

# Los Angeles County Mock Trial Program

## Courtroom Art Contest

### Official Rules

#### Rules/Requirements:

- ✓ All artists must be affiliated with a registered LA County Mock Trial team and enrolled at the team's school.
- ✓ All artists must pay a \$35.00 entry fee and register online.
- ✓ All artists must complete a waiver authorizing the publication or reprinting of their Artists Contest submission for educational purposes. No financial compensation will be awarded.
- ✓ The sketch must depict an actual courtroom scene that you observe during your team's Round 2 trial. You may not submit your R1 "practice" sketch for judging.

#### During Round 2:

- o Introduce yourself to the attorney scorers, say your name and identify yourself as the courtroom artist.
  - o Once you are in the courtroom, you may not have any contact with anyone from your school (parents, teachers, or fellow students). You must create your drawing completely independently.
- ✓ At the end of Round 2, submit your official drawing to the presider. Only drawings submit by the presider will be entered in the contest.
  - ✓ The art submission must be done in color.
  - ✓ The drawing must be on paper of the dimensions 11" X 14", with a horizontal format.
  - ✓ The art submission must include the label with your name and team code only provided at check-in.

#### Tips & Ideas

- ✓ Let the viewer know right away that this is a courtroom. Include items that convey that setting, but don't focus on sketching a microphone instead of the witness on the stand.
- ✓ Remember to tell as full a story as possible. The drawing should represent what you see but also, through the drawing, tell a story.
- ✓ Find the most newsworthy action that occurred in the courtroom. Perhaps there is an "ah ha" moment, an intriguing witness, a shocking development with which to capture the emotion of the trial. The artist must remember that this is true reporting and must be the "eyes of the court".