

2018-2019 Ohio Mock Trial Rule Clarifications

- ❖ To more accurately reflect the Ohio Rules of Evidence, we have reorganized the evidentiary rules contained in the Mock Trial case file. All examples have been moved to a separate section immediately following the simplified rules of evidence.
- ❖ While all exhibits are stipulated as admitted, they are bound by all other simplified rules of evidence. In order to testify to an exhibit, the witness must have prior knowledge of that exhibit.
- ❖ **Pre-trial** is a brief conference to address items such as permission to film, judicial preferences, student accommodations, etc. Students should ***not*** present judges with any materials other than completed scoresheets. OCLRE provides all judges with a case summary, errata sheet, and any other necessary materials.
- ❖ The **Competition Committee** members are individuals with particular interest and experience in the Ohio Mock Trial Program, including site coordinators and former Mock Trial advisors from various regions of the state. The committee meets prior to the case release to review feedback and address potential rule changes. The committee has the authority, in consultation with OCLRE, to impose sanctions for rule violations up to and including disqualification.