



Dear Mock Trial Teachers, Students, and Advisors:

While it was our intention to hold the 2022 Mock Trial competitions in person, it has become obvious circumstances are going to prevent it. Today, we write to tell you the Indiana Bar Foundation (Foundation) has made the difficult, but necessary, decision to move the 2022 Mock Trial competitions online via Zoom.

We reached this decision based on several reasons. First and foremost is the safety and health of students, teachers, and volunteers. Second, with the COVID-19 surge, the ability to find and use facilities that allow outside groups in the scale we need and provides adequate social distancing, has now become impractical, if not impossible. Third, the National High School Mock Trial Championship has announced its intention to move the national competition online and the Indiana program has chosen to mirror this format.

An updated mock trial calendar will be available on the [Bar Foundation's website](#) with key dates listed here:

- January 14 – Deadline to drop team(s) for full refund
- January 14 – Second case Q&A submissions due
- January 21 – Second case Q&A posted
- February 19 – Evansville & Indianapolis regional competitions (updated from previous calendar)*
- February 26 – Hammond & South Bend regional competitions
- March 12-13 – State Competition

* For teams that would participate in the Evansville regional, with the change in date, if this new date is impractical for your team, please contact the Bar Foundation to discuss alternate arrangements.

We hope giving you about six weeks of lead time prior to competition will give you the opportunity to adjust your preparation plans. If a team needs assistance in the move to an online trial format, please contact the Foundation as soon as possible. The Bar Foundation will continue to work on updates to rules and online protocols and will publish them as soon as they are available. We anticipate many of the rules and procedures from last year's online format will be used again this year and we will confirm the updated 2022 competition rules in the very near future.

Keeping consistent with last year's virtual trials, the Foundation has reduced the registration fee by 40%. Regular team registration will now be \$120/team and new team registration will now be \$60/team. Teams that have already paid their registration fees will be issued a refund later this month. Teams that have yet to pay their registration can pay the new amount or request a new invoice to assist in your school's processes.

We appreciate your flexibility, patience, and grace as we forge down this path again. In turn, we will help teams work to participate as close to normal as possible. We look forward to seeing you and your students online at Mock Trial competitions.