

Dear Mock Trial Teams:

This letter is to announce the annual Middle Tennessee State University Mid-South Invitational Tournament that will be held on our campus November 13-14, 2009. Participating in this tournament will allow teams to become more familiar with the case material and is a major part of the student preparation for the regionals to be held in the spring. We traditionally host 70 teams or more!

If you intend to participate this year, please complete the attached registration form and return it as soon as possible, preferably by email (pdavis@mtsu.edu). To insure your school's place in the tournament, an **\$90.00 fee per team must be received by Friday, October 16th. Teams that register after October 16th will pay a \$100.00 fee per team.** Please make checks payable to *MTSU Mock Trial Society*. Should you need to cancel for any reason, the last day for a refund will be October 31st.

We are not limiting the number of teams you can bring to the tournament this year, but you **must** bring at least **one** attorney/judge with **each** team you enter into the competition. This provision is essential for us to conduct such a large tournament. Any judge listed on the registration form **must** attend all scheduled Judges' Meetings in the Business and Aerospace Building (BAS) Room S126. **Make sure you inform your judges about this requirement.** It is also important that all judges show up to these meetings on time. The longer it takes to make assignments, the longer it takes to start the round. Roll call will begin each meeting. We will provide dinner on Friday, as well as morning refreshments and lunch on Saturday, for all judges.

Please plan to have teams register on campus in the Learning Resource Center (LRC) east lobby. Registration will take place between 11:30 and 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 13th. Send only your captain to the registration tables to cut down on some of the congestion in the lobby – make sure they know the names of all team members and the team number(s) when checking in.

A 30-minute Opening Assembly of all teams and captains will be held in LRC 221, located just above the east lobby, beginning promptly at 12:30 p.m. Rounds will begin at 1:45 p.m., with two rounds scheduled on Friday afternoon and evening. By starting the tournament a little earlier this year, we are happy to announce we have scheduled a longer break between Rounds 1 and 2 (see attached tentative schedule) to allow time for students to eat. I am unsure at this time if the Keathley University Center Grill will be open until 6:00 pm on Friday to accommodate your dinner needs, but I will let you know more about this later so you can plan accordingly. Saturday rounds will begin at 8:45 a.m. and finish around 4:15 p.m. All rounds will be in the Business and Aerospace Building (BAS), the Bragg Mass Communication Building (COMM), and the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building (CKNB). All the buildings are relatively close to one another and are handicap accessible. Our intention is to have the Closing Assembly and awards by 6:00 p.m. in LRC 221.

After the Opening Assembly send your captains to the Captain's Meeting in BAS S118 – this is a different room than in years past.

After we receive your registration fees, we will mail parking permits for your vehicles and a receipt for payment to the address listed on the Team Registration form. Be sure to include the number of parking permits needed (don't forget about your judges). **Also be sure to include email addresses for your judges so I can contact them with the information they need for the tournament.**

We are looking forward to some tough competition and lots of fun experimenting with this year's case. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns - pdavis@mtsu.edu or jvile@mtsu.edu or by phone 615-898-2708.

See you in November!

John R. Vile
Mock Trial Coach

Brandi Snow-Bozarth
Mock Trial Coach

Clyde Willis
Tournament Organizer

Pam Davis
Tournament Organizer