Mock Trial State Competition. We look forward to meeting you and your team. Please review the following information prior to the competition, which may also be accessed via the OCLRE website: <http://www.ocltre.org/2016-ohio-mock-trial-high-school-state-competition-information>

On Thursday and Friday, March 9-10, the state competition will be held at the **Franklin County Courthouse** (373 S High St, Columbus, OH 43215). **Please Note: you may only enter the courthouse through the pavilion entrance at the corner of High St. and Mound St.**

Please inform OCLRE of any accessibility needs your team may have prior to the competition.

Please note: No meals will be provided during the state competition, so please plan accordingly. There are several nearby restaurants. You may also want to consider bringing lunch and dinner with you. Space to sit and eat is available in the cafeteria and in vending areas.

Food and beverages are strictly prohibited inside Meeting Room A and all courtrooms.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE:

Thursday, March 9:

Trial I

12:00 - 1:15 p.m.	Registration - Meeting Room A
1:30 p.m.	Opening remarks by Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor Receive Courtroom Assignments – Meeting Room A
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Trial I

Trial II

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Team check-in, receive courtroom assignments - Meeting Room A
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Trial II
8:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Scores tallied, advancing teams announced

NOTE: The announcement of advancing teams (teams undefeated after Trial I and Trial II) to Trial III will occur following the conclusion of the second trial. This may affect your hotel reservations; please plan accordingly.

Friday, March 10:

Trial III

9:00 a.m. Team check-in, receive courtroom assignments – Meeting Room A
10:00 – 12:00 p.m. Trial III
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Scores tallied, advancing teams announced

Trial IV

1:00 p.m. Team check-in, receive courtroom assignments – Meeting Room A
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Trial IV
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Scores tallied, advancing teams announced

Trial V (if necessary)

5:00 p.m. Team check-in, receive courtroom assignments – Meeting Room A
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Trial V
8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Scores tallied, advancing teams announced

Saturday, March 11: Ohio Statehouse (1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH 43215)

Trial VI

8:30 a.m. Team Check-in (Senate Finance Hearing Room)
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. State Championship Trial; Winner Announced

****Backpacks are prohibited in the Statehouse.***

SCORE SHEETS: Score sheets for all trials will be provided at team check-in/registration.

PARKING (Cars): Options include:

- Fulton Street Garage off E. Fulton, west of 3rd Street
- Front Street Garage off Front Street, north of Fulton Street
- Columbus Commons Parking Garage, 55 E. Rich Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Additional information available [here](#).

BUS PARKING: If you will be using a bus to drop off students, please inform Caitlyn Smith as soon as possible. There is no designated bus parking at the Franklin County Courthouse, but options include contacting your hotel or COSI (www.cosi.org; 614-228-2674). Buses should plan on dropping students off and then parking. There is bus parking near the Statehouse on State Street and Broad Street. When parking near the Statehouse, the bus driver needs to stay clear of the COTA bus stops and the entrances and exits to the parking garages.

REGISTRATION: Mock Trial registration will be in front of Meeting Room A at 373 South High Street; signs will be posted to direct you. Students should stay behind the stanchions while the advisor(s) approaches the registration desk. Please bring the following:

- a.) 2 Stop watches – Cell phones may **not** be used in the courtroom to keep time.
- b.) Time cards
- c.) Name tags – please wear at all times so Security can identify participating students
- d.) Photo Releases* for each team member (available [here](#))

*OCLRE will have a professional photographer on site to take pictures during trials, therefore it is essential that we receive all students' signed release forms.

- e.) [Behavior Standards Form](#) – a reminder that each team should have a Behavior Standards Form on file with OCLRE; the form must be signed by the team advisor and a school administrator.

*** Per our rule change regarding rosters, you will no longer be required to bring paper rosters, however, you will need to confirm your roster has not changed at registration.**

SECURITY: All participants and spectators must pass through security before entering the courthouse. As there will be many people going through security, you must consolidate your items into bags or briefcases that can go through the scanner. Teams must stay together as they travel to and from courtrooms. Please remember that the court is open for regular business on these dates and all participants and visitors are advised to plan accordingly and to be respectful.

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OCLRE looks forward to seeing you at the 2017 Ohio Mock Trial State Competition. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Caitlyn Smith at csmith@ocltre.org or call 614-485-3507.