

Courtroom Art Contest

Rules/Requirements

(See complete rules in the 2025 Los Angeles County Team Rulebook)

All artists must:

- ✓ be affiliated with a registered LA County Mock Trial school and enrolled at the team's school.
- ✓ pay a \$35.00 entry fee and included on their team's Tabroom registration.
- ✓ complete a waiver/release form authorizing the publication or reprinting of their Artists Contest submission for educational purposes. No financial compensation will be awarded.

During Round 2 (official round):

- Introduce yourself to the attorney scorers, say your name, and identify yourself as the courtroom artist.
- The sketch must depict a courtroom scene you observe during your team's Round 2 trial. You are not allowed to take photos during the trial to reference when creating your sketch.
- You cannot start sketching until the court is called to order by the bailiff.
- Once the trial has started, you may not have any contact with anyone (parents, teachers, students, and spectators). You must create your drawing completely independently.

At the end of Round 2:

- You must submit your official drawing to the presider. Only drawings submitted by the presider will be entered in the contest.
- Your art sketch submission must:
 - be done in color.
 - be on paper with dimensions 11" X 14" in a horizontal format.
 - include the label with your name and team code only provided at check-in for Round 2.

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."