

2026 Participation and Courtroom Use Agreement

We're excited to have you participate in the 2026 CA Mock Trial Finals! Before diving in, we ask all teachers, attorney coaches, and students to take a moment to read the Code of Ethical Conduct in the 2025-2026 CA Team Rulebook and the statement below. After you've reviewed everything, please sign to show your commitment to the principles outlined. Thank you, and we look forward to a fantastic event!

As a 2025 Mock Trial State Finals participant, I have read and agree to abide by **Rule 1.2 – Code of Ethical Conduct**. In addition, I agree to adhere to the following Courtroom Use Agreement.

Courthouse Use Agreement. I will:

- Follow the directions of Security Personnel, courthouse employees, and competition staff.
- Not roam the building or go on floors or in areas not being used for the competition.
- Display proper courtroom behavior and courtesy throughout the competition.
- Not enter the courtroom until both Courtroom Observers have completed their form.
- Not bring food, gum, or drink (except water) into the courtroom at any time.
- Not take, tamper with, or move courtroom equipment, materials, tables, chairs, personal items, etc.
- Not enter the judges' chambers or clerks' offices.
- Place trash in trash bins and recyclables in recyclable bins.
- Make sure the courtroom is left exactly as I found it.

I pledge to act with good sportsmanship and respect for others in both victory and defeat. I acknowledge that my actions will reflect upon my whole team, and any improper behavior may be grounds for point deductions, disqualification from a round, or expulsion from the competition.

School: _____ County: _____

Teacher's signatures: _____

Attorney Coach's signatures: _____

Students' signatures:

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Email this completed form to Daisy Alonso at daisy@teachdemocracy.org by March 6th.