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Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Jarmonique Smith and I am a third-year student New York University School of Law. It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the Northeast Regional Director of the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition ("TMMTC"). The TMMTC is a national competition sponsored by the National Black Law Students Association ("NBLSA"). The competition uses a fact pattern that changes each year and focuses on either criminal or civil law. The 2017-2018 problem presents a criminal case that involves a homicide.

On behalf of NBLSA and the Northeast Region of NBLSA ("NEBLSA"), I would like to invite you to participate as a judge in the 2017-2018 Northeast Regional TMMTC which will be held January 25th-January 27th, 2018 in Albany, New York at the Annual NEBLSA Regional Convention. The TMMTC is one of the largest and most prestigious mock trial competitions in the country, and typically draws between 50 and 100 teams. Our region is one of six regional competitions that occur across the country and our region is known to send some of the best advocates to the national competition; I hope to continue that tradition. The National TMMTC Finals will be held March 15th-March 17th, 2018, in Brooklyn, New York. The top three winners from each of the six Regional TMMTC Competitions will advance to nationals.

About our competition rounds...

TMMTC teams are composed of four students each, two students are responsible for the Plaintiff's case and two students are responsible for the Defense's case. The teams are notified about which case they will put on at the beginning of each round. The pair of students not advocating that round will serve as the witnesses for their respective teams; these witnesses will not be scored.

If you agree to be a judge we would need you to report for a judges' orientation on the day you are scheduled to judge competition. At the judges' orientation, we will go over the rules, how to score the rounds, and you will be provided with a trial binder containing the fact pattern and evidentiary materials.

One of the major goals of this competition is to provide a realistic practice experience. Your experiences as a practicing attorney are invaluable, and our competitors will benefit greatly from your critiques and advice. I sincerely hope you will accept this invitation, as the success of our program depends in large part on your anticipated support. Additionally, we are in the process of registering this year's TMMTC with the New Jersey and New York CLE board. If approved, judges will receive CLE credit for evaluating the rounds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at (501) 412-4924 or by email at neblsa.mocktrial@nblsa.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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