



September 2, 2022

Dear Amador,

I am the Director of Pre-Law and Legal Studies at the University of Texas at Arlington. The University of Texas at Arlington will be hosting the Opening Round Championship Series (ORCS) for the American Mock Trial Association. Collegiate mock trial competitors from all across the nation will come to participate in this national qualifying event, which has never before been hosted here in Texas. We are delighted to welcome this competitive level to Tarrant County for the first time in the organization's history. We would like to formally request the opportunity to host the ORCS Mock Trial Tournament at the Tim Curry Criminal Justice Center on March 10-12th.

For this event, we are requesting use of and access to 12 courtrooms and 3 small conference/meeting spaces to conduct the event. I am attaching an addendum summarizing the individual details related to the tournament itself, as well as details pertaining to the space requested and proposed schedule during the requested time frame.

We sincerely appreciate your time and consideration. If there is any additional information required, please don't hesitate to contact me directly so that I may provide it. I can be reached at (817) 272-5376 or by email at Amber.White@uta.edu.

Sincerely,

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Pre-Law Center Director

Enclosure: Tim Curry Criminal Justice Center Facilities Request Addendum

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SPONSORS

The University of Texas at Arlington would be considered the official hosts and coordinating party for this competition. My colleagues and I would be the “on the ground” individuals coordinating rounds, rooms and judges during the tournament. The governing body responsible for other logistical operations around the country is the American Mock Trial Association (www.collegemocktrial.org). We will also be working with area firms, law schools and bar associations to help provide judges for this event.

PARTICIPANTS

College students will be participating through their undergraduate institutions from around the nation using a simulated case packet they will have been working with since August 15th of this year. The students participating in this tournament will have competed at regional tournaments and advanced to this level, which is called the Opening Round Championship Series (ORCS for short). Those students competing and advancing here will advance to the national tournament in Memphis. If successful, this will mark the first time that Texas and the DFW area has hosted a collegiate national advancement mock trial tournament at this level. And we’re very excited for this opportunity.

SPACE REQUIREMENTS

12 courtrooms for competitions – ORCS is capped at 24 teams with 2 teams competing in each round (team sizes are capped at 10 per team but we anticipate a few additional spectators will want to join as well but not many since most will be traveling from other states), 1 small room/space for team captain’s to meet to exchange evidence prior to each round (this can be open area if need be as it only needs to accommodate 25 people), 1 small room/space for tabulation before and after competition rounds – this space is for official tabulation of points for the duration of the competition and can accommodate as few as 10 people if need be, 1 room/space for gathering volunteer judges before each round that can accommodate between 30-35 volunteer judges. These spaces can be spread apart or close together, it doesn’t matter at all. If the judges’ training room has access to PowerPoint, that’s great but if not, we can make do without it. The students will not be utilizing any courtroom technology and will be asked to provide any easels, whiteboards, enlargements or demonstratives that they may need for their trials themselves and at their own expense.

PROPOSED EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, March 10th

Competitors Arrive: 5PM

Judges Meeting: 5:15PM

Captain’s Meeting: 5:15PM

Round 1: 6:00-9:00PM

Tabulation Open for Review: 9-9:45PM

Close Courthouse: 10:15PM

Saturday, March 11th

Courthouse Opens: 8AM

Judges Meeting: 8:15AM

Captain’s Meeting 8:15AM

Round 2: 9AM-12PM

Break for Lunch (competitors leave) 12-2PM

Judges Meeting: 2PM

Captain’s Meeting: 2PM

Round 3: 2:30PM-5:30PM

Tabulation Open for Review: 5:30-6:15PM

Close Courthouse: 6:30PM

Sunday, March 12th

Courthouse Opens: 8AM

Judges Meeting: 8:15AM

Captain’s Meeting 8:15AM

Round 4 : 9AM-12PM

Final Tabulation Period: 12PM – 1:30PM

Close Courthouse: 2PM

Closing Ceremonies, Networking Reception and Announcement of Team Advancement will take place at another downtown location (TBD) 2:30 – 5:00PM