

Returning Member Application for Texas A&M Mock Trial

Questions Page

Auditioning For

Witness Attorney Both

Biographical Information

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Major: _____ Email Address: _____

When will you graduate: _____ How did you hear about us: _____

Pronouns: _____

T-Shirt size: XS S M L XL XXL

Experience

Have you ever participated in Speech or Debate? Yes No

Have you ever participated in Theater? Yes No

Have you ever participated in Mock Trial? Yes No

Calendar

Please indicate whether you can attend the following dates listed below; exclude travel costs in your assessment. Highlighted dates are weighed as a higher priority.

General Meetings (Every Tues/Thur, 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)

Team Scrimmage (Sept. 28-29)

Rice Tournament in Houston (Oct. 19-20)

UH Tournament in Houston (Nov. 2-3)

UT Tournament in Austin (Nov. 16-17)

Team Scrimmage (Nov. 23)

Team Scrimmage (Nov. 24)

Baylor Tournament in Waco (Dec. 6-8)

A&M Tournament in Ft. Worth (Jan. 10-12)

Team Scrimmage (Jan. 25-26)

Team Scrimmage (Feb. 8)

Team Scrimmage (Feb. 9)

Banquet (Apr. 13, Afternoon/Evening)

ATTENTION: We will also have social events throughout the fall and spring semester. You are required to go to 2 social events.

We will also have fundraising events throughout the semester and in the spring. These events serve as your one mandatory fundraising requirement, so please keep in mind that you WILL have to attend one of these functions during the spring semester!

Acknowledgments

I understand that being on the Texas A&M Mock Trial Team is a year-long commitment. If selected, I will stay on the team for the entire competitive season (except for any extenuating circumstances).

Yes No

I understand that I must be a full-time undergraduate/graduate student at Texas A&M University for both

the fall and spring semesters in order to compete.

Yes No

I understand that being on the Texas A&M Mock Trial Team is a minimum 4-6 hour weekly time commitment. I will attend scheduled meetings, scrimmages, and tournaments (unless of an excused absence), and I will practice outside of meetings on my own time.

Yes No

Short Answer Prompts

*Answer all of the following prompts. You are allowed a **maximum of 3 pages** for your responses. You decide how much space to allocate to each response.*

1. What did you gain from being on the team, and what do you hope to gain this year?
2. What was a challenge or weakness you faced on the team? Were you able to overcome that challenge or weakness? If so, how? If not, how do you plan to overcome that challenge?
3. Please provide a candid description/rating of how you believe you did in the following areas:
 - a. Performance at tournaments
 - b. Overall Professionalism
 - c. Attendance/Tardiness (this includes all required events, i.e. general meetings, extra team meetings/practices, scrimmages, and tournaments)
 - d. Teamwork
 - e. Mentorship
4. While on a team, imagine a scenario where you face a failure on a personal or team level (Ex: Not placing at a tournament). How would you handle the disappointment?
5. What is your favorite Texas A&M Mock Trial memory?
6. Please answer the following scenarios to the best of your knowledge. Members who marked, 'Attorney' in the 'Auditioning For' section at the top, please complete the 'i' question for each scenario. Members who marked, 'Witness' in the 'Auditioning For' section at the top, please complete the 'ii' question for each scenario. If you marked 'Both' in the 'Auditioning For' section at the top, please complete one complete scenario of your choice.

*Notes:

- 1) Witnesses are encouraged to respond in any type they desire (character, expert, defendant, sympathetic).
- 2) Attorneys are encouraged to provide ROE backing for their responses.

a. **Scenario 1:**

In a civil case, the plaintiff sues a corporation for purposefully mismanaging a chemical plant, causing chemical pollution. The plaintiff is attempting to use evidence of the company's insurance for their case. Specifically, the plaintiff is attempting to use the fact that more insurance was taken out for this specific plant compared to other plants owned by the company to prove the defendant knew the plant was at a higher risk.

- i. Object (with explanation) that you would give as the defense, then the response you would make as the plaintiff:
- ii. OR: You're a defense witness on the stand and you're getting cross-examined on the fact that this chemical plant had more insurance on it than others. How would you respond? Assume you don't have an affidavit and are allowed to create material fact.

b. **Scenario 2:**

In a civil case, the plaintiff is cross-examining one of the defense witnesses, when the defense witness is asked if they believed the defendant could have committed the crime. To which the witness responds, "Well yes it certainly seemed like they wanted it to happen all along."

- i. Give the Objection and Rationale you would give as the defense and then the response you would make as the plaintiff:
- ii. OR: Your affidavit says the quote in the scenario. Assuming you'll be asked about it, how do you inoculate this line on direct examination or cross-examination?

Please submit your completed application to:

tamumocktrial@gmail.com

A complete application must include the following:

Completed questions page, short answer responses, and a headshot of yourself.