

## **VOLUNTEER MOCK TRIAL JUDGES NEEDED!**

UCLA's Undergraduate Mock Trial Program seeks volunteer judges, attorneys or law students to serve as Presiding Judges or Scoring Judges for the only two Los Angeles area collegiate mock trial tournaments of 2021. **Please note that both tournaments will be online using Zoom (so you can judge from your home or office computer):**

The 2021 UCLASSIC Mock Trial Invitational Tournament on January 16 -18, 2021

The 2021 Opening Round of the National Championship on March 20 & 21, 2021

Please read the information below and sign-up to volunteer one of two ways:

1. Register as a volunteer judge at the following link:  
[Mock Trial Volunteer Judge Registration Link](#)
2. Contact Prof. Gonzalo Freixes or Tournament Director Allyson Ping at [uclainvite@gmail.com](mailto:uclainvite@gmail.com).

### **General Mock Trial Program Information**

The UCLA Mock Trial Teams participate in the American Collegiate Mock Trial Association program. Over 700 teams from colleges around the nation compete by presenting the Plaintiff or Defense side of a civil or criminal case including Opening Statements, witness Direct & Cross Examinations and Closing Arguments. Students must follow the rules of evidence of the "State of Midlands" (an imaginary state that follows the Federal Rules of Evidence). Many California universities field teams at these tournaments, including UCLA, USC, Cal, Stanford, UCI, USCD, UCSB, Cal-Poly and the Claremont colleges. *Because all tournaments are online this year, teams from around the country may compete.*

### **2021 UCLA Tournaments Information**

38 teams will compete at the January UCLASSIC Tournament in January and 24 teams who won their Regional Championship will compete at the March tournament. The students will present the Plaintiff or Defense side in the civil case of *Petrillo v. Martini & Peony Estates*. The case involves two alternative theories of battery or negligence *per se* against a winery arising from pesticide contamination of a bottle of wine.

We seek attorneys, judges and law students to volunteer as presiding and/or scoring judges at the trials. We try to accommodate your preference for serving as Presiding Judge (ruling on evidence & exhibits) or Scoring Judge. You may volunteer for more than one trial. Please share this flier with other members of your firm or organization.

### **Volunteer Information**

We strictly time the trials and this year's online trials will typically last 2 hours at most (*we shortened time frames due to the online format*). We will volunteers a link with case materials ahead of the trials. However, you need not prepare or read any documents in advance of the trials. One presiding judge (*ideally should be an attorney or judge*) will preside over each trial (as the bench officer overseeing the trial and making evidentiary rulings). Scoring judges

evaluate and score the participants. The winning team is based on total points received from scores awarded for Openings, Closings, Examinations and Witness Performances. We will outline these procedures at an online training session 30 minutes prior to each round. There is no Pre-Trial hearing as in high school competitions.

If you volunteer, we will send you confirmation and detailed tournament information about 2-3 weeks prior to the tournament. If you can serve as a volunteer for one or more sessions or rounds, please go to the registration link at [Mock Trial Volunteer Judge Registration Link](#) or contact Prof. Gonzalo Freixes or Tournament Director Allyson Ping at [uclainvite@gmail.com](mailto:uclainvite@gmail.com). We appreciate your support!