



The College of William & Mary Mock Trial Presents
6th Annual Colonial Classic Invitational Tournament

October 24-25, 2020 | Williamsburg, VA

We cordially request your assistance in judging at the Sixth Annual Colonial Classic Undergraduate Mock Trial Tournament. The Colonial Classic will take place Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25, 2020. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Colonial Classic will be **completely virtual** and held via the online video conferencing platform Zoom. There will be sixteen high-caliber teams in attendance from colleges spanning the East Coast. Many represented schools have competed in the national championship tournament.

The Colonial Classic will use the 2020-21 American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) case, in which "A police detective with a vendetta investigates a local crime syndicate. To advance the investigation, the detective pushes a drug dealer to spy on the syndicate as a confidential informant ("CI"). The CI is later gunned down by the syndicate. The CI's spouse has brought suit under the State-Created Danger Doctrine, alleging that the detective violated the CI's rights by endangering—and then failing to protect—the CI." Additional details about the case will be released publicly on August 15th, 2020, and those individuals who volunteer to judge will receive a case summary in advance of the competition.

Each team will come prepared with a unique version of this case. To meet our goal, we must recruit at least 100 members of the Bar to score and preside at the trials. We would be most honored if you would judge at this event. No experience in mock trial judging is necessary, though a familiarity with Zoom software would be helpful. A brief orientation will precede each trial and we will provide an instructional video guide to using Zoom and an informational packet closer to the tournament weekend.

You will be paired with at least one other attorney or judge and will then watch a trial lasting approximately three hours. Judges usually provide a brief critique of the trial after submitting scoring sheets through an online form. Judges may participate in as many trials as they like.

To register as a judge, simply email me at wmmocktrialeournament@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and the specific round(s) that you would like to judge or if you have any questions or concerns.

We hope you are able to participate for at least one trial, if not more. Please feel free to pass this information along to your colleagues. We appreciate your willingness to support legal and civic education in Mock Trial at the College of William & Mary.

Sincerely,

Celine Zalamea
Tournament Director | William & Mary Mock Trial



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