



2022 2L/3L LHA Mock Trial Info Session

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Overview of Mock Trial



- You and a partner argue a criminal case
 - Before a panel of two or three judges at least twice
- You and your partner will argue motions in limine, make opening and closing statements, conduct direct and cross examinations, and raise objections

The Problem

- You will receive the docket for a fictional criminal case.
- **Register Early!** The problem will be emailed as competitors register, beginning today and ceasing on October 17th after registration has closed.



The Problem

Quick Summary:

- Criminal case for assault with a deadly weapon in the State of Lone Star (fictional state).
- Jordan Linehan shot Avery Williamson with an assault weapon during a riot on a university campus.
- Defendant admits to the shooting but claims that it was in self-defense.
- Prosecution and Defense have two witnesses each - lay witness and expert witness.
- 24 exhibits
- “Closed universe”



Competition Dates

Preliminary Rounds

Oct. 24 - 25

Quarterfinals

Oct. 26

Semifinals

Oct. 27

Finals + Reception

Oct. 31

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Motion Writing Option



- Each competitor may write a motion in limine arguing for or against the admissibility of exhibits in the record.
- While voluntary, this option offers several benefits:
 - Course credit
 - Practice before pretrial arguments
 - Practice with the Rules of Evidence
- Please note: While scored for purposes of ensuring a good faith effort, the score on your motion **will not be incorporated into the score that determines advancement in this competition.**

What is a Motion in Limine?



- It is a pre-trial motion, usually to suppress or limit the use of evidence or testimony.
- It is a two-part process: (1) the written motion, and (2) the oral argument of the motion to the Court
- The written motion is formatted as a legal brief, not a memo. The audience is the Court.
- The oral argument is your final chance to persuade the Court your argument is the right one.
- If a Court reserves judgment, the proposing party may raise the motion again at the time of trial for a final ruling.

Requirements of Motion in Limine



- To be eligible for credit, the motion must be at least 5 pages long, but may not exceed 6
- Must satisfy the requirements set forth in the grading rubric, which will be provided upon registration
- Motion must only cover one topic and may only be one of the topics listed in the motions instruction page
- Must be submitted timely, pursuant to the due-dates listed in the rules
- Each partner must submit their own motion in limine for both to receive credit

Deadline for Motion Writing

Oct. 22 @ 5pm

Please submit your motion
by email to
mchbinhc@uw.edu



Rules



Witnesses

MCHB members may not witness for you. However if you need witnesses, we can put you into contact with volunteers.



Rules + Problem

Only the VP of In-House and the Competition Committee may give you authoritative answers regarding competition rules/problem.



No Plagiarism

Nobody may provide you with any written work product in preparation for this competition. E.g. edits on motion or drafts of statements

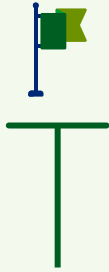


Feedback

MCHB members can provide you with oral feedback on your performance and theory of the case; substantive & non-substantive

Trainings

Ensure at least one member of your team attends each training, [in-person or on Zoom](#)



Opening & Closing Training

Mon, Oct. 17
Room 118



Direct & Cross Training

Tues, Oct. 18
Room 117



Evidence & Objection Training

Wed, Oct. 19
Room 117

Awards!

We will celebrate the Champion, Finalist, and Semifinalist Teams; and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Best Oral Advocate.

What's in it for me?

- Lots of fun!
- Chance to practice oral and written advocacy
- Opportunity to join MCHB
- Much easier to tryout for National Teams
- 1 credit if you advance to semifinals
- Optional 1 credit if you submit a motion
- Boost your resume
- Network with judges and attorneys



Questions?
Email mchbinhc@uw.edu



Registration

Registration is OPEN: <https://tinyurl.com/2L3LMockTrial2022>

Registration closes at 11:59 pm on Oct. 16.

Last day to withdraw is Oct. 19. If you change your mind, after this date, you may be barred from MCHB in-house competition for one year.

Need a partner? Let us know and we'll find you one!