



The College of William & Mary Mock Trial Presents
The American Mock Trial Association's Williamsburg Regional Tournament

February 15-16, 2020 | Williamsburg, VA

We cordially request your assistance in judging at the the American Mock Trial Association's Williamsburg Regional Tournament. This tournament is the opening round of the collegiate mock trial national playoff series and will take place Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16, 2020 at the College of William & Mary. There will be twenty-four high-caliber teams in attendance from over fifteen colleges located up and down the east coast -- from New York to Virginia. Many schools in attendance have competed in the national championship tournament.

The Colonial Classic will use the 2019-20 American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) case, *State V. Ryder*. In this case, "Jordan Ryder was indicted for either (1) aggravated murder or (2) involuntary manslaughter for causing the death of Jordan's minor daughter, Parker Paige, during a hiking trip at Calkins Campground. Jordan Ryder has entered a plea of "not guilty" and the matter is scheduled for a jury trial in the Midlands Center District Court". 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 144 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; a brief orientation and meal will precede each trial. The tournament's judge report times for each of the four rounds are 9:00 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. on **Saturday, February 15**; and at 9:00 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. on **Sunday, February 16**. No advance preparation is necessary.

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. The total time commitment (including the orientation session and meal) for each round is four hours. Judges may participate in as many (or as few) trials as they like.

To register as a judge, simply email me at wmmocktrialevent@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and the specific round(s) that you would like to judge. Do not hesitate to reach out 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,

Joseph Teknus
President | William & Mary Mock Trial



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